

TRINITY at HOME and TOGETHER!

Sunday 25th Oct 2020

Watch the family grow!

This week- Jacob's family and Joseph's journey into Egypt



Baby Isaac, son of Sarah and Abraham, grew up, married Rebecca and they had twin sons

Esau was born first, meaning he was the oldest and would inherit a special blessing from his father and be considered the most important.



Jacob was Rebecca's favourite child and she wanted Jacob to have his father's special blessing. So they tricked Isaac into giving Jacob the special blessing. Esau was FURIOUS because now Jacob was considered more important than his brother!

Esau Jacob



Jacob had a very large family. There were 12 brothers in total and one sister.

Jacob's children's names were

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Isaachar, Zebulun, Dinah (his daughter) **Joseph** and Benjamin

The sons made up the 12 tribes of Israel

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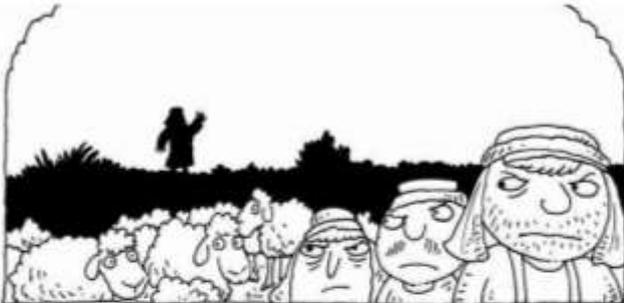
Jacob had a favourite son. His name was Joseph. "What can I give to my son so he knows just how special he is?" Jacob thought.



Joseph's brothers got in a real mood and they began to hate him. "Why should Joseph have something bright and wonderful to wear and we only have our dull brown clothes?" they grumbled.



One day Joseph's brothers went out to look after the sheep and they saw Joseph coming, so they began to plot a horrible plan to kill him, but brother Reuben, said "No we can't do that. Let's put him down a well and pretend to dad that Joseph has died."



Poor Joseph was led to the land of Egypt where his dreams continued, and he warned Pharaoh that a terrible famine was coming. So Pharaoh wisely kept some food in store for the days when there would be little food from the land.



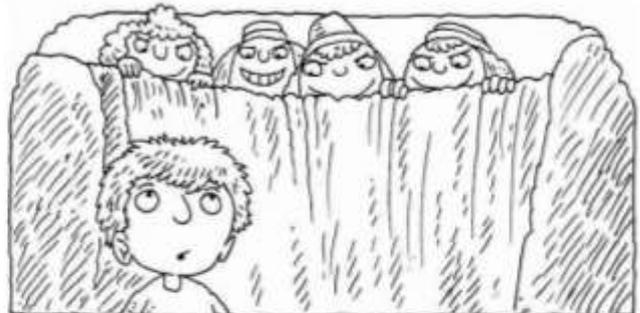
"I know! I will have a special coat made for him." Jacob thought. He had the coat made and gave it to Joseph, but Joseph's brothers were FURIOUS and oh so jealous, because that was a bit like being given a farrari today.



But worse was to come! Joseph started having dreams about sheaves of wheat and he said to his brothers, "In my dream all your sheaves of wheat bowed down to mine!"



So they put their brother down a well. But just then a group of traders came buy. "I know we could make some money out of him by selling him as a slave" and that is exactly what they did.



But that of course is not the end of the story! Joseph always, always trusted God, even when everything seemed hopeless and you can continue the story by clicking on the link on the next page.

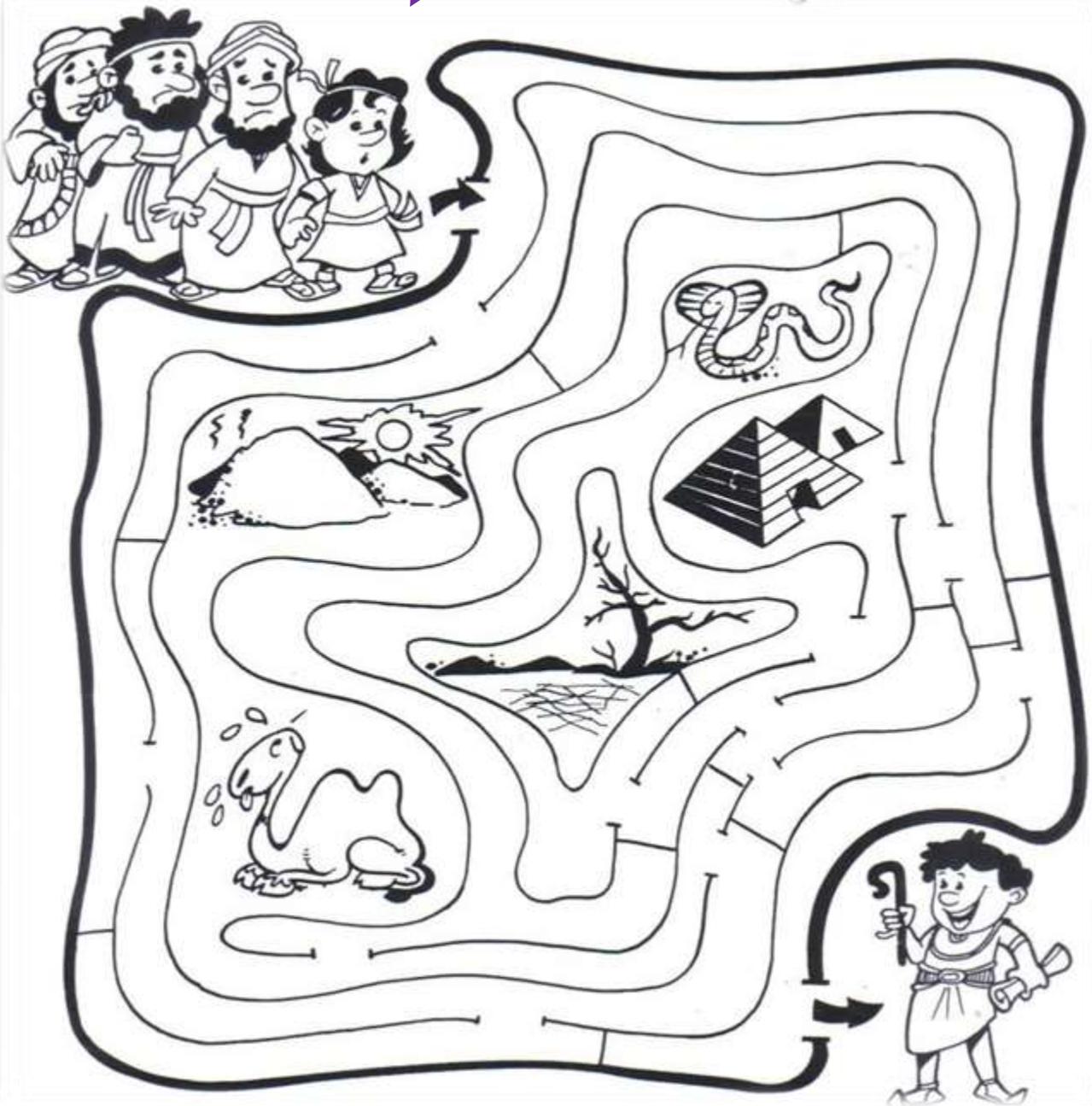


<https://youtu.be/WuklvsXkOcM>

WATCH !



Help Joseph's brothers get to Egypt



POOR JOSEPH

To make Joseph down the well you will need:

- a clean yogurt pot
- 1 cut out Joseph
- Some colouring pens
- Some Sellotape



1. Colour and cut out Joseph
2. Cut out the stone covering paper
3. Wrap it around your pot and stick
4. Put Joseph into the well

SOME QUESTIONS TO WONDER ABOUT TOGETHER

- I wonder what Joseph did to upset his brothers so much?
- I wonder how Joseph felt when he met his brothers?
- I wonder what Joseph was thinking and feeling when he was down the well?
- I wonder how Joseph felt when he was sold to become a slave?



TO SHARE AND PRAY TOGETHER

Everything seemed terrible for Joseph, but God used everything, even the awful things, like the jealousy of Joseph's brothers, to do something good. Joseph trusted in God, and through that trust, the growing family of God, the tribe of Israel, was saved.

The book of psalms tells us that people a long time ago found some things in life a bit tricky, just as we find some things difficult today. They wrote down their thoughts and feelings in songs, as well as praising God for helping them get through difficult days.

Here is part of a prayer from that book; (psalm 40 rewritten by A McCALLEN)

*"I was slipping, I was falling,
I could not help myself, as I fell into that oozy pit!
Help me Lord!*

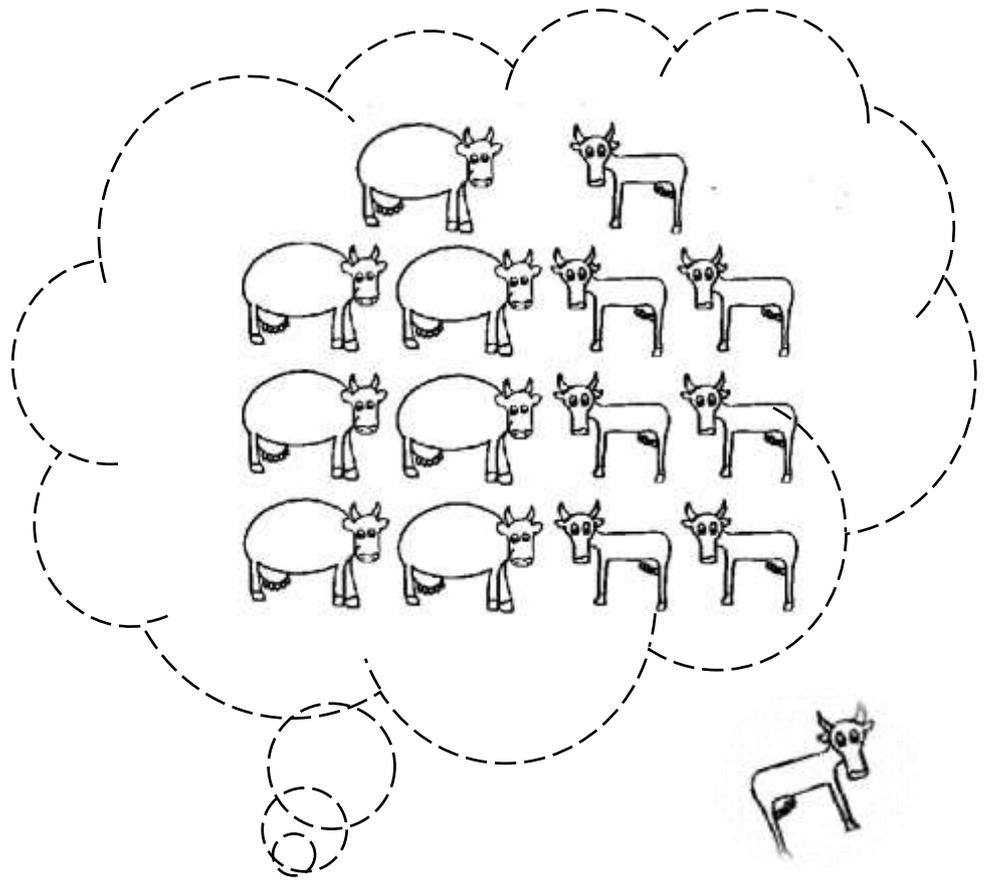


*The Lord bent down and he pulled me up.
He heard my cry.
I felt the solid earth under my feet again and I praised God,
singing a song of joyful thanks!"*

- I wonder if Joseph prayed a prayer like the **first** half of the psalm when he was down the well, or in prison, and if he prayed a prayer, praising God, after the bad times were over like the **second** half of the psalm?
- What might you be finding difficult right now?
- Ask someone in your family what they have prayed for in difficult times, and say a prayer together. Maybe you want to give thanks for something or maybe you want to share a worry together and ask for God's help.

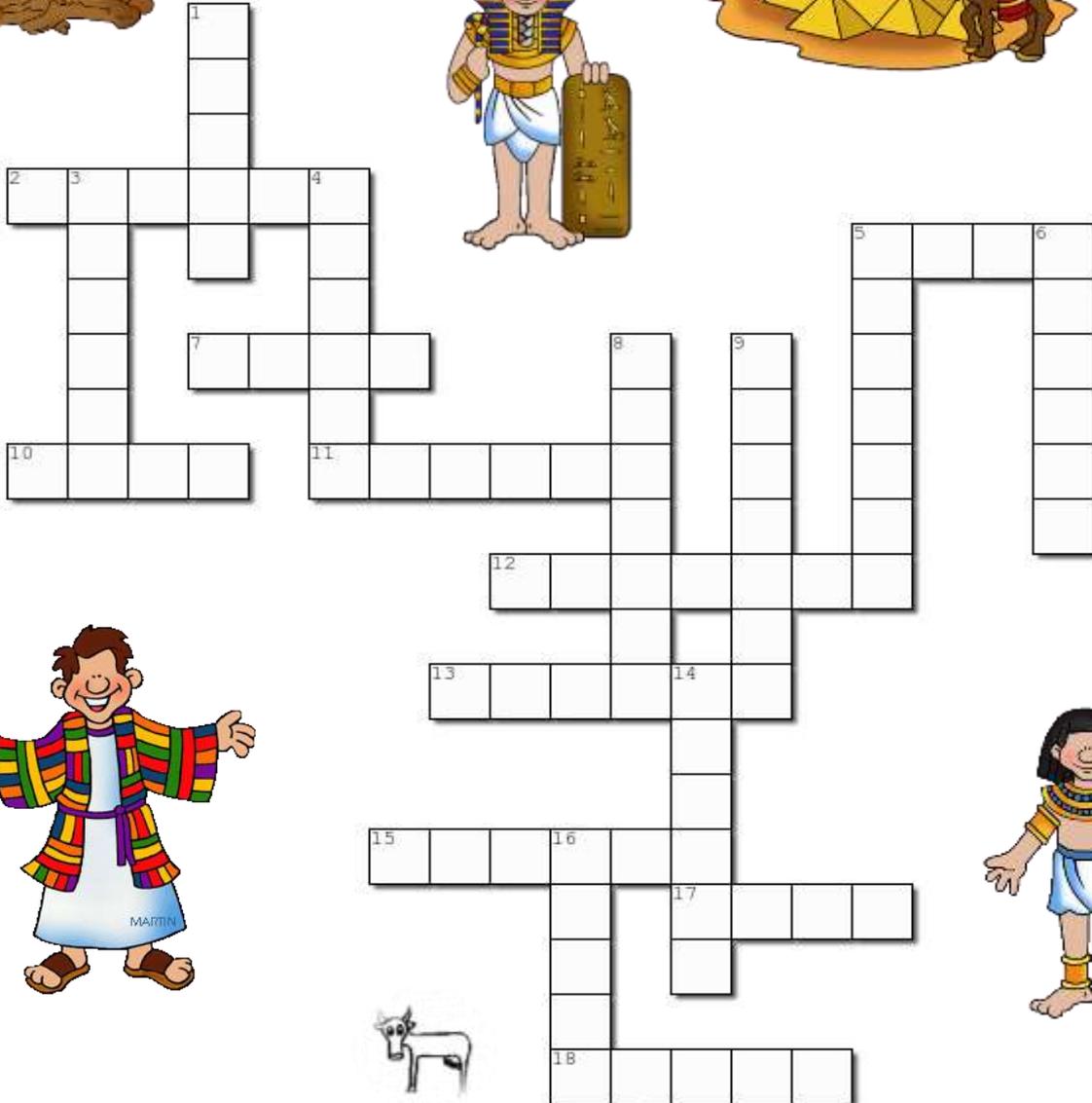


For those who love God, all
things work together for
good



Pharaoh had some strange dreams about cows.

- What did Joseph say the dream meant?
- What do you dream about?
- Do you ever wonder what your dreams are about?



Horizontal

2. When the brothers met Joseph again they felt.....
5. The special gift that was given
7. The brothers told their father that Joseph was
10. The place where Joseph was put by his brothers
11. Joseph was sold for this
12. Joseph's brothers felt this
13. Jacob's favourite son
15. Joseph was thought to have done something wrong so he went to.....
17. The animals that Joseph saw in his dreams
18. The land where Joseph was taken to

Vertical

1. Joseph's sister's name
3. They went to Egypt because there was no food at home. We call this a
4. Joseph had these
5. The coat had many.....
6. the number of sons Jacob had
8. Joseph still loved his brothers and hethem.
9. The ruler's title
14. Joseph became a.....
16. Joseph was sold to be this