

Book Introduction

Jacob gave his son Joseph a beautiful coat of many colors because Joseph was his favorite son. That made his brothers jealous of him. Joseph also told his brothers about his dreams. He said that he would rule over them. The brothers didn't like Joseph very much.

Joseph's brothers put him in a dry well and were going to kill him, but then they pulled him out and sold him to be a slave instead. As a slave Joseph worked hard and his owner trusted him and put him in charge of his house.

The wife of the man who bought Joseph told lies about him and he was thrown in jail. God was with Joseph in jail. The jailer trusted Joseph and he did well in jail.

Even though many bad things happened to Joseph, God still loved him and watched over him.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: Why didn't Joseph's brothers like Joseph? What did his father do to show he loved Joseph best?

Day 2: What was Joseph's dream?

Day 3: Why did Joseph's brothers get mad at Joseph's dream? What did they want to do to Joseph?

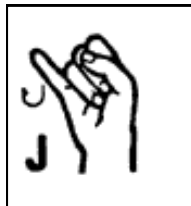
Day 4: What did the brothers do to Joseph? What did their father think had happened? What did Joseph do when all the bad things happened to him?

Day 5: Why was Joseph thrown into prison? What happened to him in prison?

Day 6: How did Joseph stay strong when bad things happened to him? What were God's plans for Joseph?

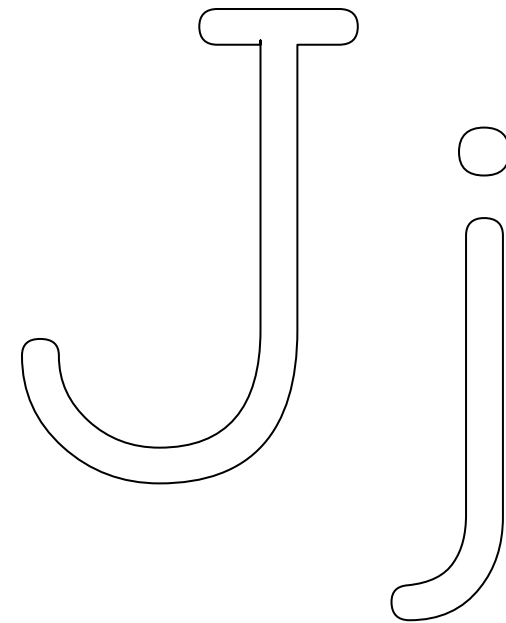
Lesson Rhyme

J—J	Make sign of "J"
Joseph	Lift "J" up & look up to God
He was treated	Make sad face
Wrong	& thumbs down sign
J—J—Joseph	Same as above.
In God he did	Lift arms up above head
stay strong	Make fists up at side of body



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What happened to Joseph?



J—J—Joseph
He was treated wrong
J—J—Joseph
In God he did stay strong

Day 1

Draw a picture of Joseph and his coat.

Of all his sons Jacob loved
Rachel's son the most.
The problem was that Joseph
to his brothers liked to boast.
Jacob showed to all the family
he loved Joseph best.
He gave to him a colored coat
he didn't give the rest.

Day 6

Draw a picture of Joseph praying to God.

By always doing what was right
though he was treated wrong,
Joseph by God's power
was able to stay strong.
God had plans for Joseph,
a ruler he would be.
His brothers would bow down to him,
to him they'd bend their knee.

Genesis 37:3-4:³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him.⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Romans 8:28:²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Day 5

Draw a picture of Joseph in prison.

In Egypt Joseph did what's right.
His master he did please.
But when he wouldn't sin
the master's wife he did displease.
Into prison he was thrown
and again life seemed unfair.
But God was with him in the jail
and showed his love and care.

Day 2

Draw a picture of Joseph's dream.

His brothers hated Joseph,
as he was full of pride.
When he had a special dream,
its meaning didn't hide.
In the dream the sun, the moon
and 12 stars in the sky
All bowed down to Joseph's star
shining way up high.

Genesis 39:19-20:¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger.

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison,

²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

Genesis 37:8:⁸ His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Day 3

Draw a picture of Joseph in the well.

To think they'd bow to Joseph
made his brothers mad.
Their attitude towards him
really was quite bad.
Joseph they disliked,
they viewed him with ill will
And when they had a chance,
they were planning him to kill.

Day 4

Draw a picture of Joseph bound as a slave.

Instead they sold him as a slave
so to Egypt he was taken
Their father thought that Joseph died
and he was really shaken.
Joseph knew that God would work
the bad things out for good.
So he kept his eyes on God
and acted as he should.

Genesis 37:19-20: ¹⁹ "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. ²⁰ "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

Genesis 37:26-27: ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.