

Pre-Lesson Downloads

Lesson #6 – Joseph & His Brothers – Doing your best even when things go wrong.

Dear Families: For the next few lessons I would like to include some games to add to what we already do. You will need 2 or more people on most of them. I hope you will try them as a family. Remember that the children don't have to do all the paperwork unless they just enjoy it. Otherwise, just download the ones that they like the most. The story is longer today and I included more details in the Bible text than I am sharing in the telling of the story in case the children want more details. I will also include some written rhythms that they can use with their drum and shaker. Once they figure out the symbols they could write some of their own rhythms and play them. Have fun and learn a lot!

Bible Text: Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-40:23; 41:1-57; 42:1- to the end of Genesis, Abridged

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived . . . Joseph, being 17, was shepherding the flock with his brothers . . . Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any of his children because he was the son of his old age and he made him a long robe with sleeves. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him . . . Once Joseph had a dream and when he told it to them, they hated him even more . . . "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. We were binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright. Then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf . . . The brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us?" So they hated him even more. . . He had another dream and told it to his brothers. . . The sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me; but when he told it to his father and his brothers, his father rebuked him and said. . . "Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers and bow to the ground before you?" Later. . . Israel sent Joseph to his brothers, who were shepherding the flock. . . They saw him from a distance and before he came near they conspired to kill him. . . But Ruben, the oldest, (heard the brothers and intervened) " . . . throw him in this pit here but lay no hand on him" (He was going to come back later and rescue him.) Then they set down to eat and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites. 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 the master 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 there was 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 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 and change 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 brings his whole family to Joseph, 70 people) (Joseph forgives his brothers and they live happily until Joseph’s death).

Materials: *I made cards for a Memory Game using the first 5 books of the Old Testament. You need to cut all the cards the same size. Also cover the backs of the cards with some kind of paper so that the children can’t read through them. Make the backs all the same size (a little bigger than the printed cards.) This game is also called Concentration. Playing instructions are under the cards.

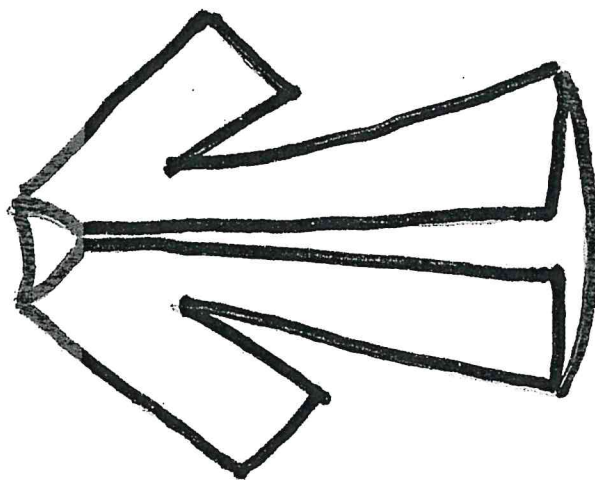
*There are 3 coloring pages.

*There is a Joseph crossword. The answers for this puzzle are at the bottom of this page.

*You will also find a Code puzzle and Word Fine puzzle.

*Use the pattern below for Joseph’s Coat of Many Colors. Use a coffee filter to add colors, either water colors or food coloring. Let dry. Cut out in the shape of a coat and glue it in your “Bible.”

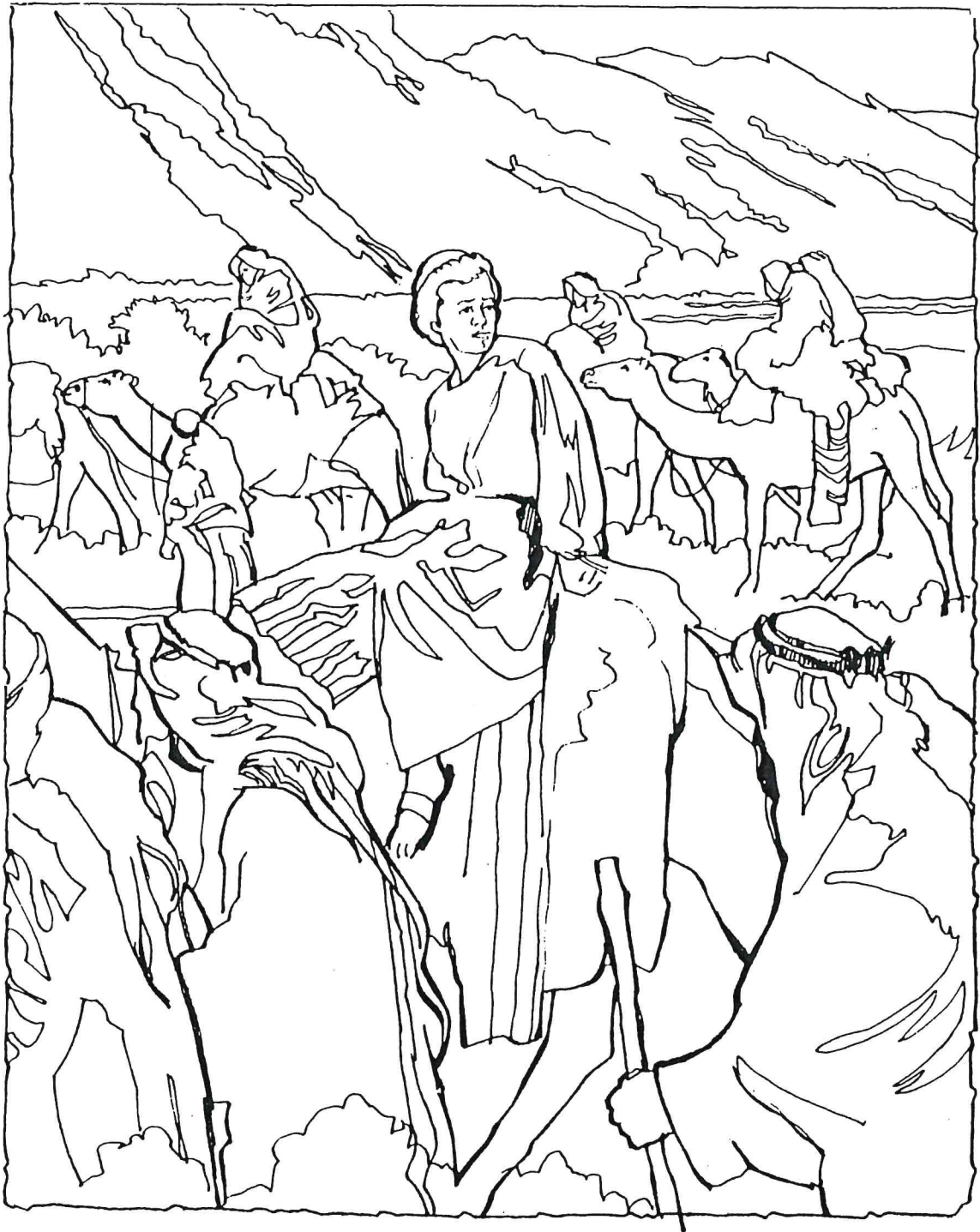
Bible Verse: “The Lord was with Joseph and he became a successful man.” Genesis 39:2



Joseph
Across: 2-Cup, 5-Ishmeelites, 8-Twenty, 9-Silver, 10-Kine, 13-Reuben, 14-Dream, 15-Ears, 19-Benjamin, Down: 1-Famine, 3-Pit, 4-Baker, 5-Interpreted, 6-Egypt, 7-Seventeen, 11-Butler, 12-Seven, 16-Ruler, 17-Coat, 18-Ten.

The Boy Joseph
Genesis 37:1-3, 12-14





Joseph is taken to Egypt as a slave.



Joseph and His Brothers

Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph – a beautiful robe. Genesis 37:3 (NLT)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



Genesis 37

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
F	E	N	G	Q	O	M	S	K	V	P	I	U	W	J	A	D	R	X	Y	Z	T	B	C	L	H

- 8-6-25-17 _____
- 17-18-2-16-7-2-18 _____
- 9-12-25-25 _____
- 18-6-23-2 _____
- 25-6-10-2-17 _____
- 8-12-25-10-2-18 _____
- 15-6-8-2-11-26 _____
- 23-18-6-22-26-2-18-8 _____
- 15-16-24-6-23 _____
- 8-22-18-12-11-11-2-17 _____

DREAMER	LOVED	SILVER	STRIPPED	KILL
BROTHERS	SOLD	JACOB	JOSEPH	ROBE

HIDDEN WORD PUZZLE—JOSEPH

The following words can be found on the word search grid below. Circle the letters that make the word. The letters must be in straight lines, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Words may be spelled either forward or backward. How many of these words can you find?

JOSEPH
BENJAMIN
JACOB
EGYPT
COAT
ISHMAELITES
RACHEL

POTIPHAR
PHARAOH
REUBEN
SIMEON
LEVI
JUDAH
ISSACHAR
ZEBULUN

DAN
NAPHTALI
GAD
ASHER
GENESIS
DREAMS
CUP

J	O	S	A	C	O	B	D	A	R	A	O	H	G	P	D
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R	E	N	R	A	C	H	E	L	E	S	A	S	A	N	L
R	S	E	H	C	A	R	R	E	M	H	C	O	A	D	E
A	I	G	A	D	C	O	A	V	I	E	S	M	G	A	V
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JOSEPH



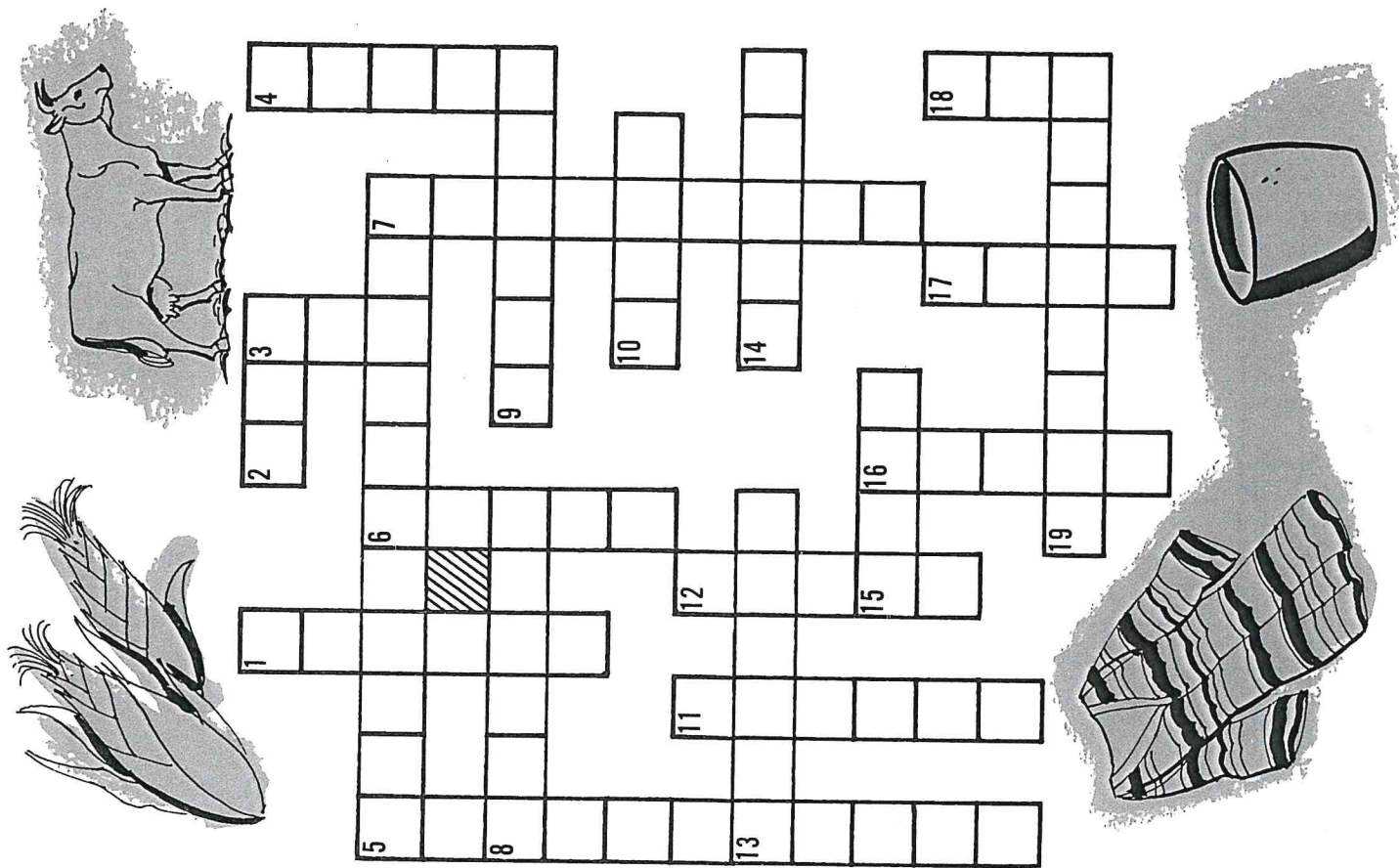
Look in the book of Genesis for the answers to this puzzle if you need help.

Across

2. What object was found in Benjamin's sack (44:12)?
5. To whom did Joseph's brothers sell him (37:28)?
8. Joseph was sold for _____ pieces of silver (37:28).
9. Of what metal was Joseph's cup made (44:2)?
10. What animals did Pharaoh dream about (41:2)?
13. Which brother argued against killing Joseph (37:22)?
14. What caused the butler and the baker to be sad (40:7, 8)?
15. In Pharaoh's second dream seven _____ of corn grew (41:5).
19. Who was Joseph's youngest brother (42:4)?

Down

1. What caused Joseph's brothers to go to Egypt (42:3, 5)?
3. Into what was Joseph cast by his brothers (37:24)?
4. What man dreamed he carried three baskets on his head (40:16)?
5. Joseph _____ dreams (40:22).
6. To what country was Joseph taken (37:28)?
7. How old was Joseph when he dreamed of sheaves (37:2, 5)?
11. Who told Pharaoh about Joseph (41:9-13)?
12. How many years was there plenty of food in the land of Egypt (41:47)?
16. Pharaoh made Joseph _____ over all the land of Egypt (41:43).
17. Jacob made a _____ for Joseph (37:3).
18. How many of Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to buy corn (42:3)?



Memory Card Game

Genesis

Genesis

Exodus

Exodus

Leviticus

Leviticus

Numbers

Numbers

Deuteronomy Deuteronomy

Cut out all the names of the books of Moses, on the lines. Cover the backs of each card (8). Make all the covers the same size and color. Mix them up face-down and lay them face-down. Turn over one card and then another. If they match, you get to keep them. If not turn both back over and let another person play.

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