







<b>Materials I Need:</b>
<b>Legend:</b>  = Option 1, Appropriate for 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade  = Option 2, Appropriate for 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Memory Work:</b> “But Joseph said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.’” Genesis 50:19,20
<b>Aim Questions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Where did Jacob’s sons go to buy food? Why did they have to go there?</li><li>2. What did they believe to be the reason they were being accused of spying?</li><li>3. How had God used Joseph’s troubles for good?</li><li>4. What did Joseph do when he saw that his brothers’ hearts had changed?</li><li>5. When we have trouble in our lives, what should we do?</li><li>6. Who can turn our trouble to good?</li><li>7. Why should we forgive other people?</li></ol>

## Hook:

- The Ending to the Story Is Never a Surprise (Story/Discussion).** Read a familiar story, and stop short of the ending. Let the kids tell you how the story ends. Have you ever heard a story to which you already knew the ending? That’s the way it is for God every day! It’s hard for us to understand, but God knows the completed story of everyone’s life, every day!
- Tough Times (Discussion).**  Have you experienced difficult trials in your life? Have you made a move to a new town, started a new school, or gone through tough times with your family, maybe even a divorce, illness, or death? Have you ever been able to see how God used that particular struggle to strengthen you or to have a positive effect on those around you? (Teachers, if you share examples in your life, this will help these kids see how things might have been similar in their own lives.) As we finish our study of Genesis this morning, we will see the final outcome of Joseph’s life and how God used all of those difficult trials in his life to accomplish God’s sovereign plan.
- Invisibly in Control (Activity).** Using a piece of poster board or simply half of a manila file folder, draw a map or series of paths, clearly making some more “rocky” or difficult than others. Make it colorful and interesting. If you would like, give each of the children their own piece of poster board or manila folder (this however raises the need for many more magnets), and they can color their own map to take home. Then, using a large paper clip while placing a magnet under the board, move the paper clip along the path. You can even get fancy and make a construction paper person to carefully glue on top of the paper clip so that students can have more of a sense of moving “someone” along the path. God is always in control, even when we experience “rough roads” in our lives. Sometimes we wonder why He leads us down a particular path, but we can trust that He is always there and will not let go of us. A sample of this activity is provided for you to see.

 **Family Reunion (Discussion).** Have you ever been to a family reunion? (Allow a few students to share.) Maybe you've seen a story on TV about long-lost family members finding each other. What kinds of things happen when people get together with family they haven't seen for a long time? (Hugging, kissing, crying.) In today's Bible Adventure, there will be a very unusual family reunion complete with hugging, kissing and a lot of crying.

 **That's Your Interpretation (Demonstration).** Have two teachers demonstrate what it is to speak through an interpreter. One teacher will speak or pretend to speak in a different language (he could even wear a foreign costume). Have him introduce himself and ask the students what they have been learning in Bible School. Then the other teacher will interpret. Have the students talk back to the "foreign guest" through the interpreter. Have fun with this! For example, if a student asks the guest a question, have the guest give a very long and demonstrative answer; but then have the interpreter give a two-word interpretation. In our Bible story today, Joseph will speak through an interpreter even though he really knows both languages. Why does he do this?

 **Dreams Revisited (Picture Review).** Have the pictures of Joseph's dreams from Lesson #12, **1GEN12.GF1-3**, ready to show the students. Do they remember what these dreams meant? They were a prophecy of future events in Joseph's life. Why does God sometimes give prophecies of coming events? The main reason is so that when these prophecies are fulfilled, people will remember and realize that God is at work. In today's Bible Adventure these dreams will be fulfilled. Who will cause these things to happen? Will Joseph realize that God is at work fulfilling His plan?

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### **Book:**

#### **Presentation Ideas -**

 **This Bible Adventure, once again, lends itself toward a dramatization of the events that are covered. This can be done during BOOK time or as a review with class participation during the TOOK time.**

 **A Cup is Found (Illustration/Overhead).** Genesis 44:11-13, **1GEN14.GF1.**

 **Joseph Makes Himself Known (Illustration/Overhead).** Genesis 45:1-5, **1GEN14.GF2.**

 **Jacob Blesses His Sons at His Bedside (Illustration/Overhead).** Genesis 49:1, **1GEN14.GF3.**

#### **Bible Adventure -**

Suppose for a moment that God has given you a special ability to run faster than anyone. Now, imagine that there are a group of kids at your school who are secretly angry about your skill because they used to be the fastest. At first they leave you out of conversations and begin poking fun at you in small ways. Then they call you names and try to turn others kids against you. What would you think or do? Did you know that the fear or anger we have shows that we don't really believe, down deep inside, that God is in control of all things, even a bully at school? Joseph's belief that God is in control caused him to put up with being sold into slavery and thrown into prison; it also made him of great use to God.

Last time, God warned Pharaoh in a dream to prepare Egypt for seven years of famine. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge, and Joseph carefully stored up enough food for Egypt and other countries. Soon the brothers who had sold Joseph into slavery arrived in Egypt looking for food. As they bowed low to him, Joseph knew they were his brothers but they didn't recognize him, as it had been at least twenty years since they had seen one another. Wanting to know more about them, Joseph pretended that he thought they were spies, sent to find out where Egypt had weak areas that could be attacked. The brothers told Joseph that they had come only to buy food for themselves, their father and youngest brother back home. Joseph said he would see if they were telling the truth by putting them all in prison for three days. Then he told them that one of them would stay in prison while the rest of them went back home and returned with their youngest brother, Benjamin. Joseph said that when they had done this, he would know that they were telling him the truth.

As the brothers talked among themselves, they decided that this trouble came because of what they had done years before in selling their brother as a slave. Reuben reminded them that he had warned them not to harm Joseph, but they had ignored him. Joseph understood every word of their talk, though they did not know it, as he had been speaking to them in Egyptian. When he heard his brothers talking about their actions as if they were truly sorry for them, his heart was touched. He had to turn to hide his tears.

Joseph then gave orders that his brothers' sacks be filled with grain and the silver with which they had paid. Joseph kept his brother Simeon with him, and the rest went back to their home. On the way, one of the brothers opened his grain sack and found the silver there. Now they were very frightened. Joseph had already accused them of being spies; now he would think they were thieves, too. They said, "What is this that God has done to us?" Their troubles were causing them to think about the situation with Joseph in a way that Joseph's pleading and Jacob's tears had not.

When they told Jacob what had happened, he was very upset, thinking that now he would lose his son Simeon, too. At first he refused to let Benjamin return to Egypt with his brothers, but when they again ran out of food, Jacob had to send Benjamin so Joseph would see them. When Benjamin arrived, Joseph ordered that they all be taken to his home. Joseph again had to leave them while he cried. As they sat down to dinner, Joseph amazed them by arranging them in order of their ages.

Again Joseph gave orders that the brothers' sacks be filled with grain and silver; he even had his own silver cup put into Benjamin's sack. The next morning, as the brothers journeyed back to Canaan, Joseph sent his steward to stop them and to ask why they had stolen from him. The brothers denied having done anything wrong. They told the steward to search for the stolen silver. Of course he found some in every sack, as well as Joseph's own cup in Benjamin's sack.

Back before Joseph, the brothers begged him to believe they had not stolen from him. Joseph replied that he would keep Benjamin as a slave, since the silver cup had been found in his sack. Judah begged him not to do such a thing. He told Joseph that Benjamin was the only one of Rachel's sons left living, and their father loved him very much. The brothers were afraid that Jacob might die if anything happened to Benjamin. Then Judah showed Joseph how much the brothers' hearts had changed by offering to take Benjamin's place as a slave if Joseph would let him go.

Suddenly Joseph asked all his attendants to leave the room. Never in their wildest dreams could the brothers have predicted what Joseph said next, "I am Joseph. Is my father still living?" They were unable to answer him, they were so afraid. To see Joseph alive was a great shock. What would he do to pay them back for what he had suffered? Joseph just hugged his brothers and assured them that he was Joseph, whom they had sold into slavery. Then he said, "Do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you." He then told his brothers to go get their father and bring him to Egypt, where he would be safe and there would be plenty to eat.

Isn't that wonderful? If we looked at what had happened to Joseph through human eyes, we'd say he had every right to be angry at his brothers. We might even say he had a right to punish them for what they had done to him. Instead, Joseph's belief that God was in control of his life gave him the ability to offer forgiveness. In the same way, we are to remember what God has done for us and offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us.

Well, we've come a long way from the beginning of Genesis, where God created everything and then said it was good. In spite of the perfect world that was offered to man, Adam chose sin. Since then, evil has raised its ugly head and often tried to stop God's plan. From Joseph's life, we learn that the evil thoughts and actions of men can become the way God uses to bring about His plans. Can you imagine what Joseph's brothers thought when they learned that their awful plan to sell their own brother as a slave resulted in thousands of people being saved from starvation, including themselves? They now could come to Egypt and have a safe place to live, a place where God could cause them to grow into a nation. Joseph said later to his brothers, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done in many lives." Nothing can stop God's plans. The Bible is full of verses like Psalm 115:3, "Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him." Now, that is control. If you belong to Christ, this should give you confidence that no matter what, your mighty God is in control. You are safe in His hands, and there is no better place to be.



**A Closer Look (Discussion).** Read Genesis 44:33. “Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord’s slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers.” Here Judah is offering to give his life to take Benjamin’s punishment. Does this sound like something Jesus did for us? This is the first mention in the Bible of one person taking the punishment that another deserves. It’s interesting that Jesus is later born into Judah’s line of descendants. Later in the passage for this week, when Jacob is preparing to die, he gives each of his sons a blessing. Judah’s blessing includes a prophecy of the coming Messiah. Read it in chapter 49, verses 10-12.

**Packed and Ready! (Craft).** Make a cart like the one Joseph sent to Canaan for his family. Each student will need one copy of **1GEN14.GF7 Pgs. 1 & 2** that has been printed on cardstock, crayons, scissors and glue.

**Instructions:**

1. Color the cart, the people and their belongings.
2. Cut on the **double** lines. (This is best done beforehand, using a razor knife.)
3. Fold with picture toward the outside on the **single** solid lines.
4. Fold picture toward the inside on **broken** lines.
5. Glue where indicated on the cart.
6. Color and cut out the objects on **1GEN14.GF7 Pg. 2**.
7. Glue the people standing up lengthwise in the center of the cart and the other stand-ups on either side.

**Born to Save (Story).** Read this story aloud to the students. Does it sound a little far-fetched? Could this really have happened to one person? This not only happened to one person, but to two. Ask students who they think they were, **1GEN14.GF8**.

**What are They Crying about Now? (Worksheet).** There is a lot of strong emotion in this part of Joseph’s life. Look up each verse. Who is crying and why? **1GEN14.GF9**

**Three Trips to Egypt (Worksheet).** Joseph’s brothers made three trips to Egypt. As a class, briefly review how these trips fit into the story. Which trip is being described? Indicate this with the numbers “1”, “2”, or “3”. Very young students can do this if the teacher reads each question and students work as a class. *Answers: 1, 2, 3, 3, 1, 2; 2, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2; 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 2, 1GEN14.GF10.*



**Took:**

**ABC Button Banner (Craft).** Have students make a button banner on which to pin their ABC Buttons for the book of Genesis. A take-home kit will be provided for each child when he or she earns the first button. Kits include banner felt, dowel, cording and instructions with suggestions for individual decoration. These are available upon request.

**ABC Buttons (Memory Work).** We have reached the conclusion of the Genesis ABC stats from **1GEN01.GF11, 1GEN07.GF8** and **1GEN13.GF9**. Encourage students to continue working on their ABC stats so that they may be awarded for successfully memorizing the significant action, Bible verse and character statistics for each lesson throughout the book of Genesis. The ABC’s for Genesis 42-50 are:

- A. Famine and Forgiveness
- B. Genesis 50:19-20
- C. Israel, Joseph & 11 Brothers

**Genesis Review Button (Memory Work).** To earn the Review Button (#15), students will have to say all the ABC’s of Genesis. Encourage them to study hard! Ask students to bring in their banners December 27 (after Christmas) to show the class their collection. Students will be able to earn their Genesis #14 Button from today, as well as any remaining buttons, as this will be a review lesson on Genesis.

- God Is Always in Control (*Worksheet/Looking at the Similarities*).** 🐍 This coloring page, **1GEN14.GF11**, gives each table teacher the opportunity to present or review the way God used evil in these events to accomplish His perfect plan. It might be helpful if the table teacher completes the next worksheet, **1GEN14.GF12**, which is used for the older children.
- God Is Always In Control (*Worksheet/Compare and Contrast*).** 🦋 Together in small groups, complete **1GEN14.GF12**. Looking at the events in Joseph's life and those in the life of Christ, what are the similarities between how God used the evil done to each to accomplish His sovereign plan?
- Pass the Cup (*Snack/Memory Verse Review*).** Have students sit in a circle. Fill a cup with granola and pass it (carefully) around the circle. Have the first student with the cup say the first word of the memory verse. As the cup is passed, each student will add a word. The one who finishes the verse may pour some grain (granola) into his hand (or into a napkin) and leave the circle. Continue until the last student says the whole verse and gets his snack. (Refill the cup as needed. The verse will be said as many times as you have students. If you have a large class, you may want to divide into two circles.)
- A Lot of Lives (*Discussion*).** "But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, **the saving of many lives,**'" Genesis 50:19,20. Whose lives were being saved? First of all, the lives of all the Egyptians. But besides the people of Egypt, many people from surrounding countries were coming to Joseph for food. Jacob's family was among them. Think about this... God's plan was to send a Savior to the world through the children of Israel (specifically Judah). When God preserved His people, He was saving the nation through whom Jesus would later come. Since Jesus has saved our lives, could you actually say that the "saving of many lives" includes us? I'll bet Joseph didn't realize how many lives he was really talking about!
- Forgive One Another (*Bible Drill*).** Have students race to find these verses on forgiveness, **1GEN14.GF13 Pgs. 1&2**. Have all students hold their closed Bibles in the air with one hand as each reference is read. Students must then wait for the "GO" command.

# WHICH DAY?

God is the beginning. God is the Creator. On which day did God do each of these things? Draw a line from each activity to the correct day.

God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear."

The earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind.

God blessed this day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.

God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.

God made two great lights - the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night.

God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.

God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it.

**BEGINNING**

**1ST DAY**

**2ND DAY**

**3RD DAY**

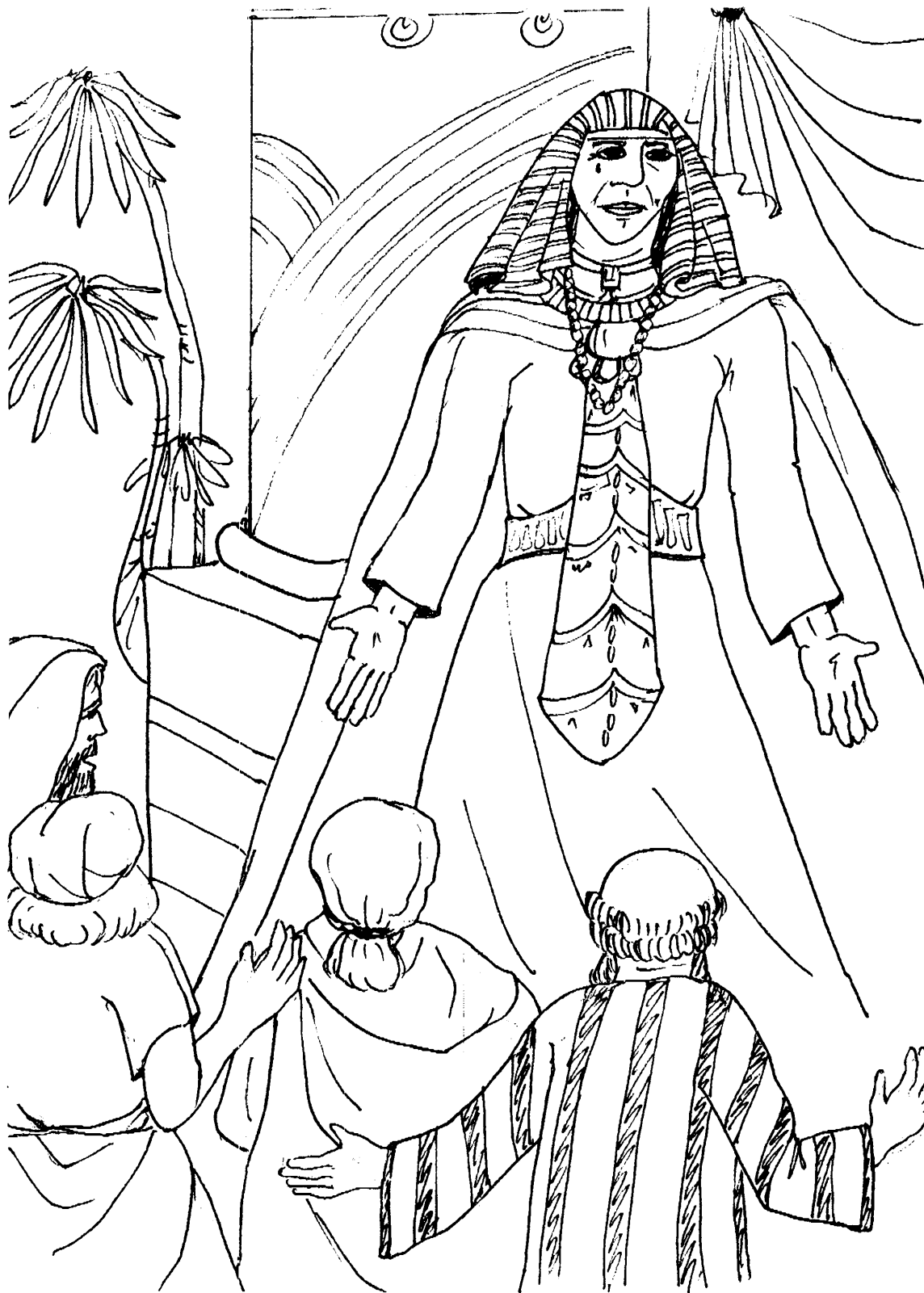
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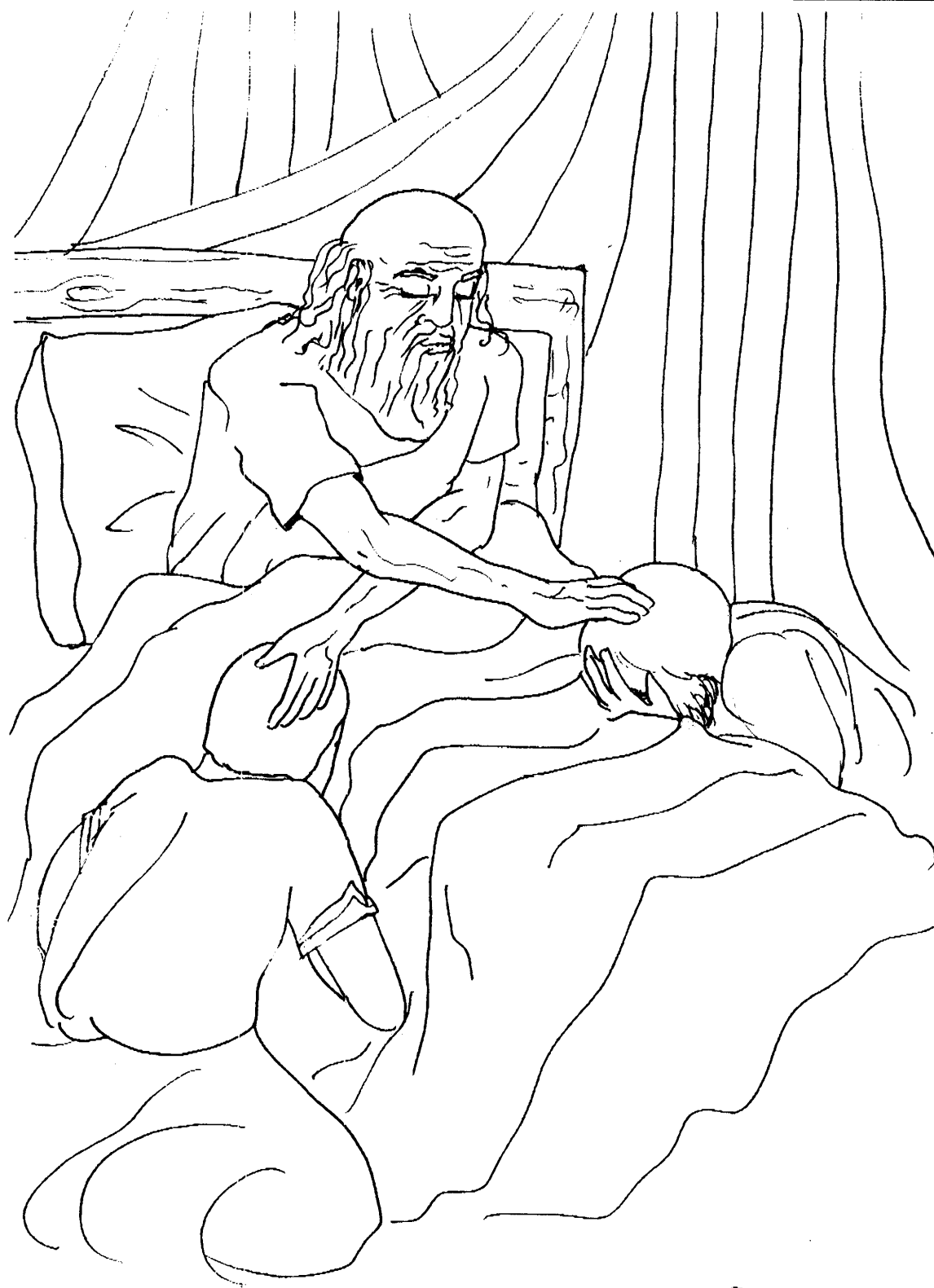
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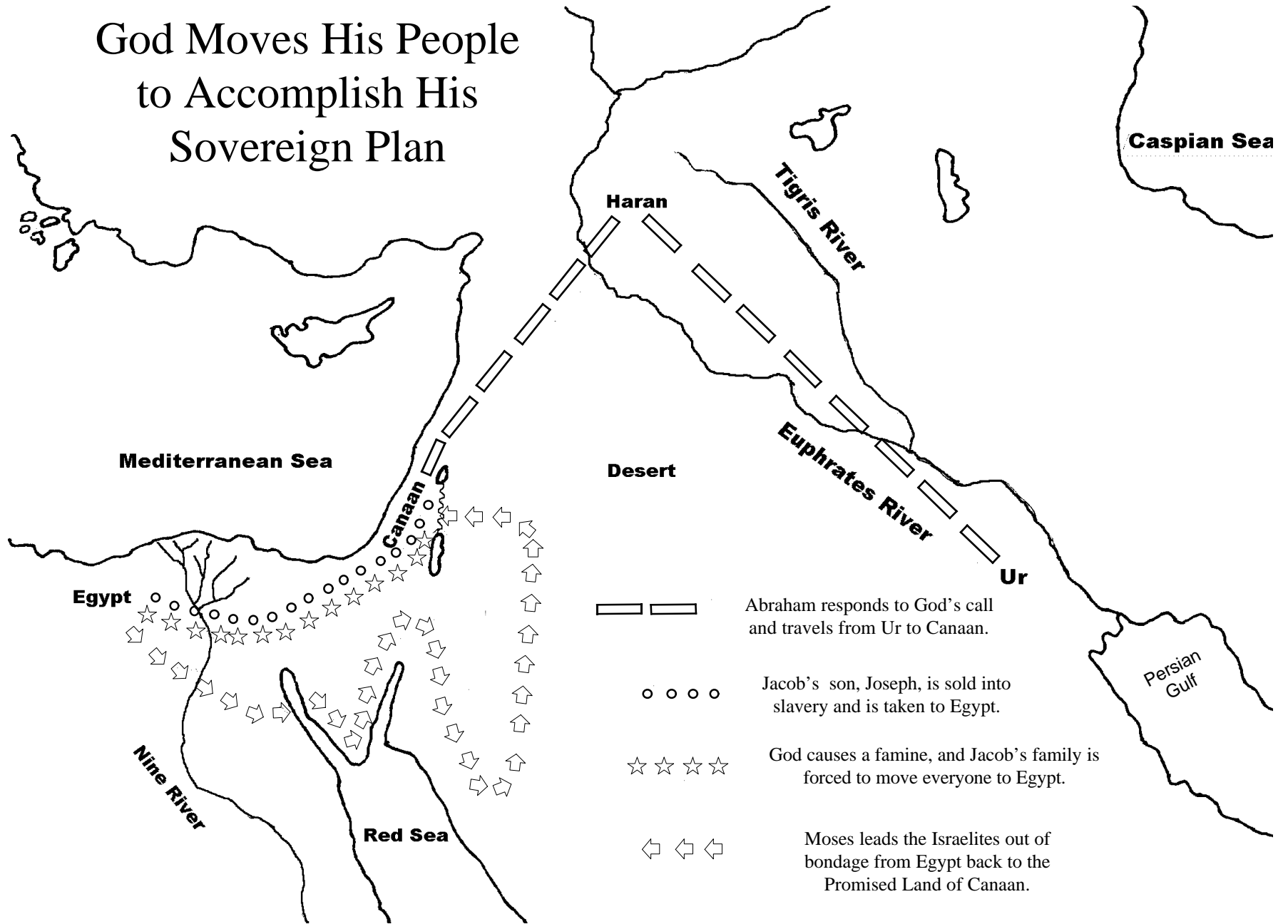
# Joseph Makes Himself Known



# Jacob Blesses His Sons at His Bedside

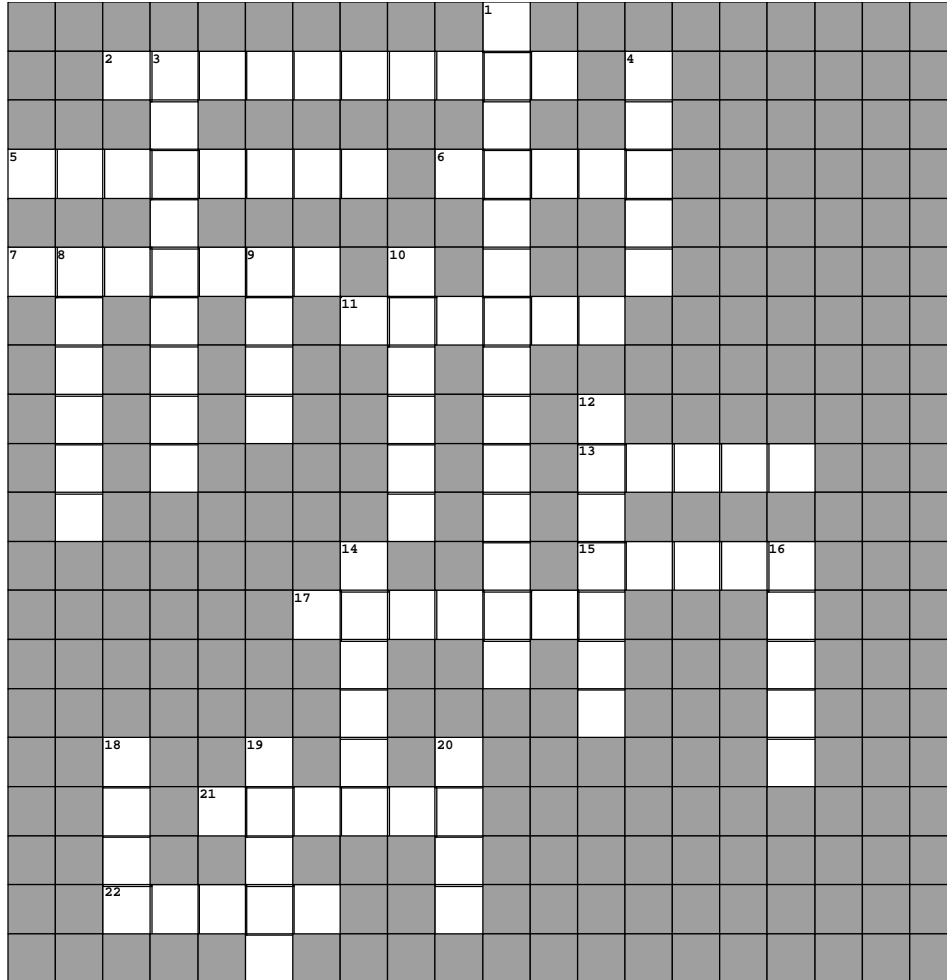


# God Moves His People to Accomplish His Sovereign Plan



# God Uses Man to Accomplish His Plan

God's will, not man's, is the controlling reality in every event in our lives, and the lives of those around us. The Bible is filled with examples of people whom He used to accomplish His perfect plan. No matter what we do or what evil befalls us, God's will is always the ultimate end result. Solve these questions, and fill in the names of some of those people used by God in miraculous ways.



### Across

2. A descendant of David, he led the first group of exiles back to Jerusalem from Babylon
5. Captain of the Pharaoh's body guard
6. Disciple who betrayed Jesus
7. The designer/architect of the tabernacle for Moses
11. A soothsayer hired by King Balak to pronounce a curse on the Israelites, but an angel of the Lord spoke through his donkey, and he wisely changed his mind
13. Abraham's father
15. Enthusiastic disciple of Jesus whose name means "rock"
17. Giant of the Philistine army who singlehandedly antagonized the armies of Israel until defeated by David
21. The successor to Moses; a military genius
22. Father-in-law of Jacob

### Down

1. The mighty king of Babylon who deported the cream of Judah's population
3. Mother of John the Baptist
4. God chose this man to lead His people out of Egypt
8. Timothy's mother
9. Jacob's brother
10. Samuel's mom
12. A martyr for Christ
14. Son of Jacob, sold into slavery, rose to be equal to pharaoh in Egypt, and saved his family from famine
16. A harlot of Jericho, who saved the lives of two of Joshua's spies
18. Witnessed the stoning of Stephen, experienced a blinding conversion to become a Christian and later became a dedicated missionary
19. Used by God to change (only temporarily) the hearts of the Ninivites
20. The woman who gave birth to the Savior

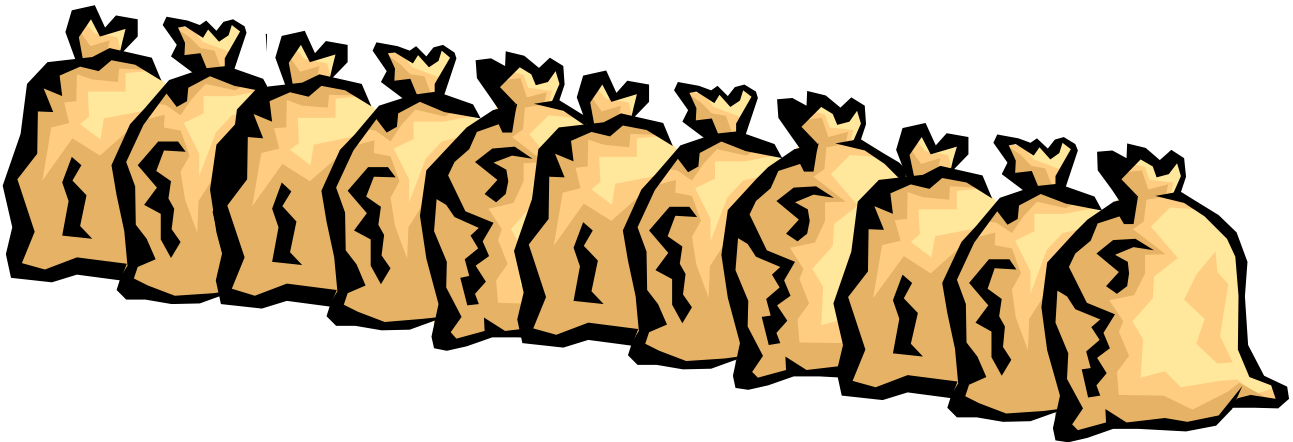
# Find Joseph's Cup



Answer these questions.

1. Brother \_\_\_\_\_ did not go on the first trip to Egypt.
2. On their first visit, Joseph accused his brothers of being \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The brothers told Joseph they were the sons of \_\_\_\_\_ man and had one brother at home.
4. Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt from the land of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Joseph kept \_\_\_\_\_ as a hostage until the other brothers brought Benjamin back.  
(This was the oldest brother who was in on selling Joseph to the slave traders.)
6. After their first visit to Egypt, the brothers found \_\_\_\_\_ in their sacks.
7. They went back to Egypt the second time to get \_\_\_\_\_.
8. When the brothers went to eat at Joseph's house, he seated them according to their \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Joseph gave \_\_\_\_\_ five times as much to eat as the other brothers.
10. Joseph threatened to make Benjamin a \_\_\_\_\_ for "stealing" his cup.  
(Does this sound familiar?)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ offered himself as a substitute for Benjamin when he was in trouble.

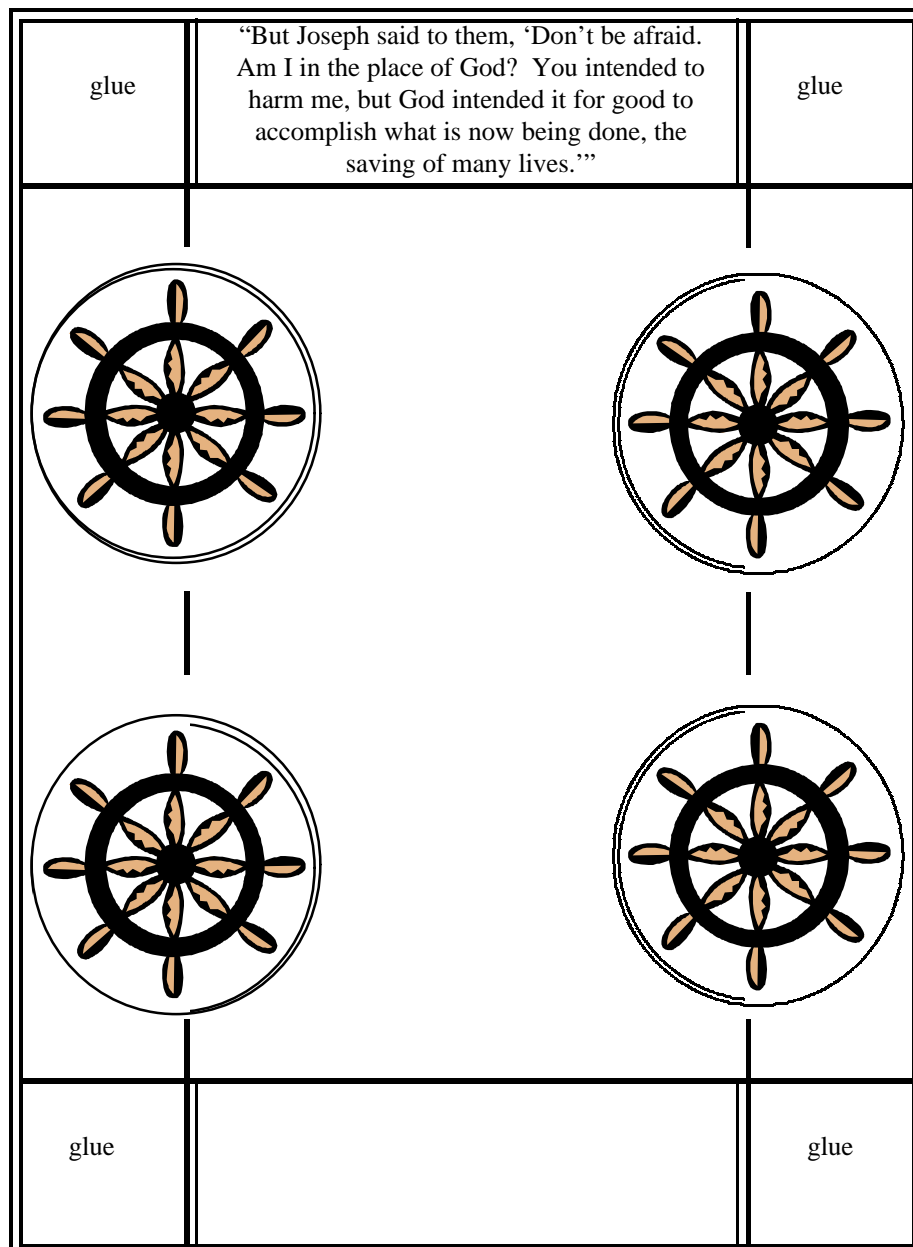
Now, correct your answers. For each correct answer, put a check-mark on one of the bags you want to "search." (If you have answered 8 questions correctly, you may "check" 8 sacks.) Your teacher will tell you which sack holds the silver cup.



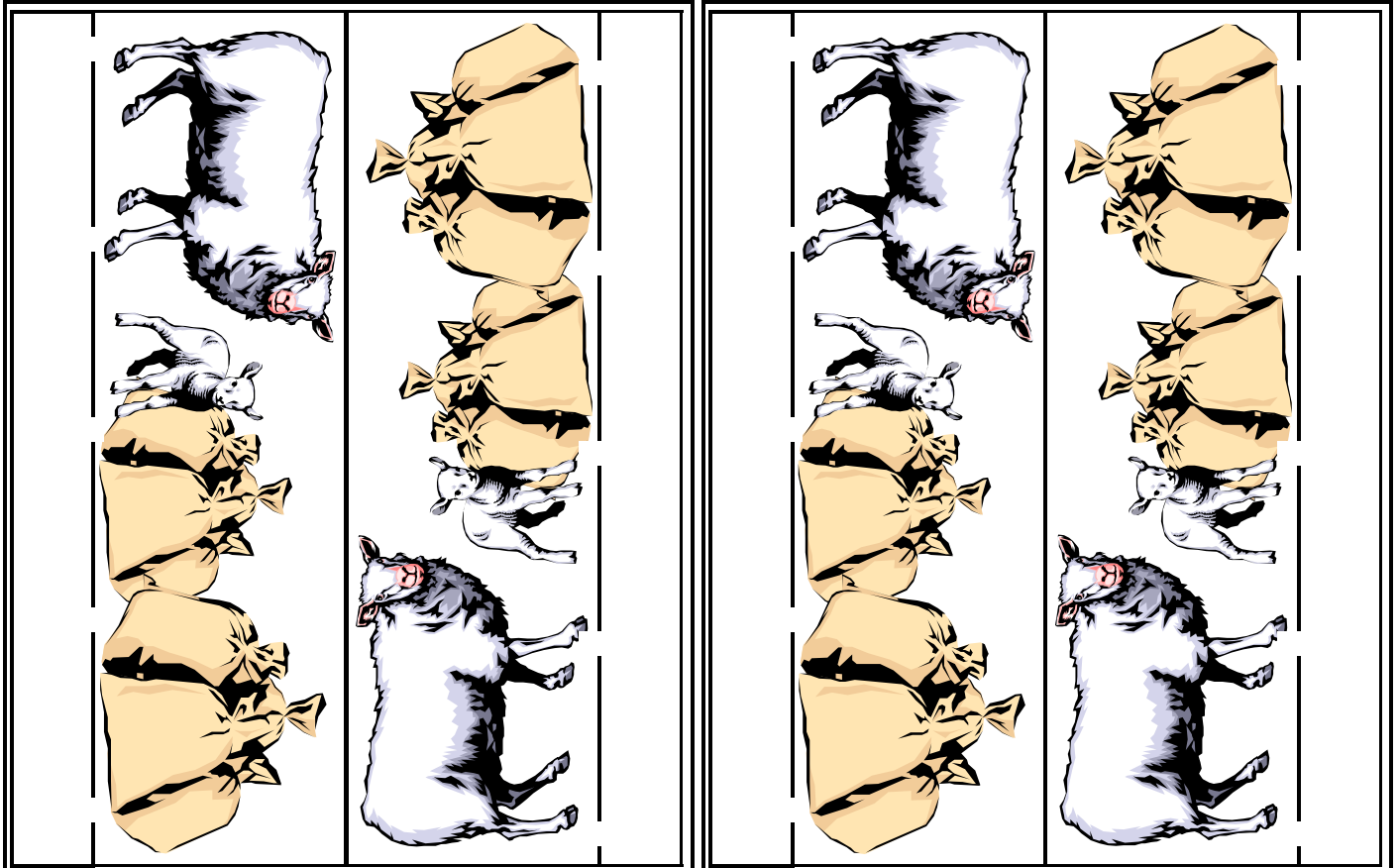
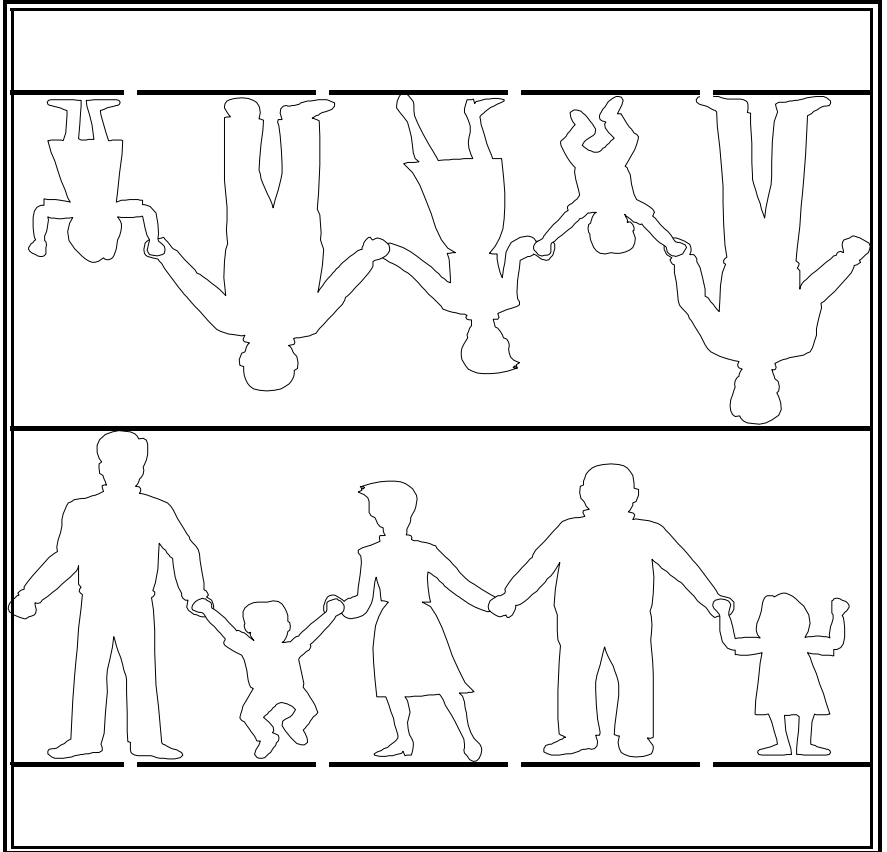
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# PACKED AND READY!



# *Born to Save*

I want to tell you a story. It's a true story, although some may say that there is no way it can be. As the events of this story unfold, they may seem a little too much. You may think, how can all this happen to just one person?

It all started many years ago, in a land a long way from here. A young man, deeply loved by his father, was wronged by those who should have also loved him. These people hated him, partly because he spoke the truth.

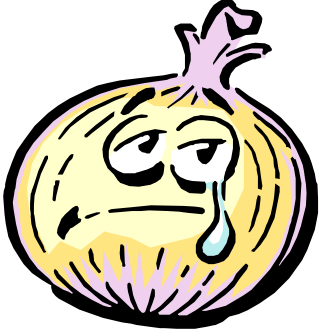
One day his father, a rich sheep rancher, sent him to check on the flock. His father really cared about his sheep and the herdsmen; he wanted to know how they were doing. Because the young man loved his father very much, he went at once. When he found the flock and herdsmen, a terrible thing happened. The herdsmen plotted to do away with him. They accomplished their task, or so they thought.

A lot of other things happened to this young man during his life. He had a robe, his outer clothing, that was really special because it was lovingly given to him. It was taken from him, by those who hated him, when they thought they would never see him again, when they thought he would soon be dead. At one point in his life, he was taken into a foreign land. He lived there for quite some time. During his life, he was tempted by sin and escaped. He was falsely accused, bound in chains, and found himself with two other prisoners. Because of his understanding of things, one of these fellow prisoners lived to serve his master for the rest of his life. Unfortunately, the other was found to be guilty and died. This young man was sold, by the ones who hated him, for the price of a slave. He did an amazing thing, though. When it came down to the end, he forgave the ones who had done wrong to him. He even wept for them. He was able to do this because he knew that even though these men had intended to do him harm, God had caused it all to happen. His God had meant it for good. After all his suffering, this young man was eventually lifted up and praised. Because of him, all his people would some day be saved.

Does this story sound a little far-fetched? Do you think there is no way all this could have happened to one person? Well think again. This not only happened to one person, but to two. Think about it; who were they?

# What Are They Crying About Now?

There is a lot of strong emotion in this part of Joseph's life.  
Look up each verse. Tell who is crying and why.



**Genesis 42:24** Who is crying? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 43:30** Who is crying? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 45:2** Who is crying? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 45:14,15** Who is crying? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 46:29** Who is crying? \_\_\_\_\_

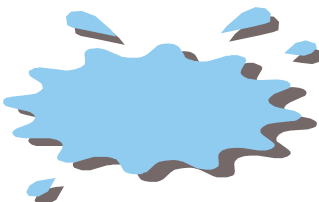
Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 50:1** Who is crying? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 50:17** Who is crying? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_































































































# Three Trips to Egypt

Joseph's brothers made three trips to Egypt.

Which trip is being described? Indicate with the number "1", "2" or "3".

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	_____	Benjamin did not go to Egypt.																													
	_____	They took gifts and double their money.																													
	_____	It was a one-way trip.																													
	_____	They traveled in carts.																													
	_____	The brothers were accused of spying.																													
	_____	The brothers were accused of stealing.																													
	_____	Joseph revealed himself to his brothers.																													
	_____	They returned to Canaan without Simeon.																													
	_____	They ate at Joseph's house.																													
	_____	The brothers brought their animals and families.																													
	_____	They did not bring money to buy grain.																													
	_____	A missing cup was found.																													
	_____	Joseph saw his father.																													
	_____	They came to Goshen.																													
	_____	Judah offered to take Benjamin's place.																													
	_____	Pharaoh invited Joseph's family to live in Egypt.																													
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# God Is ALWAYS In Control

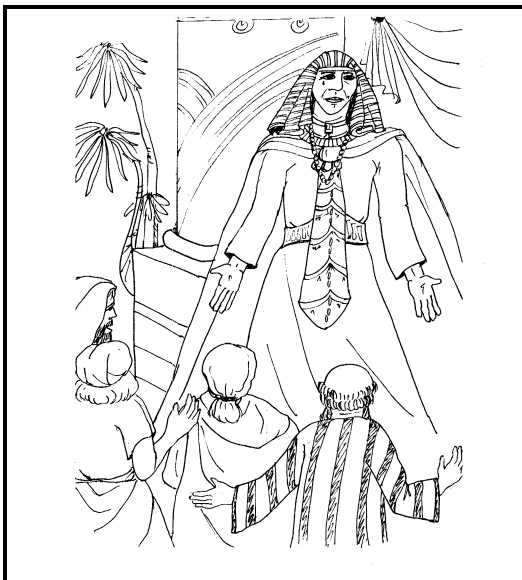
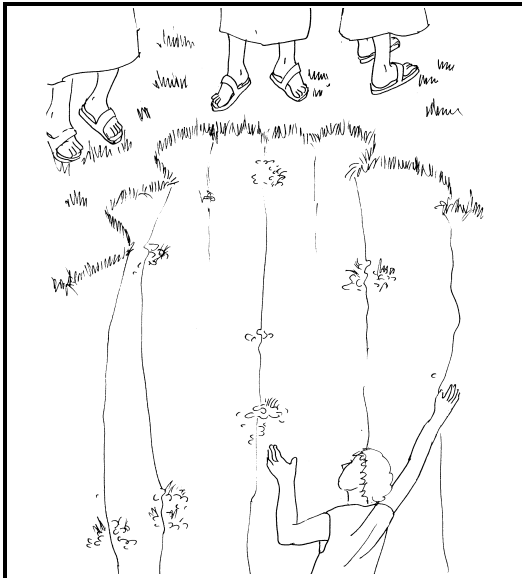
# LOOK

## At The Similarities

Color the pictures below, and discuss with your teacher how  
God used these events to fulfill His ultimate plans.

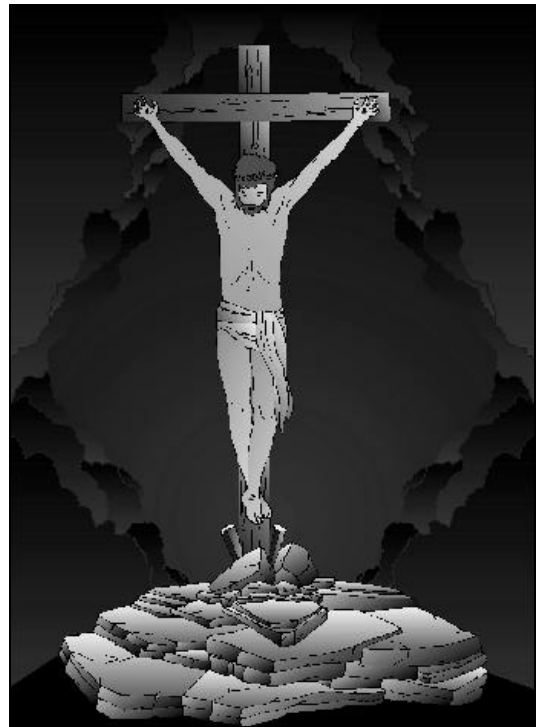
**Joseph suffers mistreatment and offers  
forgiveness to those who wronged him.**

“And as for you, you meant evil against me, but  
God meant it for good.” Genesis 50:20



**Christ suffers mistreatment and offers  
forgiveness to those who wronged Him.**

“This Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan  
and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross  
by the hands of godless men and put Him to  
death.” Acts 2:23



# God Is ALWAYS In Control

## Compare and Contrast

Read through the Scripture references given. Discuss the circumstances surrounding the events of suffering, mistreatment and forgiveness for Joseph and Christ. Make a list, and compare how God used different events to fulfill His ultimate plan. Where possible, record Scripture references to justify your observations.

### Joseph

“And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.” **Genesis 50:20**

Mistreatment \_\_\_\_\_

Suffering \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with God \_\_\_\_\_

Offered forgiveness to those who wronged him \_\_\_\_\_

### Christ

“This Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.” **Acts 2:23**

Mistreatment \_\_\_\_\_

Suffering \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with God \_\_\_\_\_

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- Genesis 33:4** “But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.”
- Genesis 45:5** “And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.”
- Genesis 45:8** “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.”
- Genesis 50:19,20** “But Joseph said to them, ‘Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.’”
- Leviticus 19:18** “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”
- Proverbs 25:21,22** “If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.”
- Matthew 5:7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”
- Matthew 18:32-35** “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ‘This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.’”



- Mark 11:25** “And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”
- Luke 6:36** “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”
- Luke 11:4** “Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”
- Luke 17:3,4** “So watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”
- Luke 23:34** “Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.”
- Acts 7:59,60** “While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he fell asleep.”
- Ephesians 4:32** “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
- Colossians 3:13** “Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”
- I Peter 3:9** “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”