

## Joseph

Joseph's story can be found in the Bible starting in Genesis chapter 37. He was a young man who had a lot of ups and downs in his life. When he was young, he was really his dad's favourite child and was given a special, patterned colourful coat!



Joseph's brothers were jealous, they did not like the way he talked and seemed to boast about his dreams and so they were horrible to him. They put him in a deep well and wanted to kill him. They did not kill him but sold him to some men from another country. He really suffered for a long time but he still trusted God. He even spent years in prison but God rescued him. Amazingly, years later, God used his life to help thousands of people in Egypt, including his family to have enough food to survive.

A bit like Joseph, we may be going through a difficult time at the moment. Because of the coronavirus we are not able to go out to our schools, to work or to play with others. But we know that God, our heavenly Father and our loving Saviour will work things out for good if we are patient and love and trust in him.

Parents, you may want to talk about these verses below, or ask your children what they know about Joseph and watch the videos with your children:

"We have sufferings now. But they are nothing compared to the great glory that will be given to us.

We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him."

**Romans 8: vs18, 28 ICB**

Here are some links to cartoon stories of Joseph that you can watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ7wLTBnF84> (Crossroads kids club) God's Story: Joseph

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy1DpebexTQ> Joseph and His Brothers - the Beginners Bible. This has quite a long introduction.

<http://freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ls-joseph-coat/> Joseph's New Coat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcGaK22D58E> Joseph's Coat of Many Colours, Song with the words to join in.

Prayer:

Father God, we thank you that you love us like you loved Joseph and even loved his jealous brothers. Thank you that we see how you rescued Joseph from danger, when he was in big trouble. We trust you now and ask you to help us and keep us safe at this time of being in lockdown at home. We ask you to help all the doctors, nurses, key workers and our own families too. We thank you for those who are working to help us. Bless them for Jesus sake.

Amen



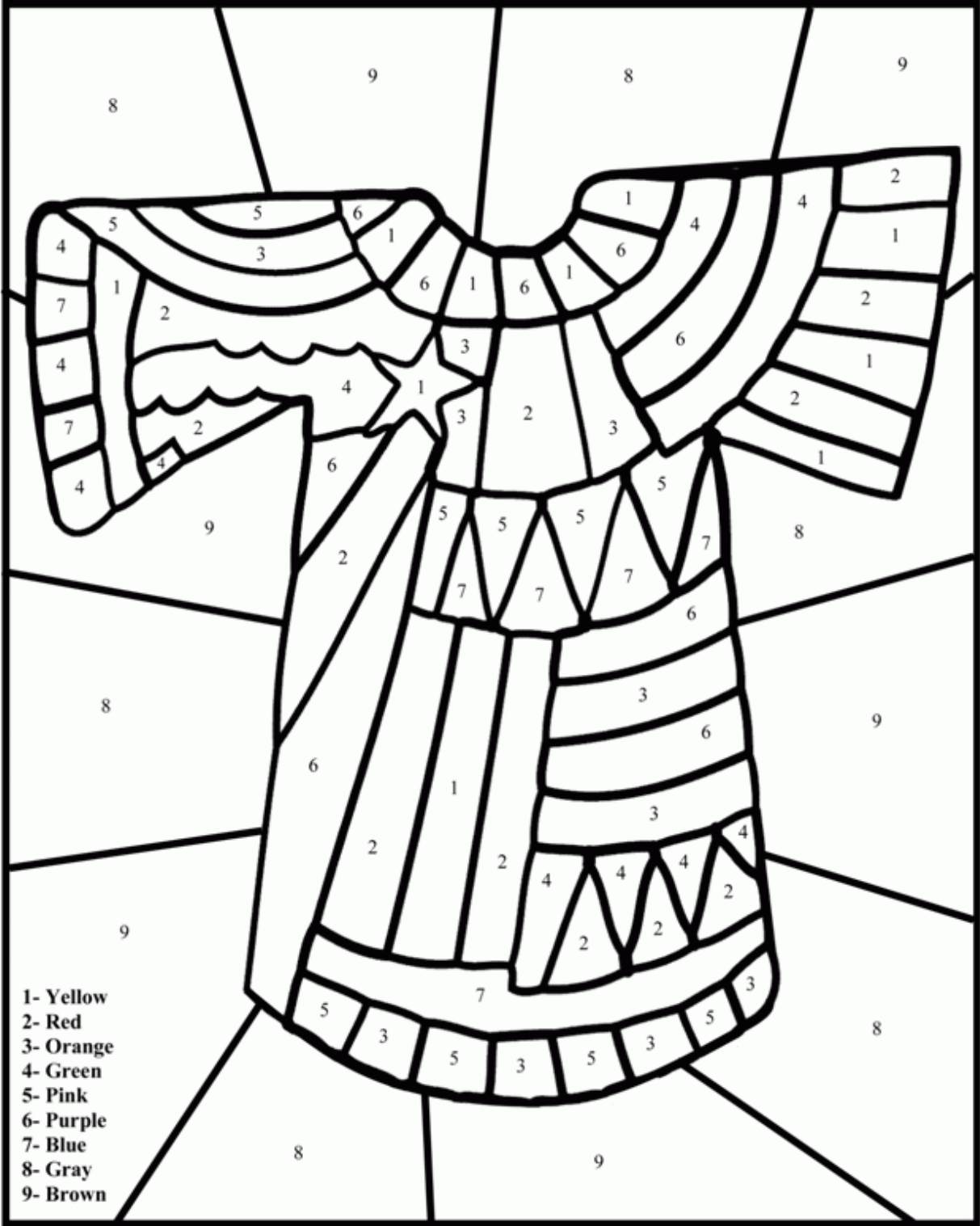
Joseph re-united with his father Jacob.

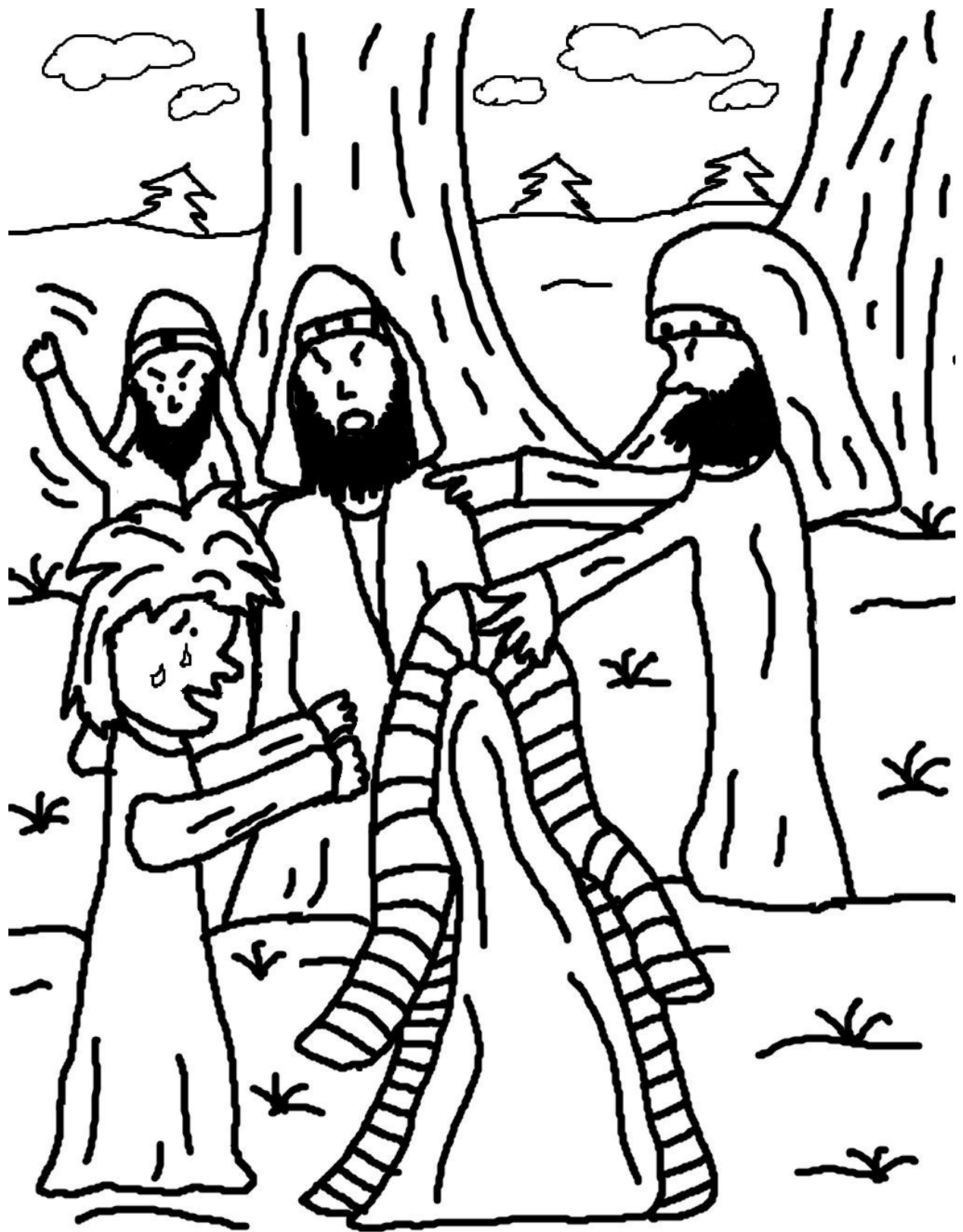
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and his coat of many colors



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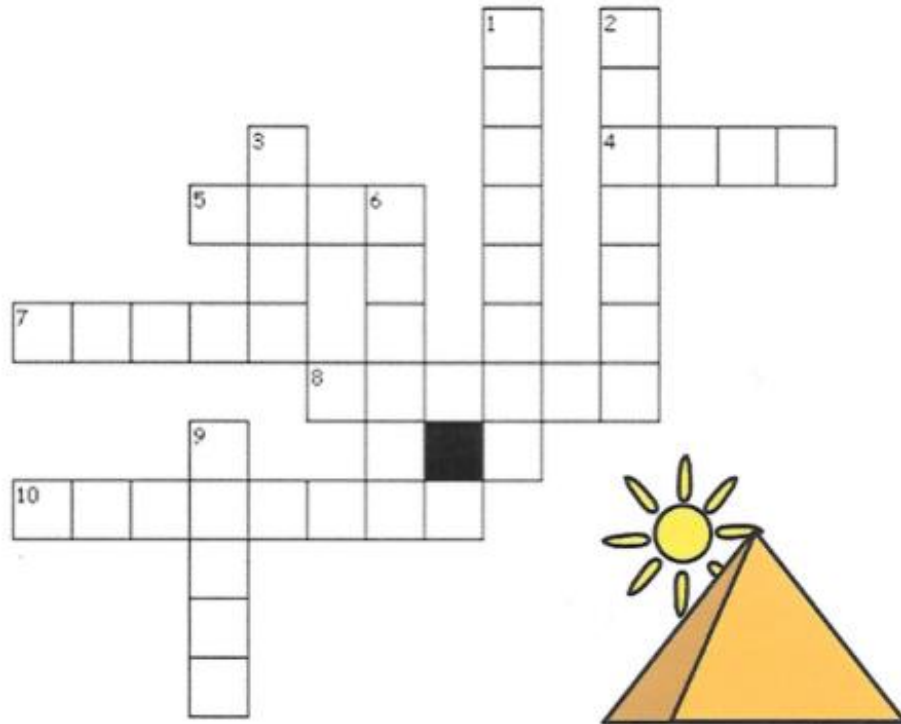






Because of the famine in Canaan, Jacob sent his sons to Egypt for grain. There they met their brother, Joseph.

# Joseph Crossword



## Across

4. Pharaoh gave this to Joseph when he put him in charge of Egypt.
5. Joseph's brothers didn't kill him, they \_\_\_\_ him.
7. After God told Joseph about Pharaoh's dreams he became in charge of this whole place.
8. During the seven years of this, Joseph had enough food in reserve to share with those in need.
10. It was because of this that Joseph ended up in Egypt.

## Down

1. This is the name of the youngest brother.
2. Joseph did the right thing when he \_\_\_\_ his brothers.
3. Joseph received this from his father.
6. Joseph had a gift of interpreting these.
9. Joseph's brother's covered his coat in animal \_\_\_\_ so their father thought he was dead