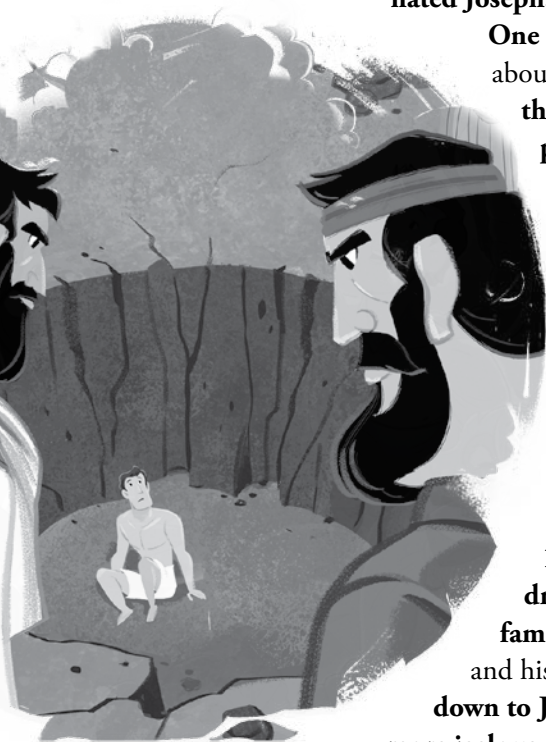


The BIBLE Story

Joseph Sent to Egypt

Genesis 37

Jacob and his family lived in Canaan, the land God had promised to his grandfather Abraham and his family. **Jacob had 12 sons, but his favorite son was Joseph.** Jacob gave Joseph a colorful robe. **Joseph's brothers saw that Jacob loved Joseph most, and they hated Joseph.**



One day, Joseph told his brothers about a dream he had. He **dreamed that he and his brothers were putting together bundles of grain. Suddenly, Joseph's grain stood up and the other bundles bowed down to his. The dream meant that Joseph would rule over his brothers. Joseph's brothers hated Joseph even more.**

Then Joseph had another dream. In this dream, Joseph saw the sun, the moon, and 11 stars bowing to him. This dream meant all of Joseph's family—his brothers, his mother, and his father—would one day bow down to Joseph. Joseph's brothers were more jealous.

Some time later, Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers, who were tending to the sheep. When the brothers saw Joseph coming, they decided to kill him.

But Joseph's oldest brother, Reuben, did not want to kill Joseph.

“Let’s just throw him into a pit,” he said.

When Joseph arrived, the brothers took off Joseph’s colorful robe and threw him into the pit. Then they saw a caravan of people heading to Egypt. They decided to sell Joseph to the travelers as a servant for twenty pieces of silver. The travelers took Joseph to Egypt.

The brothers dipped Joseph’s colorful robe into blood and took it back to their father. “We found this robe,” they said. Jacob recognized the robe. He believed a wild animal had killed Joseph, and he cried loudly because he thought his favorite son was dead.

Christ Connection: Joseph’s brothers turned against him and tried to kill him, but God protected Joseph and used him as part of His plan to rescue his family. In a similar way, people turned against God’s Son, Jesus. Jesus’ death was God’s plan to rescue sinners.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Display art:** Show the Bible story picture or use a flannelgraph to depict the story as you tell it.
- **Use hand motions:** As you tell the story, use various hand motions to portray the brothers’ bowing down, whispering, pushing Joseph into a pit, and presenting Joseph’s robe to Jacob.