

#59– PreK-2nd: God Was With Joseph, 3rd and up: Joseph Saves His Family*Find recorded lessons at – MonteVista.org / VistaStream**Also find our online worship services at the same site.*

Dear Families: These stories today are about a man who worked hard to be faithful to God. As he grew older he also grew in wisdom. He could not see the benefits to his faithfulness right away but he chose to stay faithful and trust God no matter what. In the end he saw why God had allowed all the things that happened in his life for a very great purpose, saving the lives of his family. This story helps me see that we don't always get to know the hows and whys right away. We have to trust, which is not always easy. God has a purpose and protects us, even through the rough times. God Bless!

Bible Text: Genesis 39:1-40:23; 41:1-57; 42:1- to the end of Genesis, Abridged

Joseph was taken down to Egypt and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, (in high command) bought him. . .The Lord was with Joseph and he became a successful man. . .The Lord blessed the Egyptian's (Potiphar) house for Joseph's sake. . .So (Potiphar) left all he had in Joseph's charge. . .Joseph was handsome and good looking and his master's wife wanted Joseph to (do something he should not do) . . .(She kept trying and trying to get him to do as she asked. He would not. So one day) she grabbed his garment (and he ran away outside leaving his garment behind). . .(The wife lied to her husband and said), "He has insulted me!" (Potiphar was enraged and had Joseph thrown into prison.) But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him His steadfast love. He gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the other prisoners. . .Some time after this the cup bearer of the king of Egypt and the baker offended (the Pharaoh and were thrown into jail with Joseph) One night both dreamed. . .When Joseph came to them in the morning they were both troubled. (Joseph asked them), "Why are you troubled?" . . .(Joseph interpreted their dreams.) (The cup bearer's dream meant that he would be out of jail in 3 days and go back to his old job.) Joseph said, "But remember me when it is well with you. Please do me the kindness to make mention of me to Pharaoh. (The chief bakers dream meant that he would die.) (Joseph's words came true.)(Joseph was forgotten.)

After two whole years, Pharaoh had dreams. . .(None of his wise men could interpret them. The cup bearer finally told him about Joseph). . .(The Pharaoh sent for Joseph.) (Pharaoh's dreams meant that a great famine (where no food will grow) would come in 7 years and would last for 7 years.) (Joseph told the Pharaoh how to save enough food for the famine.) (Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of the job.). . .Jacob's family was very hungry because they had no food. Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt. . .and sent the brothers there to buy grain. . .all except Benjamin. . .Now Joseph was the governor over the land. . .When his brothers came to him, he recognized them but treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. . .They did not recognize Joseph. . .Joseph remembered his dreams (from his youth). . .(Joseph called them spies and they told him they had a younger brother and another brother was lost.) (Joseph tested them – Let one of you go and get your youngest brother and bring him here that I may know you are telling the truth) (He put them all in jail for 3 days then, changed his mind.) "Do this and you will live, for I fear God. . .Let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned. The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine to your households and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words shall be verified and you shall not die." And they agreed to do so. They said to one another, "Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish had come upon us." . . .They loaded their grain on their donkeys and returned home. . .One of them found the money they had brought in with the bag of grain. . .When they came to their father they told him all that had happened. . .They found all the money they had brought to pay for the grain in each sack. . . When they eaten all of the grain (Jacob told them to go buy more.) (They brought

Benjamin this time and Joseph treated him better than the others.) (They told Joseph about the money.) (Joseph told them not to worry. "Your God must have put it there. I received your money.") (Joseph had servants load up as much grain as they could carry and had a silver cup placed into Benjamin's bag to trick them.) (They started for home and Joseph sent his steward to catch them. He was going to take Benjamin back. The brothers begged him not to take the boy. It would kill their father.) (Joseph finally reveals himself to his brothers with a lot of emotion. The brothers didn't know how to react.) Joseph said, "Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here. For God sent me before you to preserve your lives. . . (Jacob brought his whole family to Joseph, 70 people) (Joseph forgave his brothers and they live happily until Joseph's death).

Memory Verse:

The Lord was with Joseph,

Genesis 39:21

**The Lord was with Joseph and showed him
steadfast Love,**

Genesis 39:21

Activities:

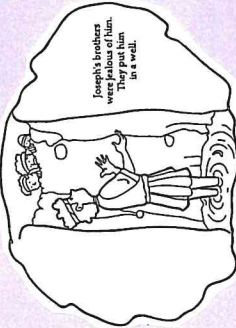
PreK-2nd: *Story Cards – Color and number the cards in the order of the story. Cut the squares out. Use them to tell the story to someone in your family. *Trace the Words *Coloring page

3rd and Up: *God Was With Joseph book-Have children fold (colored?) copy sized paper 2 times, staple on folded side where it goes through 4 pieces of paper, cut folded tops. You should end up with a small, 4-page book. Use crayon or colored pencil to write memory verse on the front. Cut out pictures & put them in order of the story. Tape or glue stick pics to the back of the 1st page, front, then back of the 2nd page, & front of the 3rd page. Use the last 2 pages to write or draw pictures of a difficult time in their lives and remember that God was with them. Use the book to tell the story to someone in your family.



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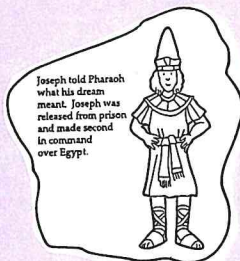
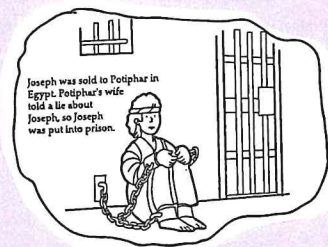


The Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love.

Genesis 39:21

Actual Size

Write your story



A Story to Tell

Joseph was in prison. While there, Joseph told the king what his dreams meant. The king was pleased. He made Joseph an important man. Joseph was reunited with his family.

These pictures of Joseph are all mixed up. Can you number them in the correct order? The first one is done for you.

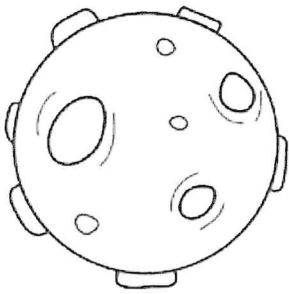


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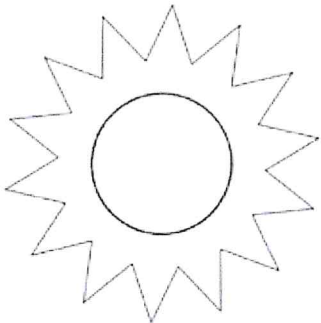
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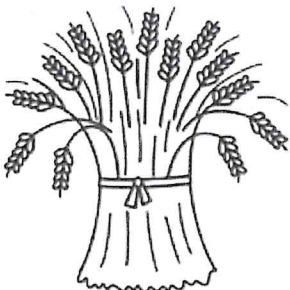
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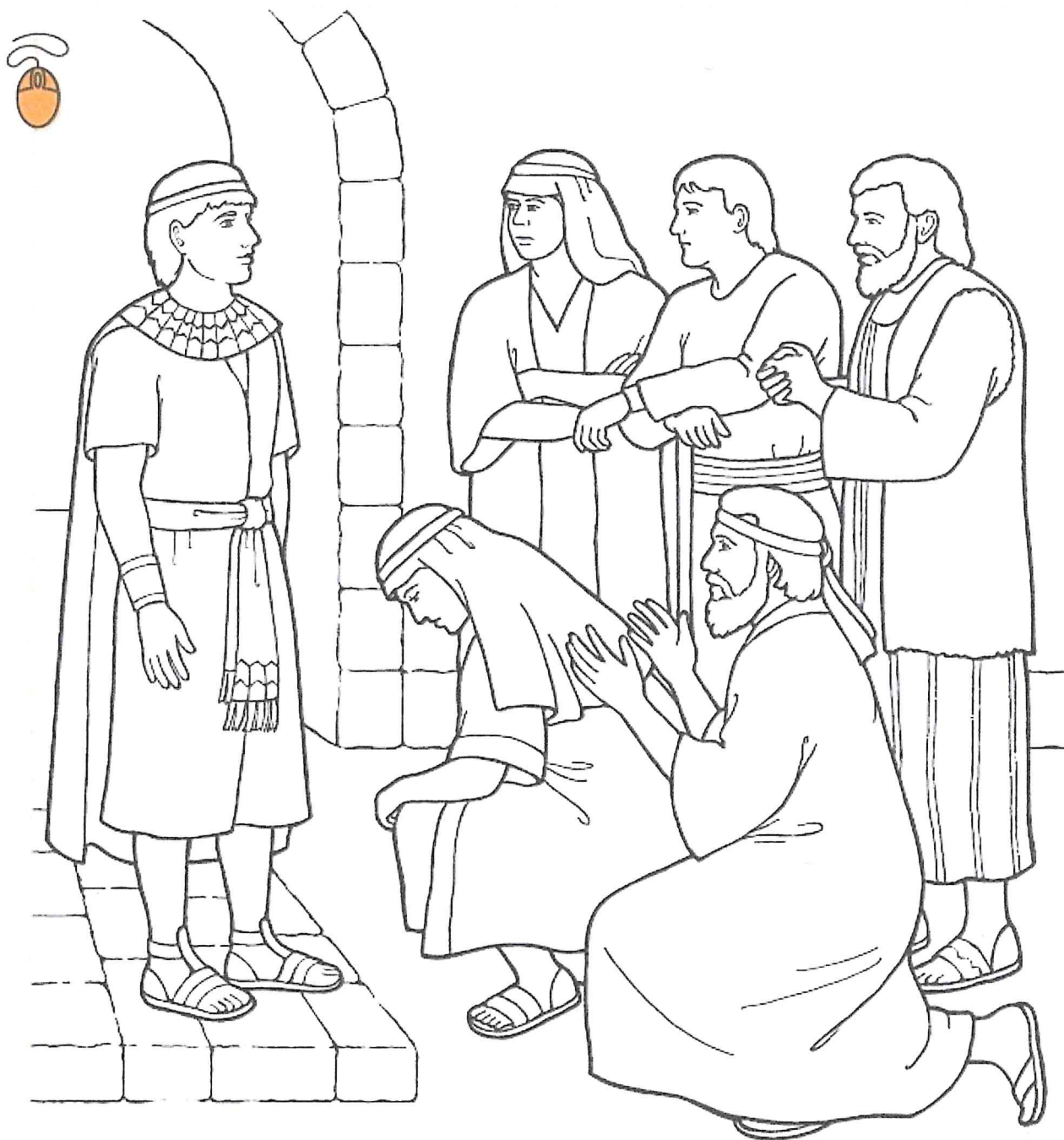
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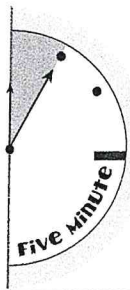


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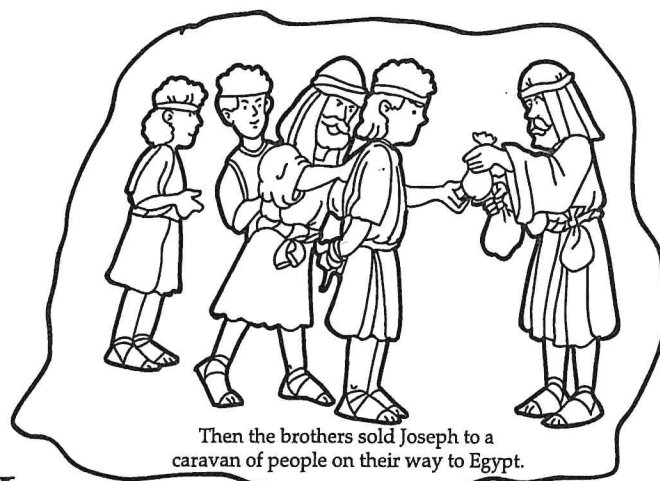
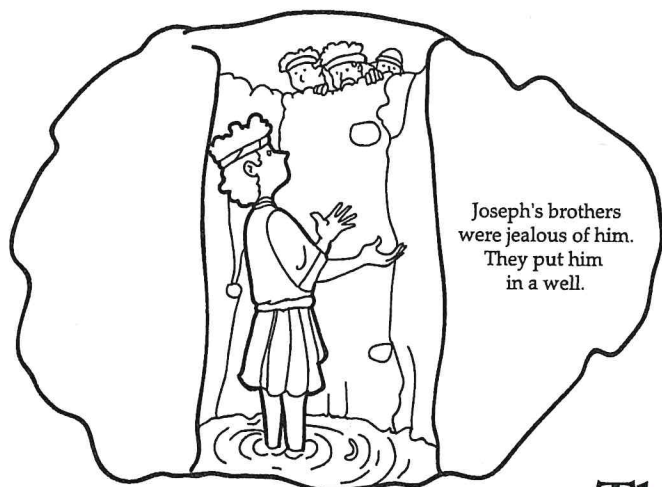
Joseph Forgives His Brothers

*I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved,
nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life
(Genesis 45:4-5).*

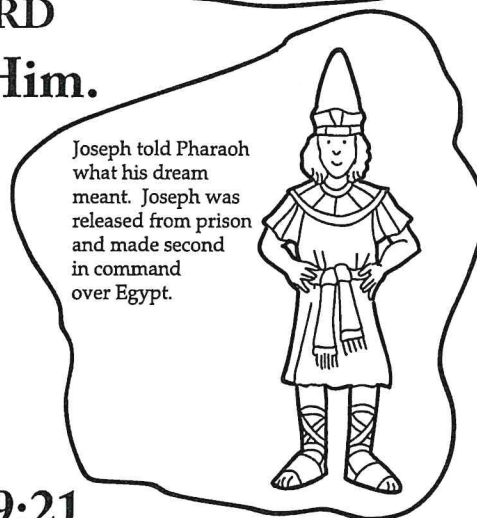
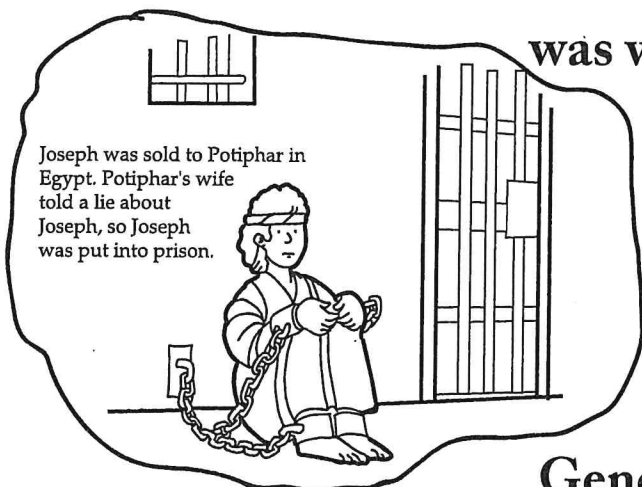


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**The LORD
was with Him.**



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