

# Lesson 10



## JOSEPH THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

GENESIS 37 & 39-45

### GOAL

- ▶ To help children understand that even if they feel lonely, rejected, hated, misunderstood, or neglected, God has a plan for their lives.

### CHARACTERS

- ▶ **Joseph:** Jacob's favorite son was sold into slavery, imprisoned, and eventually ruled as Egypt's second in command.

**Joseph's brothers:** Joseph had eleven in all, who were very jealous of him, but who were eventually humbled by his graciousness.

**Jacob:** He loved Joseph more than his other 11 sons. He could hardly bear the news of Joseph's supposed death.

**Potiphar:** He was an Egyptian official who purchased Joseph as a household slave.

**Potiphar's wife:** She became angry with Joseph when he refused her advances. She told a lie that cost Joseph his job and landed him in prison.

**Pharaoh:** He was the king of Egypt. He had a dream that he couldn't understand, but Joseph interpreted it for him. He promoted Joseph to his second in command.

### MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **Romans 8:28:** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

### MEMORY VERSE MEANING

- ▶ **Romans 8:28:** Bad things happen to good people. God can make these bad things turn into incredible blessings for those who love Him.



**Read Genesis 37-45:** Joseph was a favored son, but his brothers' jealousy drove them to sell him into slavery. He was given up for dead by his family. He encountered God's unique blessing and challenges in Egypt, where he went from slave, to prisoner, to Pharaoh's second in command. He eventually became responsible for saving his own family from the famine in a story of amazing providence and overpowering graciousness.



**Q1a:** How many sons did Jacob have?

**A1:** Jacob had 12 sons.



**Q2a:** How did Joseph's father and brothers respond to his dreams?

**A2:** Joseph's father rebuked him, and his brothers got angrier at Joseph.

### Extra Activity:

**Story Sequencing** – cut out all the picture squares, mix them up, then try to match them to the story squares.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 3



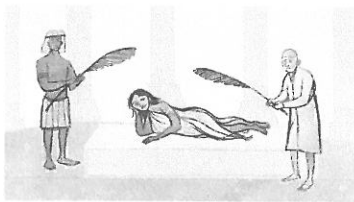
**Q3a:** How did Joseph's brothers get rid of him?

**A3:** They sold him to some traders who were on their way to Egypt.

**Q3b:** Which would you prefer: being thrown into a pit and left to die or being sold into slavery?

**TN:** Neither! We don't want to be treated like that by anyone, especially by those who are supposed to love us! We should always try to treat others the way we would like to be treated, even—and maybe even especially—when we don't particularly like someone. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors.

### SLIDE 4



**Q4a:** Who bought Joseph as his slave?

**A4:** Potiphar bought Joseph.

**Q4b:** You're at a store with a new friend, and she tries to get you to steal something. What do you do?

**TN:** Like Joseph, we should run away. Not giving in to pressure from friends can be difficult, but we should never feel like we have to do things we know are wrong to keep a friend. A real friend would not ask us to do something wrong or that we're not comfortable doing. If we are comfortable doing so, this can be an opportunity to explain why stealing is wrong and why we won't go along with such plans. If we are unable to make this person understand that they shouldn't steal, then we don't need this person in our lives.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 5



**Q5a:** What happened after Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph?

**A5:** Joseph was put in jail.

**Q5b:** Your dog knocked over a lamp and broke it. How would you feel if your parent accused you of breaking the lamp?

**TN:** That's unfair. While we have no evidence that the dog broke the lamp, our parents should be willing to listen to our side of the story. Potiphar wasn't going to take the word of a slave over his own wife, so Joseph ended up in jail.

### SLIDE 6



**Q6a:** What was troubling Pharaoh?

**A6:** He had bad dreams, and he did not know what they meant.

**Q6b:** Are you known within your family or around school for being particularly good at something?

**TN:** Having a good reputation can be a very handy thing. It can lead to all kinds of opportunities that can help to advance us in school and in life. Joseph had become known for being able to interpret dreams. All it took was one man to remember Joseph's abilities and then mention it to Pharaoh for Joseph's life to change dramatically. Being good at interpreting dreams wasn't enough though. Despite being in jail, Joseph was also known for being wise and trustworthy. It is unlikely that the servant would have recommended Joseph to the Pharaoh if Joseph was a bad guy with a bad character. It is important to not only be good at the things we are talented at doing, but also to be good people with strong morals and ethics. Having God at the center of our lives will ensure that we are the type of people others will want on their team.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 7



**Q7a:** How did Pharaoh honor Joseph?

**A7:** Pharaoh made Joseph second in command over all of Egypt.

**Q7b:** Did all of the bad stuff have to happen to Joseph in order for God to get him into a position of power in Egypt?

**TN:** No, God can do anything, so the suffering that Joseph endured didn't have to happen. However, because God can do anything, it is a fact that the way Joseph did come to power was exactly the way everything needed to play out in Joseph's life. Why? We can speculate, but we'll never know for sure. When we go through trials in our lives, it strengthens our faith, our character, and our dependence and love for God. As those who love God, we can be assured that all of the hard times we face, God will use them to make something good. That is a promise recorded in God's Word, and God never fails to come through on His promises.

### SLIDE 8



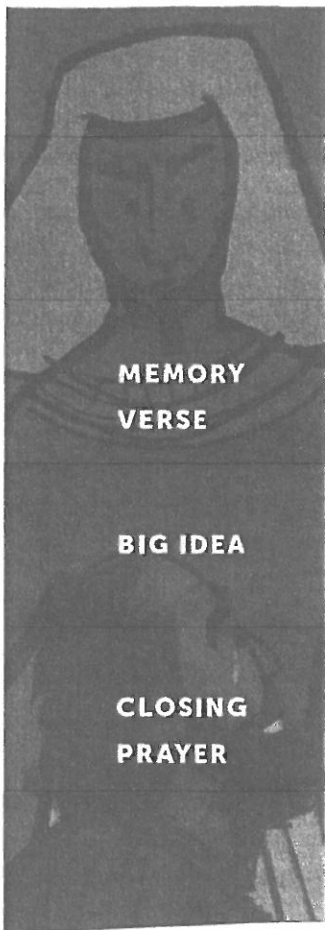
**Q8a:** Who came to Joseph for help?

**A8:** Joseph's brothers came to him for help.

**Q8b:** If you were in Joseph's position, would you have forgiven and helped your brothers?

**TN:** That's a tough call. While it would be very hard to get over the hurt feelings and trauma they caused in our lives, God calls us to forgive others as He has forgiven us.





**MEMORY  
VERSE**



**Romans 8:28:** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

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**BIG IDEA**



God will help us get through hard times in life and will make them work to our good.

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**CLOSING  
PRAYER**



Dear God, we know that You work things out for good to those who love You and are called by You. Help us to trust, follow, and love You. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.



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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## ANSWER KEY

### Across

3. Which brother did not want to kill Joseph? (**Reuben**)
8. Who needed Joseph to help him understand his bad dreams? (**Pharaoh**)
9. How many sons did Jacob have? (**Twelve**)
10. What were the stars and grain stacks doing in Joseph's first dreams? (**Bowling**)

### Down

1. Joseph helped (**Rule**) over all of Egypt.
2. Joseph became known for (**Interpreting**) dreams.
4. Where did the traders take Joseph? (**Egypt**)
5. Even though he was innocent, Joseph got thrown into (**Jail**).
6. What gift did Jacob give Joseph that made his brothers jealous? (**Coat**)
7. Instead of killing Joseph, the brothers decided to (**Sell**) Joseph to traders.

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**Romans 8:28**

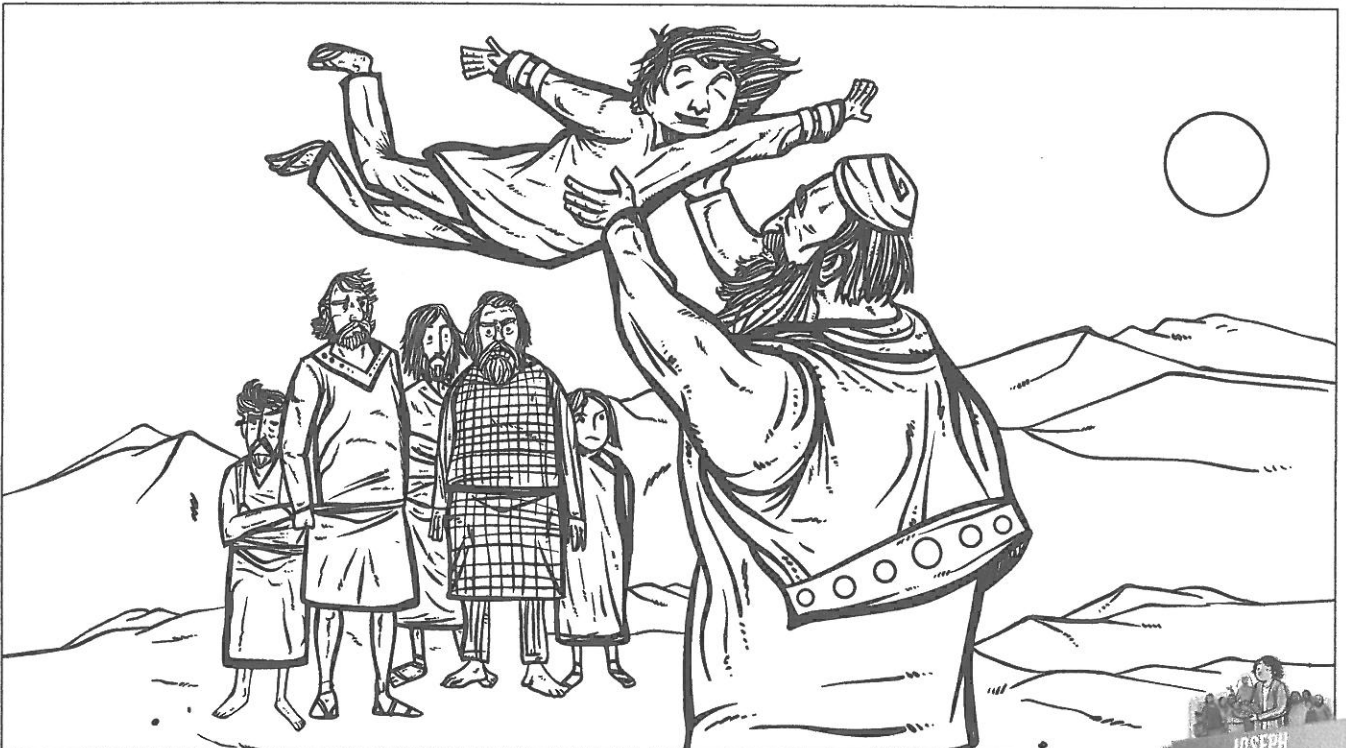
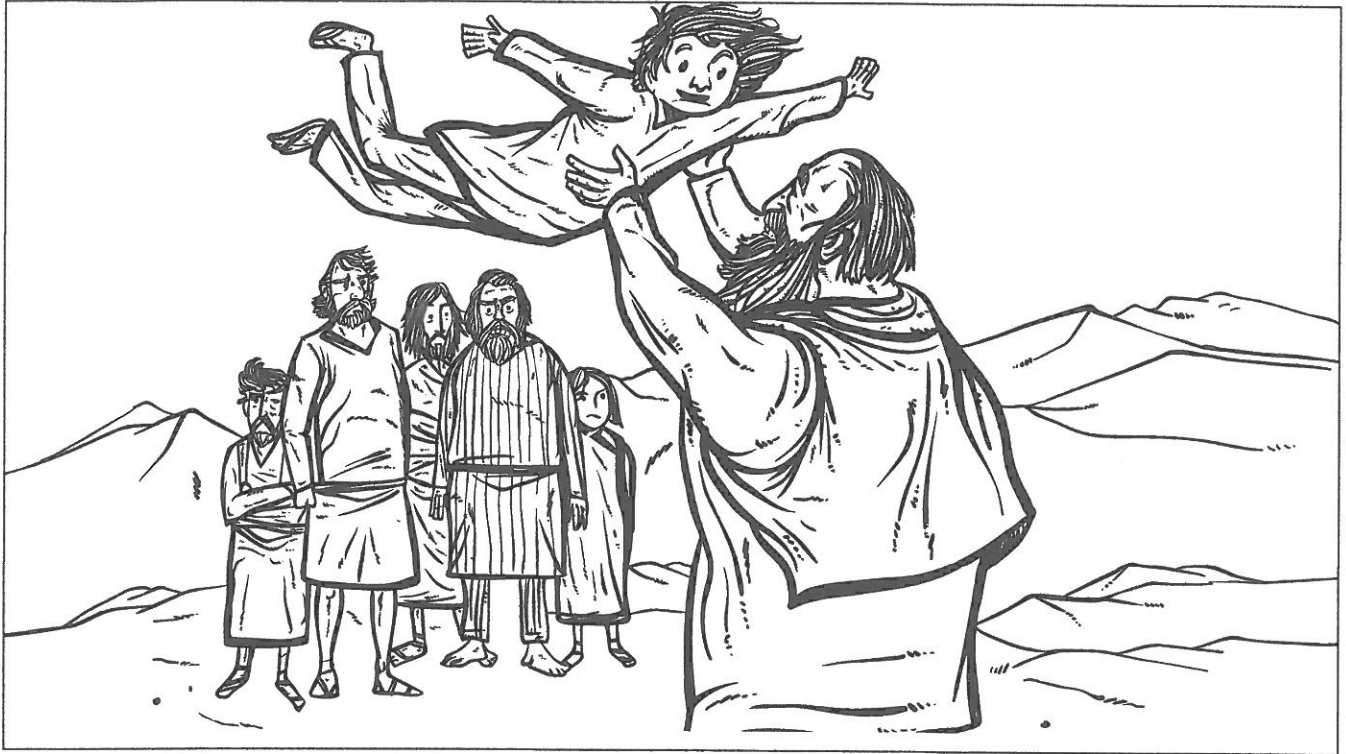
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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

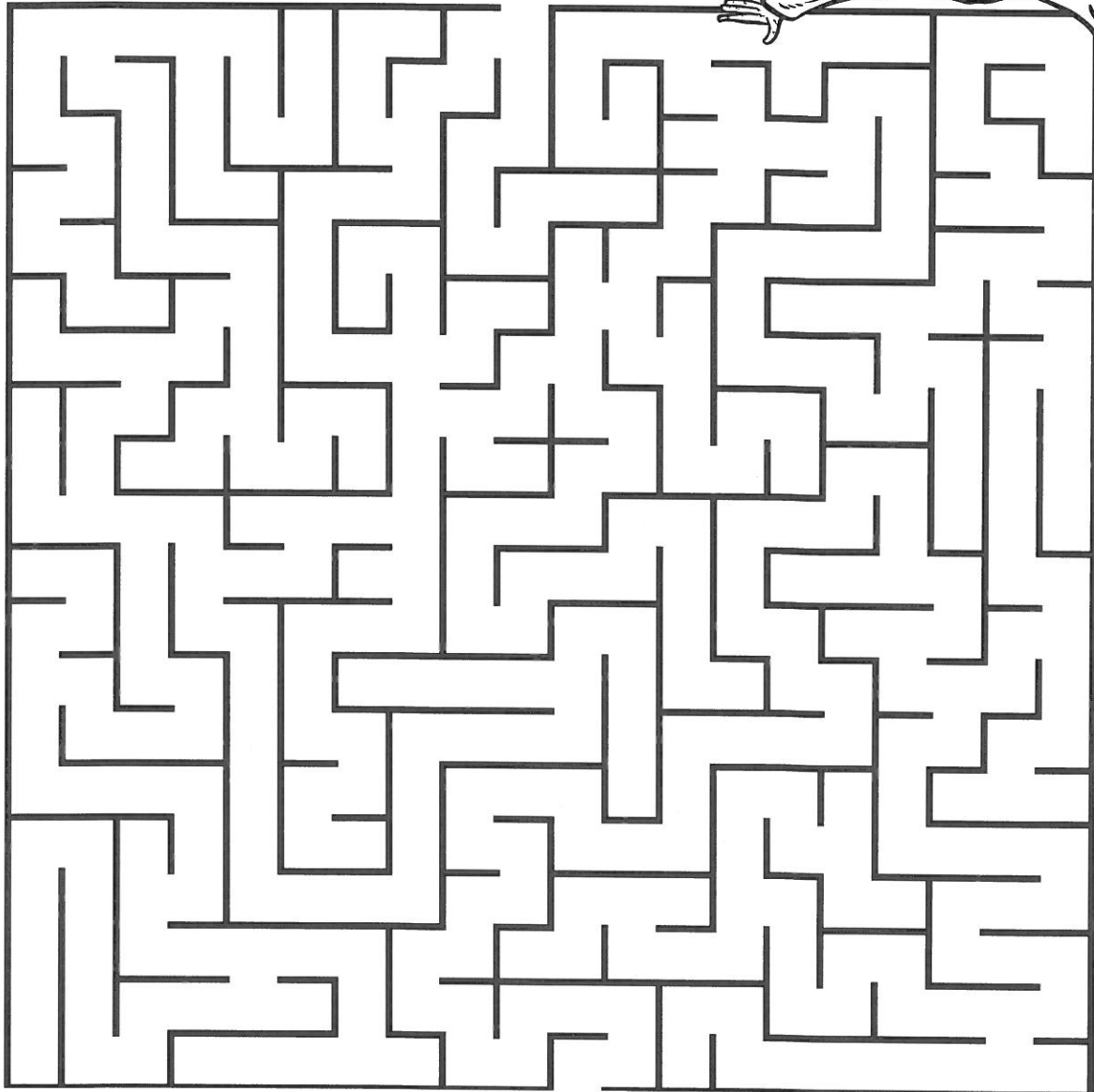




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Help Joseph fall safely into the pit.

START



FINISH



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Genesis 37:24

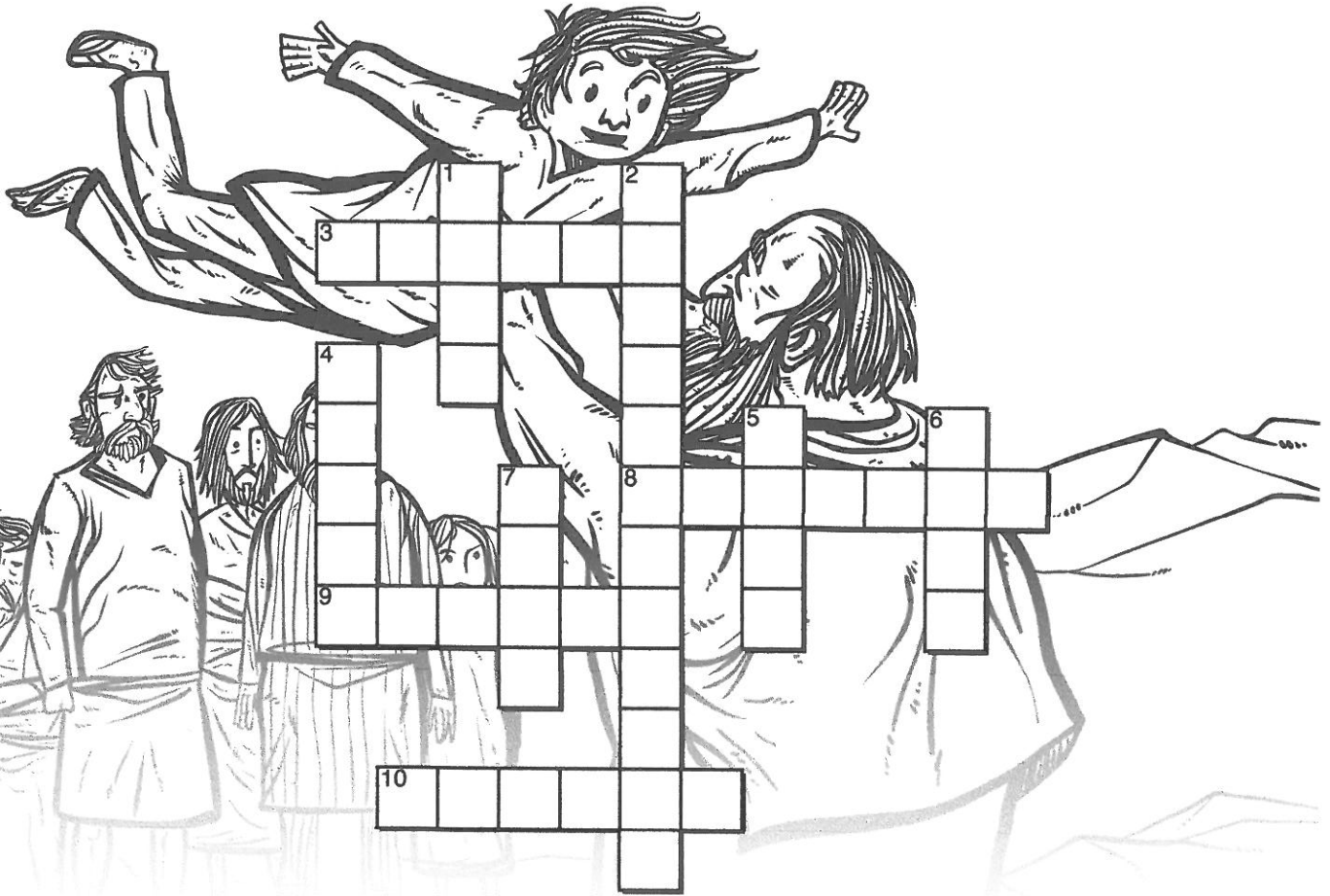
And they took him and threw him into the cistern.  
The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.



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Genesis 37-50



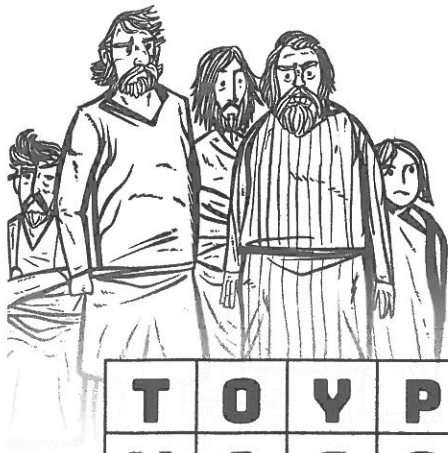
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Discover the hidden words.



T	O	Y	P	E	T	U	Z	N	B	S	A	K	P	T
W	A	G	O	D	L	X	U	N	Q	O	L	E	R	O
E	X	R	R	C	K	E	P	E	X	X	Q	A	T	Z
L	Z	R	O	Q	C	L	V	T	M	M	D	A	N	A
V	G	U	M	T	Q	Z	Z	E	T	E	O	L	R	Q
E	M	W	R	Z	M	L	H	H	R	C	R	E	G	G
S	D	B	D	Z	A	C	G	S	I	S	L	W	C	P
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K	U	F	D	P	F	N	Y	A	B	R	N	F	T	A
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I	R	X	E	D	R	W	Q	E	J	M	Y	N	I	Z
R	W	H	U	G	J	F	Z	Y	E	X	E	S	F	I
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### Word Bank

REUBEN

PHARAOH

TWELVE

SONS

DREAM

EGYPT

JAIL

TRADERS

COAT

SOLD

PRINCE

GOD





# THE STORY OF JOSEPH

## The Colorful Story

### Activity

The story of Joseph was very colorful. It had joy, jealousy, anger, love and forgiveness. Joseph faced many hardships and it all stemmed from jealous actions. In this activity, the children will have fun learning the story of Joseph in a colorful way.

### Materials

Crayons or markers

### Procedure

1. Read the story to the children. At each pause allow the children to color in the corresponding spaces on the coat.
2. Explain to the children that jealousy can cause us to do bad things.

### The Story of Joseph

Jacob had twelve sons and Joseph was his favorite. He gave Joseph a colorful coat. This made Joseph's brothers green with jealousy. (Color all the 1's green.)

Joseph's brothers decided to sell Joseph to a merchant and they told their father that Joseph was dead. Jacob was blue with sadness. (Color all the 2's blue.)

Joseph became a slave in Egypt for many years but God was always with Joseph and his light shined on him. (Color all the 3's yellow.)

Joseph became a very important leader in Egypt and his brothers had to come to Joseph for help. Joseph forgave his brothers and everyone's heart became full. (Color the heart red.)

**Explanation:** Remind the children that jealousy can cause us to do bad things.

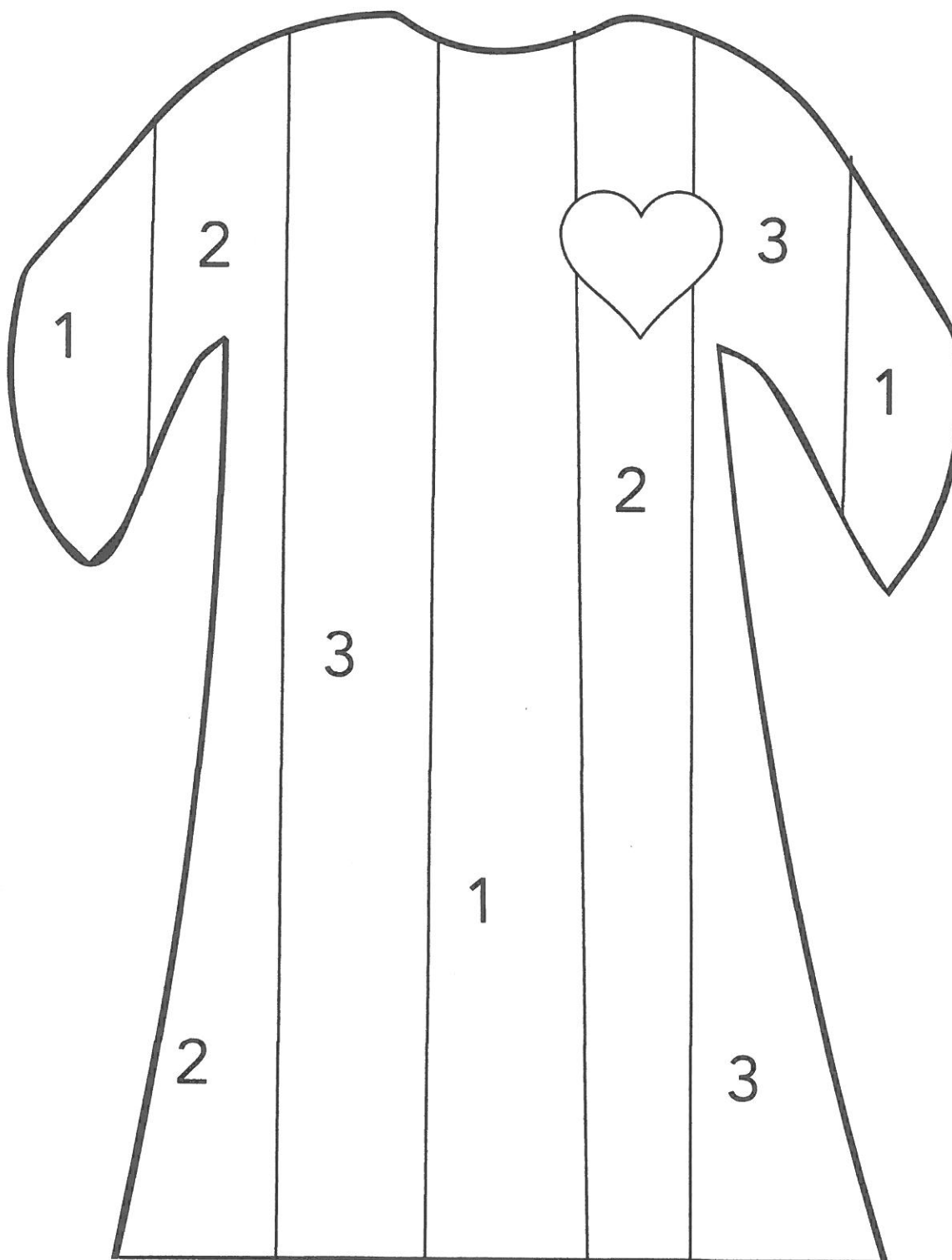


# A Colorful Story

Color coat using color key below.

1 = green  
2 = blue

3 = yellow  
♥ = red



# Activity : Story Sequencing Cards - Joseph

