

## **Joseph Part 1: Dreams**

You can do this session with your children any time you like. The story is taken from Genesis 37:1-36, 39:1-6. If you want to read it online just go to this link: <https://www.biblegateway.com> and type the passage in the search engine.

### **Start**

What do you hope to do when you are older?

In our story for today, we are learning about a young man called Joseph who had special dreams from God.

### **Bible story**

Joseph lived in a land called Canaan and his dad was called Jacob. He had 10 older brothers. Joseph was his dad's favourite and his older brothers didn't like that. They knew it wasn't fair. It was even worse one day when Joseph came to speak to his dad and told him that his other brothers were not doing enough.

It got even worse when one day, Joseph's dad gave him a special robe to wear. Joseph loved wearing it and his brothers got even more angry because it was another reminder to them that Joseph was the favourite.

Joseph was given a special dream by God one time. In the dream, he was standing in the field with his brothers and they were sorting out the corn. Then Joseph's corn grew really tall and the corn his brothers had bowed down to Joseph's corn. God was telling Joseph something important, but Joseph wasn't very sensible with what God had told him about. He went and told his brothers the dream and they became even more angry with him. Then another time God gave Joseph a different dream. In this dream Joseph saw the sun, moon and 11 stars bowing down to him. He told his brothers about this as well and they became even more angry at him.

Joseph was showing off and his brothers didn't like it. One day, they became so angry that they decided they didn't want Joseph to be near them any more. The eldest brother, Reuben said, "Joseph is still our brother. Let's just throw him down a pit, but not do anything else to him." Reuben was hoping to rescue Joseph later on. So, Joseph's brothers grabbed hold of him, took his special robe away and threw him down a pit. Reuben wasn't around later when they decided to do something else. They saw some travellers coming towards them. Judah, one of the brothers said, "Let's sell Joseph as a slave. We can make some money." So they pulled Joseph out of the pit and sold him to the travellers who were on their way to Egypt. When Reuben came back, it was too late because Joseph had already been sold.

Joseph's brothers told their dad that Joseph was gone and was never coming back. Their dad was very sad and cried and cried.

Meanwhile, Joseph was taken on a long journey all the way to Egypt. When he arrived there he was sold again to a man called Potiphar. Potiphar was an important man. He bought Joseph and put him to work in his home. Even though things were really hard for Joseph, God had not left him. Potiphar saw that Joseph did everything well in his home and he put Joseph in charge of everything and everyone in his house. God was blessing Joseph, but his challenges were not over yet.

**Why do you think Joseph's brothers were so angry with him?**

**How could Joseph have been more sensible with his brothers?**

**How do you think Reuben felt when he realised he was too late to rescue Joseph?**

**How do you think Joseph felt when he was sold as a slave?**

**How do you think Joseph felt when he was in Egypt?**

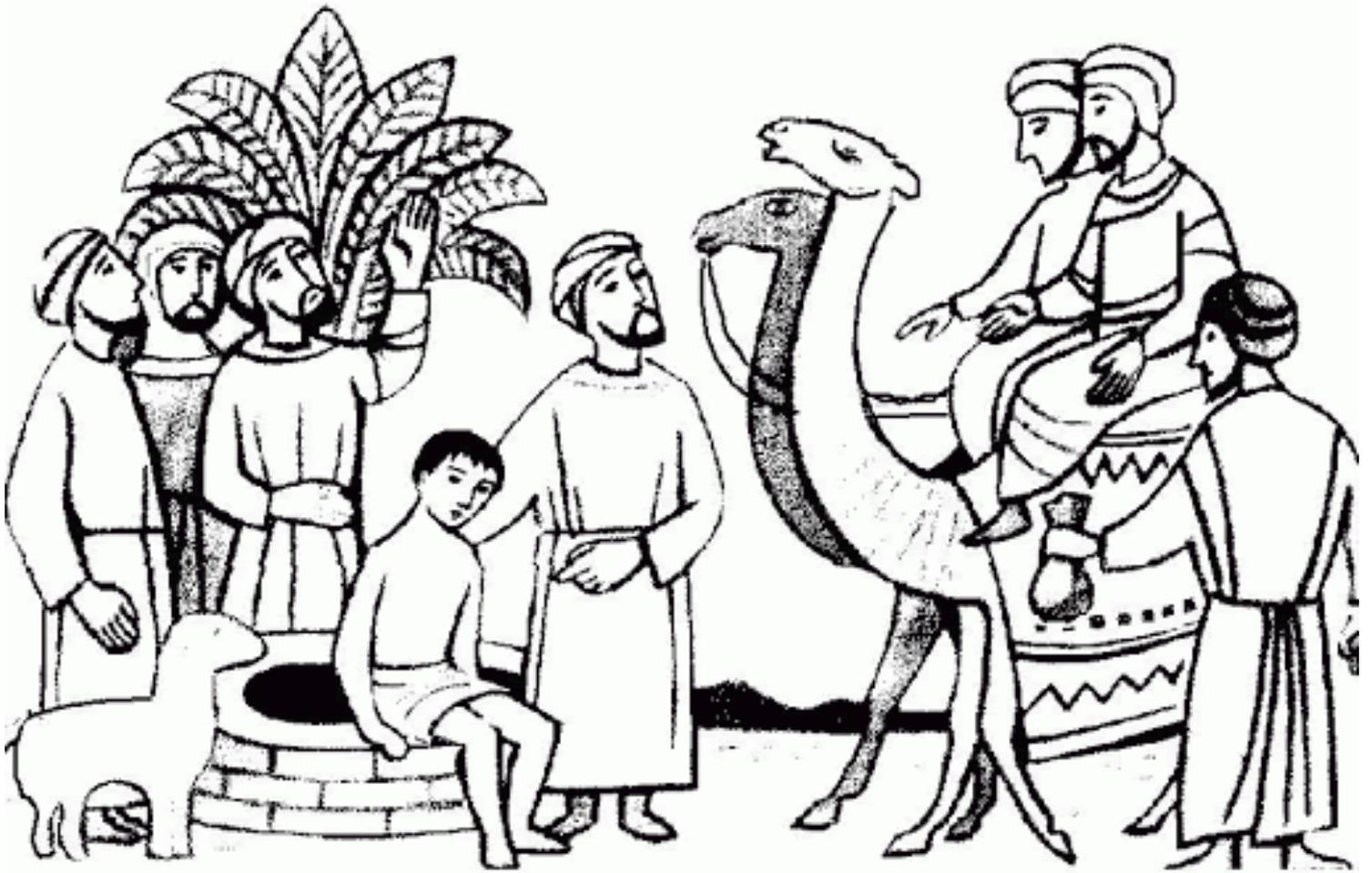
### **What to do next**

Below are some suggestions:

- You could chat about your favourite part of the story.
- You could act out the story.

You could pray together. Below are some ideas for prayer:

- Thank God that he loves us all the same.
- Ask God to help us to not show off and to not fall out with each other.
- Thank God that he is always with us, even when things are hard. Ask him to help you with anything you are finding difficult.



Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave, but God was always with Joseph and never left him.

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# Jealous Brothers

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| cistern | egypt    | caravan  | judah    |
| reuben  | jealousy | brothers | rachel   |
| jacob   | joseph   |          |          |