

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson Passage—Genesis 37:1-11

Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This *is* the history of Jacob.

Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

<sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of *many* colors. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>5</sup>Now Joseph had a dream, and he told *it* to his brothers; and they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

<sup>8</sup>And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

<sup>9</sup>Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

<sup>10</sup>So he told *it* to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What *is* this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" <sup>11</sup>And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter *in mind*.



LOWER ELEMENTARY  
LEVEL 3  
HOME JOURNAL

### LESSON 42



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**What does God do for those who love him?**

### MEMORY VERSE

## Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are 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, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## 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?

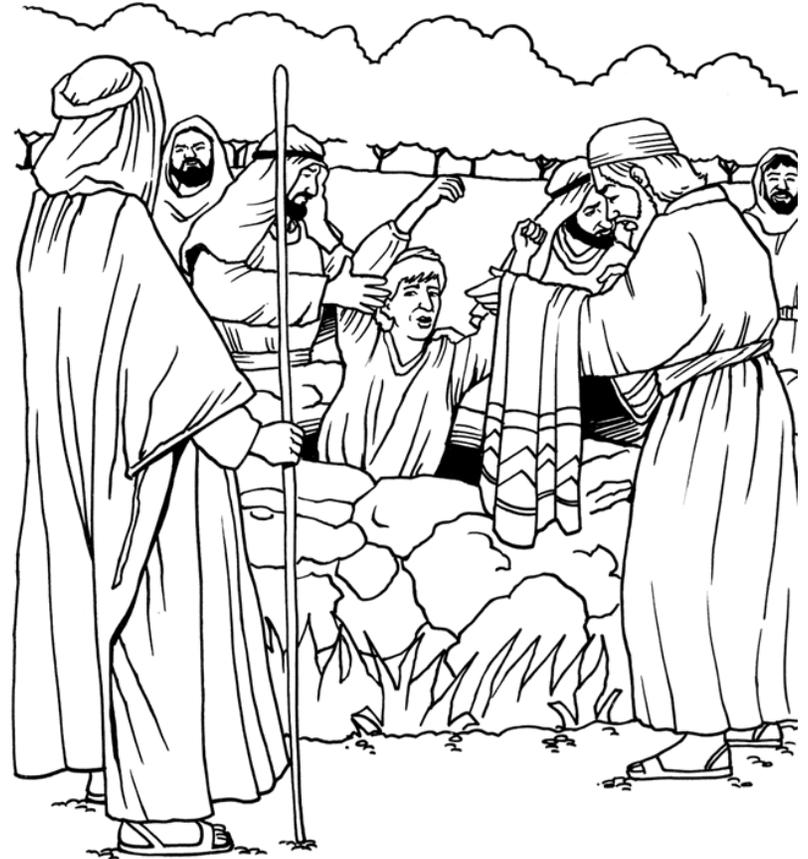
Prayer: Thank God that he is Lord over all things and that he will work even the bad things that happen out for good. Thank him that you have a place with him in heaven when your life on earth is done.

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?

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Genesis 37:3-4:<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of *many* colors.<sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably 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?

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Romans 8:28:<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the 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?

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Genesis 39:19-20: <sup>19</sup> So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused. <sup>20</sup> Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* confined. And he was there in the prison.

## 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?

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Genesis 37:8: <sup>8</sup> And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

## 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?

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Genesis 37:19-20: <sup>19</sup> Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming! <sup>20</sup> Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become 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?

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Genesis 37:26-27: <sup>26</sup> So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit *is there* if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh." And his brothers listened.