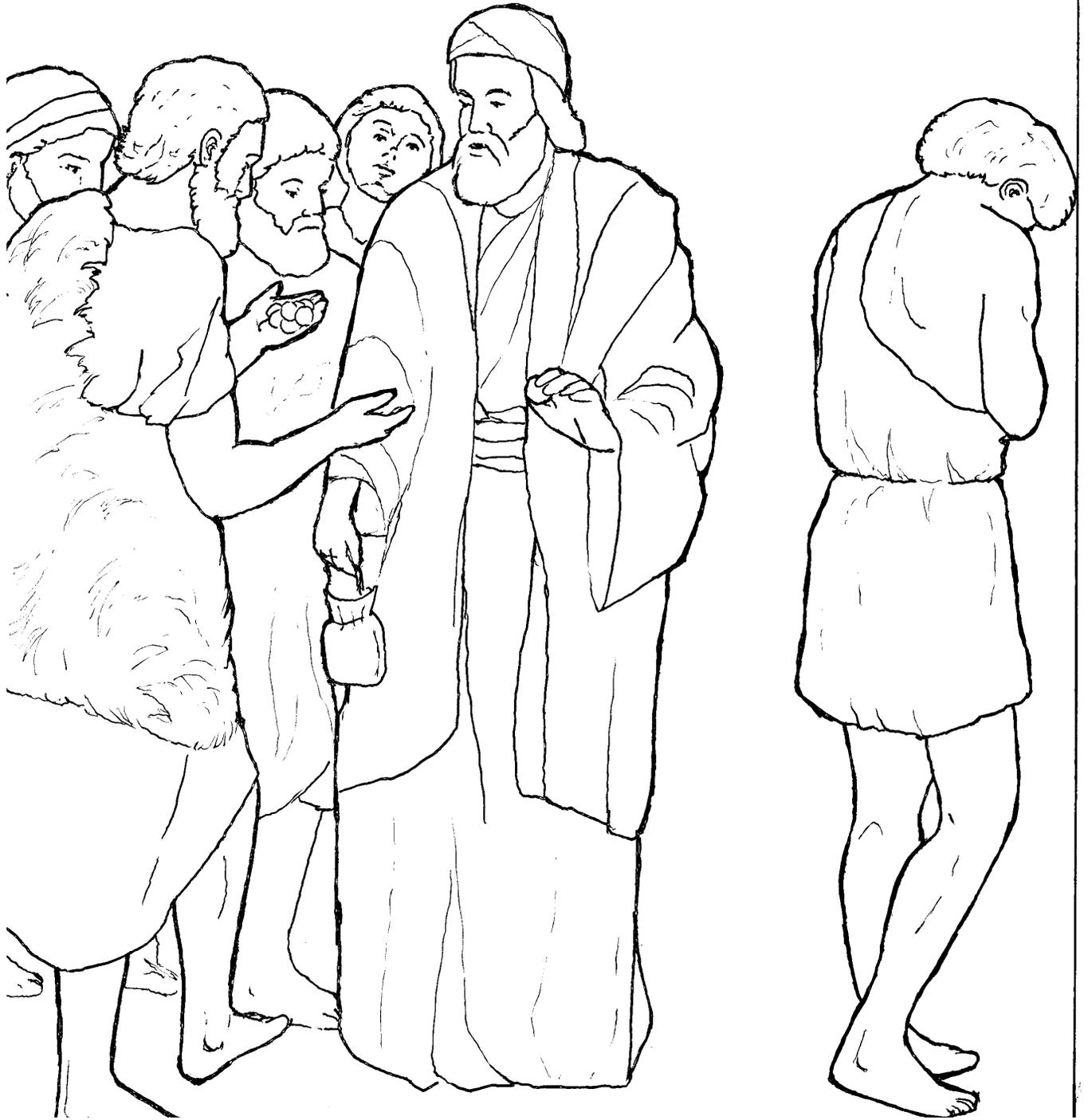


# Joseph Sold Into Slavery

Genesis 37



## The Story

Jacob and his family lived in Canaan. Jacob had twelve sons and loved them all, but he loved Joseph more than his other sons. Jacob gave Joseph a special present - a beautiful coat! This made Joseph's brothers jealous of him and angry with him.

One night Joseph had a dream. In his dream he and his brothers were tying the grain together into sheaves. Joseph's sheaf stood tall and the sheaves his brothers had made bowed down to his. Joseph's brothers were even more angry with Joseph when he told them his dream.

Joseph had another dream and again he told it to his brothers. He had dreamt that the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to him. His family was upset by this dream. Jacob, his father, asked Joseph if he thought even his father and mother would have to bow down to him? Jacob was confused by Joseph's dreams, but remembered them.

Joseph's brothers watched over the flocks of animals that belonged to their family. Sometimes they had to travel a long way to find enough food and water for them. One of the times they were away Jacob sent Joseph to check on them. Joseph traveled to find his brothers.

When Joseph's brothers saw him coming they remembered how angry they were with him and wanted to kill him. Reuben was the oldest brother and did not want Joseph to be killed;

he told his brothers to throw Joseph into a pit. Later on he would come back to the pit and help Joseph get out.

When Joseph reached the flocks, his brothers took off his coat and threw him into the pit. His brothers saw some traders coming and, knowing that the traders also bought and sold slaves, Judah suggested that they sell Joseph for money.

Reuben was very upset when he returned to the pit and Joseph was gone. He asked his brothers how he could explain it to his father? So they took Joseph's coat and dipped it in the blood of one of their goats.

When the brothers returned home to Jacob they showed him Joseph's coat. Jacob thought that a wild animal had killed Joseph. Jacob was very sad about losing Joseph and cried for him.

The traders that had bought Joseph took him to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, who worked for Pharaoh.

***Joseph is envied by his brothers and sold into slavery in Egypt.***

## Activity One - Draw a picture to complete the sentence.

1. Jacob gave his son, Joseph, a

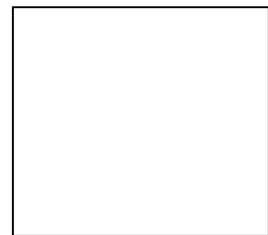


2. Joseph had two dreams. In one of them the stars bowed down to him.

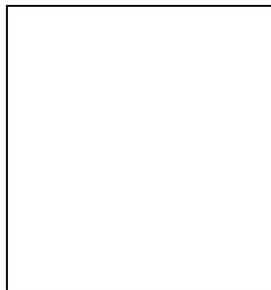


, moon and

3. Joseph went to check on his brothers who were watching



4. The angry brothers sold



and he was taken to Egypt.

*God begins His plan to rescue the family of Israel and keep His promise to send the Savior through their descendants.*

## Passage

Psalm 27:14 Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart.

