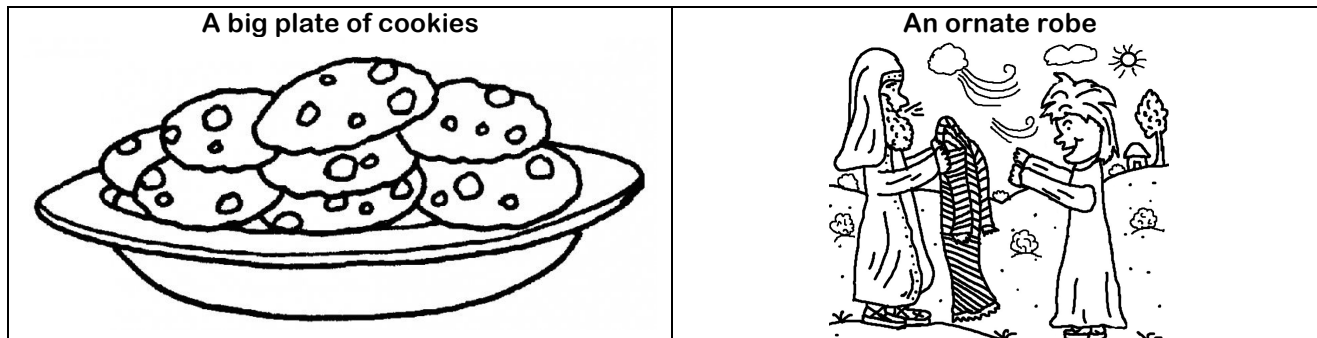


# Stanmore Chapel Sunday School

## Joseph – part 1

### Genesis 37

Joseph was one of twelve sons of Jacob - also known as Israel. Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, so he made something for him, what was it? **(Circle the right answer)**



When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

*(Genesis ch.37 v.4)*

Joseph had two dreams that he told his family about; can you remember what they were? **(Try to draw of both his dreams)**

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*(Genesis ch.37 v.7-9)*

**For the response cross out the wrong word to complete the verses:**

When he told his father as well as his **(brothers/goldfish)**, his father **(congratulated/rebuked)** him and said, "What is this **(zoom meeting/dream)** you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and **(perform a juggling routine/bow down to the ground)** before you?" His brothers were **(jealous of/better looking than)** him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

*(Genesis ch.37 v.10-11)*

Joseph's brothers were looking after their Father's sheep, Israel sent Joseph to see if all was well. A man found Joseph wandering around in the fields and told Joseph they had gone to Dothan. So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan.

**Use the codex below to complete the verses to see what happened:**

But they saw him in the (Δζσδαβψπ) \_\_\_\_\_, and before he reached them, they (πλωδδπΔ) \_\_\_\_\_ to (Σζλλ) \_\_\_\_\_ him.

"Here comes that (Δρπαμπρ) \_\_\_\_\_!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's (Σζλλ) \_\_\_\_\_ him and (δηρωΓ) \_\_\_\_\_ him into one of these cisterns and say that a (φπρωψζωλσ) \_\_\_\_\_ animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

When Reuben heard this, he tried to (ρπσψλπ) \_\_\_\_\_ him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any (φλωωΔ) \_\_\_\_\_. Throw him into this (ψζσδπρβ) \_\_\_\_\_ here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to (ρπσψλπ) \_\_\_\_\_ him from them and take him back to his father. (Genesis ch.37 v.19-22)

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**When Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— and they took him and threw him into the cistern. (Draw Joseph's brothers doing this)** (Genesis ch.37 v.23-24a)

**The brothers saw a caravan of merchants travelling to Egypt.**

**For the next bit unscramble the words to complete the verses:**

**(Duahj)** \_\_\_\_\_ said to his brothers, "What will we **(iang)** \_\_\_\_\_ if we kill our brother and cover up his **(lodob)** \_\_\_\_\_? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our **(nashd)** \_\_\_\_\_ on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. (Genesis ch.37 v.26-27)

**So his brothers pulled Joseph out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the merchants, who took him to Egypt.**

Then they got Joseph's **(beor)** \_\_\_\_\_, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. They took the **(troena)** \_\_\_\_\_ robe back to their **(hefart)** \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis ch.37 v.31)

Then Jacob tore his **(scothle)** \_\_\_\_\_, put on sackcloth and **(druomen)** \_\_\_\_\_ for his son many days. (Genesis ch.37 v.34)

Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in **(Pyget)** \_\_\_\_\_ to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard. (Genesis ch.37 v.34)

## Beginners/Pioneers Supplementary page

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- How did Joseph's brothers feel about Joseph's dreams? (Hint vv.5&8)
- What did they plan to do to Joseph at first when he came to see them in Dothan? (Hint v.20)
- What did Reuben do about this to change their plan? (Hint v.21-22)
- What did they do to Joseph instead that Judah suggested? (Hint v.28)

Today's story ends up with Joseph nearly dying then becoming a slave in Egypt. This may not seem very much like Joseph is in a good situation at the moment, but we will see in the coming weeks exactly how God was working to bring about salvation, even through the sinful actions of Joseph's brothers.

Let's pray!

Thank God that even when it seems like everything is going wrong, God is always in complete control, and always working out his good plans. Pray that we would learn to trust God, and his promises to save his people.



## Explorers Supplementary page

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- What was it about Joseph's dreams that his brothers hated and his father rebuked him for? (vv.8&10)
- What did his brothers plan to do to Joseph at first when he came to see them in Dothan? (v.20)
- What did Reuben do about this plan? (There's a key repeated word in vv.21&22)
- What did the brothers do to Joseph instead that Judah suggested? (v.28)

Today's story ends up with Israel (Jacob) thinking Joseph is dead - and he very nearly was - but instead Joseph ended up in slavery in Egypt. This may not have seemed like Joseph was in a good situation, but we will see in the coming weeks exactly how God was working to bring about salvation for many people, not just for Joseph, through the sinful actions of Joseph's brothers.

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