

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Genesis 37:1-11

¹ Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

² This is the account of Jacob.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

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.

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

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.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.



LESSON 42



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What does God do for those who love him?

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:28

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.

Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading 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?

Concluding Lesson

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

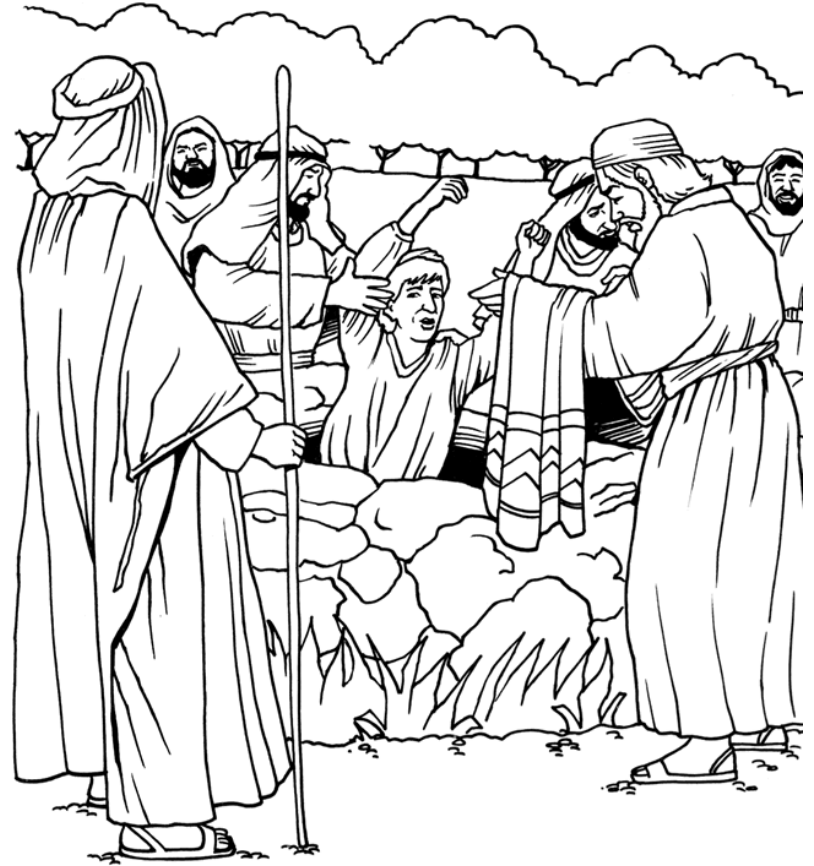
Prayer: Thank God that he is Lord over all things and that he will work even the bad things that happen out for good. Thank him that you have a place with him in heaven when your life on earth is done.

Application: Talk about bad things that have happened to you as a family and how God has brought good things out of them.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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What does God do for those who love him?



God works for our good in all things.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.

What does the verse mean?

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."

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.

What does the verse mean?

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.