

Joseph feeds God's people

Genesis 37, 39-50

Jacob had twelve sons! Joseph, the second youngest, was a dreamer but he was also his dad's favourite! His older brothers were jealous and sold him into slavery in Egypt. His fortunes there were mixed: he was sold as a slave, and then he rose to run the household of the Captain of the Guard, then after being accused of a crime he didn't do he was thrown into prison, where he gained responsibility and became assistant to the prison warder, from there he was eventually called before Pharaoh and commanded to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, which he did by saying that after seven years of good harvest Egypt and all the nearby countries would suffer a terrible famine. Joseph was appointed as Pharaoh's second-in-command and given the job of making sure that Egypt had enough food to see them through the famine.

The famine affected Jacob and his family in Canaan and he sent his sons to buy food in Egypt, where they met the man in charge of selling the grain! Twenty years had passed and they did not recognise Joseph, but he recognised them! More adventures happen, but eventually he tells them who he is, and explains how everything that happened was in God's will and that because of what they had done to him he could save his family – God's people.

This is the YouTube playlist of various scenes from the film Joseph King of Dreams:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZbXA4lyCtqpQFNIVTIfp9JvDmLJLt4vj>

Watch some of these clips or if you have access to it watch the whole film.

Or watch the Superbook version here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VENAMIch84&list=PL0zvCDP_0LjCpNejEZmCRhf5sG8heMtS2&index=15

(This is the full playlist of all the Bible stories that Superbook does:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0zvCDP_0LjCpNejEZmCRhf5sG8heMtS2)

Or watch clips from Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0Cv84OTeDd709EesP-paOfeGLaUPTg50>



1. Our seventh decoration for the Jesse Tree

Make an Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat! If you've got some multicoloured material use that or get some white material (a real handkerchief?) and colour it. If you can't get material use paper. Or decorate it with beads or ribbon.

Using the pattern on the next page cut it out. Put the right sides of the material together, then sew along the sides of the coat and along the bottom of the sleeves. Turn the coat the right way round. (If you really can't sew glue the coat's sides together – or staple them!)

Hang the coat on the Jesse Tree. If you're feeling crafty make a coathanger from some paper clips!

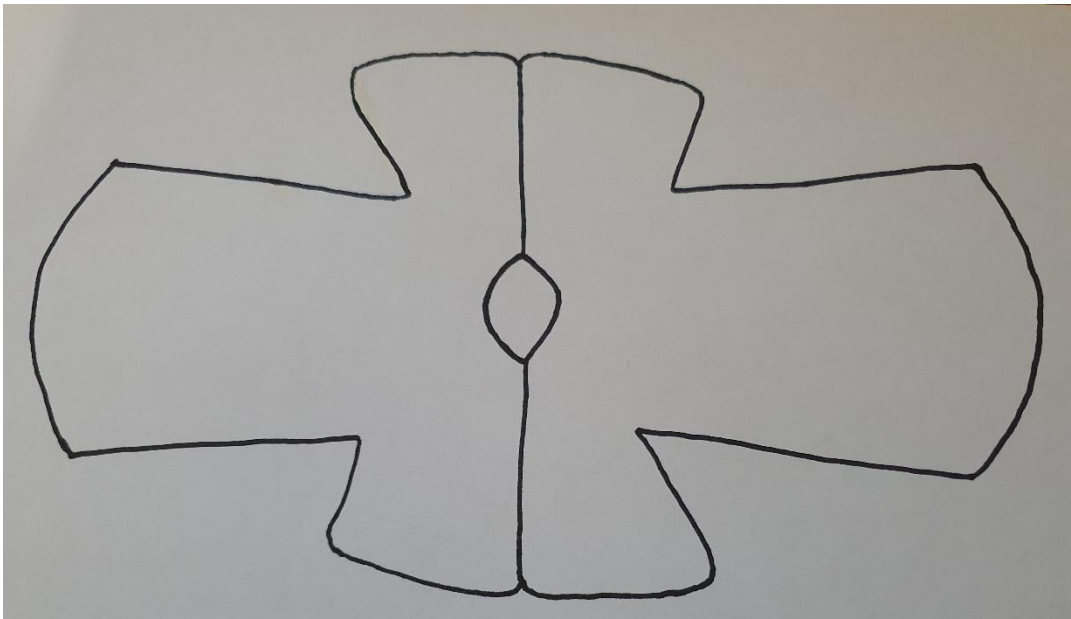
2. Joseph quiz

Answer the questions about Joseph's life. You may need to search the chapters in the Bible about Joseph's (see top of the page), or read the story in a children's Bible, or watch the videos. As you answer the questions remember how despite everything God was in control of Joseph's life.

Read Genesis 50:20

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Remember God has a plan for your life.



Joseph Quiz

1. Who was Joseph's father?
2. How many brothers did Joseph have?
3. When they saw him coming what did his brothers call him?
4. Which brother did not want to kill him?
5. Where was Joseph taken?
6. Who bought Joseph?
7. What position did Joseph have in Potiphar's house? (KJV)
8. Potiphar's lied about Joseph.
9. What kind of fruit was in the butler's dream?
10. What kind of animal's were in Pharaoh's dream?
11. What did Pharaoh put round Joseph's neck?
12. What was Joseph preparing Egypt for?
13. Which of Joseph's brothers had to stay in Egypt?
14. There was a silver In Benjamin's sack.