

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did Joseph's brothers hate Joseph?
- Have you ever felt envious, wanting what someone else had?
- How is Jesus' story like Joseph's? (*Both of them were betrayed by people close to them.*)

Joseph Sent to Egypt

Genesis 37

STORY POINT: JOSEPH'S BROTHERS SOLD HIM INTO SLAVERY.

Jacob had 12 sons, but his favorite son was Joseph. Joseph's brothers saw that Jacob loved Joseph most, and they hated Joseph.

One day, Joseph 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 him. The dream meant that Joseph would rule over his brothers. Joseph's brothers hated Joseph even more.

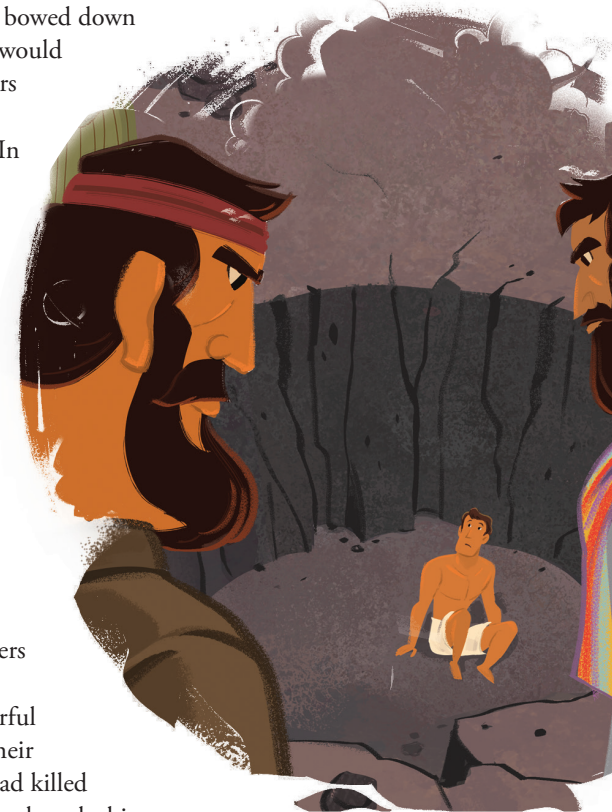
Then Joseph had another dream. In this dream, Joseph saw the sun, the moon, and 11 stars bowing to him. This dream meant all of Joseph's family would one day bow down to Joseph. Joseph's brothers were more jealous.

Some time later, Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers, who were tending to the sheep.

When 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. The travelers took Joseph to Egypt.

The brothers dipped Joseph's colorful robe into blood and took it back to their father. Jacob 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.



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Jacob's Twelve Sons

Jacob had twelve sons. Can you unscramble their names? Check out Genesis 35:23-26 if you need help!

1. NREUEB _____

5. LEIV _____

9. HSEJOP _____

2. NAD _____

6. JAUDH _____

10. EMANJNBI _____

3. OISENM _____

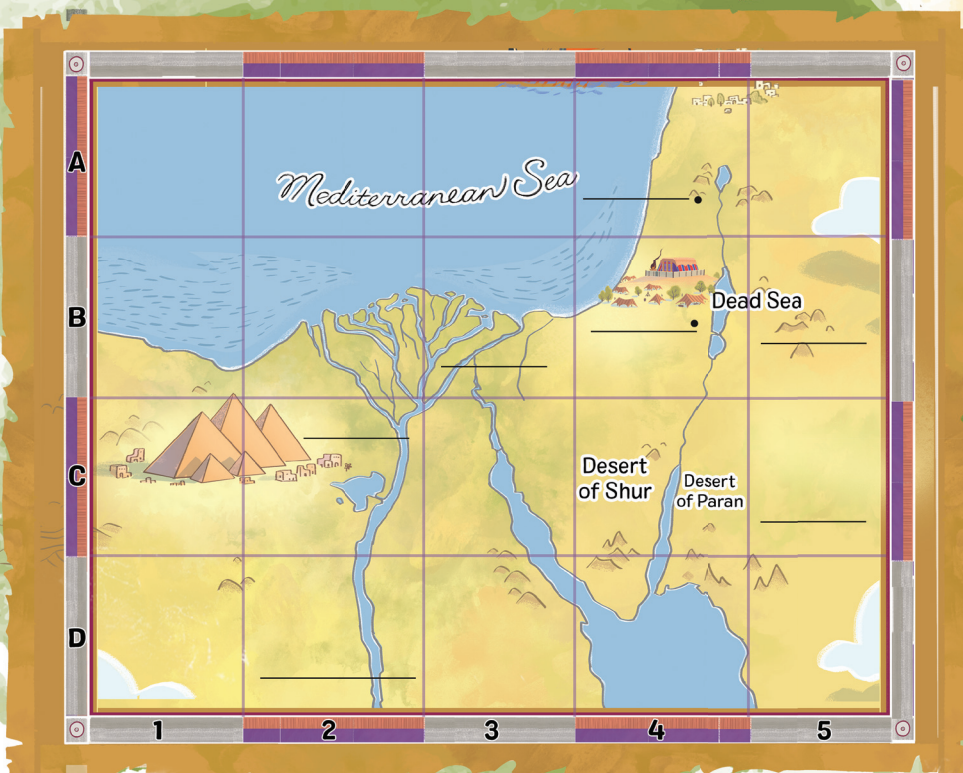
7. SHRCASIA _____

11. HPNTLAIA _____

4. DGA _____

8. ENZLUUB _____

12. HESAR _____



Map It!

Label these places in their correct locations on the map.

- **A4: Dothan** – the place where Joseph's brothers sold Joseph to the travelers (Genesis 37:17)
- **C5: Edom** – the place where Esau's family lived (Genesis 32:3)
- **C2: Egypt** – the place where Joseph was taken (Genesis 37:28)
- **B5: Gilead** – the place the travelers came from (Genesis 37:25)
- **B3: Goshen** – the land where Jacob's family settled during the famine
- **B4: Hebron** – the city where Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were buried
- **D2: Nile River** – the main source of water for Egypt