



Parents, this is a read-to-me story.

Genesis tells of the creation of the world and the big flood. But did you know most of the book actually covers a true story about how God protected a boy named Joseph?

If you are the youngest child in your family, maybe you feel like Joseph sometimes. He had 10 older brothers. He really had to learn to share!

Younger children typically get what are called "hand-me-downs." Has your brother or sister ever grown too big for something and then given it to you? Or have you ever given your brother or sister something that didn't fit you anymore, or maybe a toy you didn't need anymore? That is a hand-me-down because you give it, or hand it down, to the next person who can use it.

Because Joseph was the youngest, he probably got a lot of hand-me-downs from his older brothers. This may have been why Joseph's brothers were so surprised when Joseph got a new coat from their dad when he was a teenager. None of them had ever gotten a gift as nice. It was made of good cloth and had a lot of colors in it.

Around the same time, God started talking to Joseph through dreams. In the dreams, God showed Joseph His plan to use Joseph for big, special things!

Joseph's brothers got so jealous of his colorful coat and the dreams and plans God gave to him that they planned to kill him. But one brother, Reuben, said to the others, "Let's not kill him. Let's just throw him into a deep hole in the ground." The other nine brothers agreed.

When Joseph was in the deep hole, a few travelers were going by. The travelers offered money for Joseph, so his brothers took the money and sold him! Joseph would be the travelers' slave. But Joseph didn't forget

the dreams God gave him. Because of the dreams, Joseph knew God had plans to help and use him – he just had to wait.

Do you see how Joseph was different than his brothers?

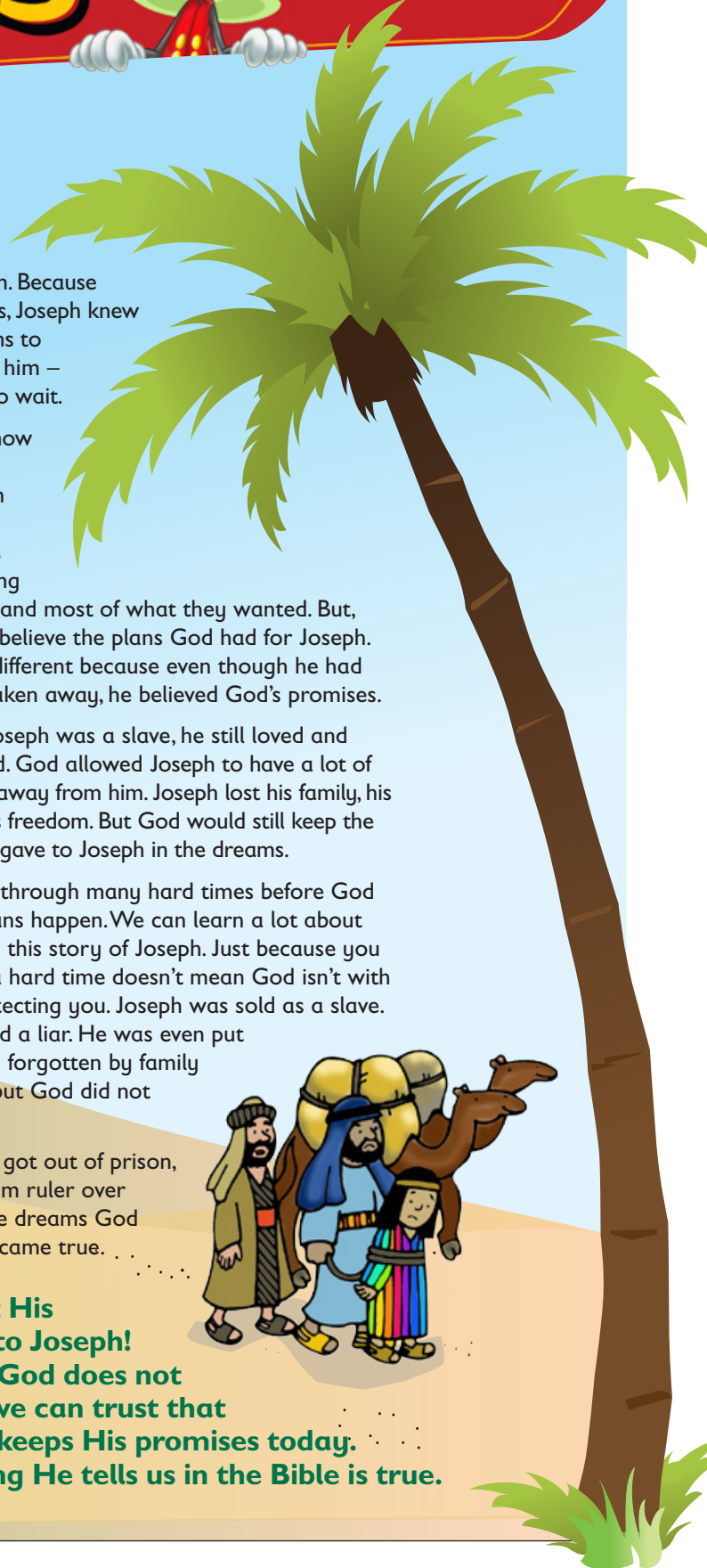
The brothers had everything they needed and most of what they wanted. But, they did not believe the plans God had for Joseph. Joseph was different because even though he had everything taken away, he believed God's promises.

Even while Joseph was a slave, he still loved and honored God. God allowed Joseph to have a lot of things taken away from him. Joseph lost his family, his home and his freedom. But God would still keep the promises He gave to Joseph in the dreams.

Joseph went through many hard times before God made His plans happen. We can learn a lot about God through this story of Joseph. Just because you go through a hard time doesn't mean God isn't with you and protecting you. Joseph was sold as a slave. He was called a liar. He was even put in prison and forgotten by family and friends, but God did not forget him.

After Joseph got out of prison, God made him ruler over Egypt. All the dreams God gave Joseph came true.

God kept His promise to Joseph! Because God does not change, we can trust that God still keeps His promises today. Everything He tells us in the Bible is true.



SHARING

Did you ever

want something your friend, brother or sister had?

Did you ever want it so much you thought about it all the time?

THAT'S CALLED JEALOUSY.

You'll be glad you did it!

Talk to your mom or dad about giving away some clothes

look at what you DO have!

We don't EVER want to become like Joseph's older brothers.

who don't have much.

or games you don't need anymore.

Instead of looking at what you DON'T have,

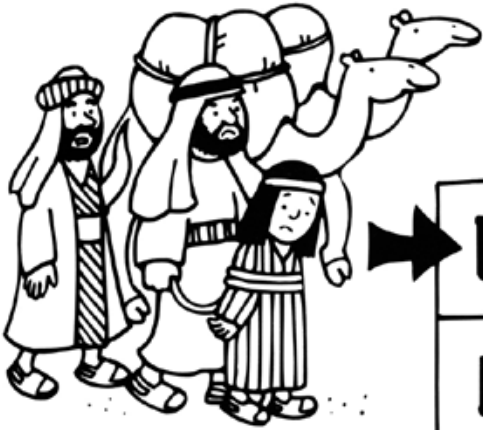
They thought about stuff so much they hurt – almost killed their brother.

or donate them to a shelter that helps kids –

You can give them to a younger sibling

Sometimes the best way not to be jealous is to give stuff away.

All because of jealousy.



Follow the E's to show Joseph's path to Egypt.

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God was with Joseph when Joseph was taken to Egypt.
 God is with us, too.
 Our Bible says, "The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Find the word GO in the maze. Copy the word.
 Then add a D to the end of it. Now you've spelled GOD!

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