

Story 2: Joseph 1

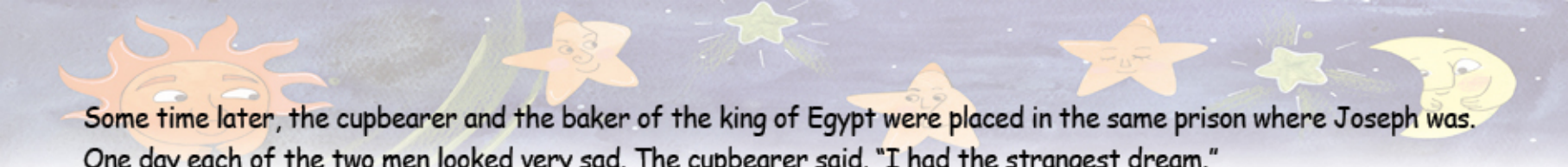
Main Bible verse
[Genesis 39:23b]

That's because the Lord was with Joseph.
He gave Joseph success in everything he did.

Jacob had twelve sons. But of the twelve sons Jacob loved Joseph, the eleventh son, the most. Jacob clothed Joseph with a bright robe that was different from his other sons' robes. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and began to hate him. Joseph often dreamed. One day, he told his brothers about his dream. My brothers! Last night I had a dream. Your sheaves of grain gathered around mine and bowed to it. I also had another dream. This time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me. When his brothers heard about Joseph's dreams, they hated him even more. His father Jacob even rebuked Joseph. But he kept the matter of Joseph's dreams in mind. One day Jacob told Joseph to go and see if all was well with his brothers and their flocks. Although his brothers wanted to kill Joseph, they did not kill him because of Reuben's advice. Instead they stripped him of his robe and threw him into a dry well. Joseph's brothers sold Joseph for twenty shekels of silver to the Midianite merchants who were traveling on their way to Egypt. Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, dipped the robe in its blood and took it to their father. Joseph was taken to Egypt and was sold as a slave to Potiphar, a captain in the Pharaoh's guard. Soon Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his household because he saw Joseph was loyal and worked hard. But Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife.

Potiphar, believing his wife's lie, put Joseph in the prison where the king's prisoners were kept. Although Joseph had been falsely accused he did not resent anyone.





Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt were placed in the same prison where Joseph was. One day each of the two men looked very sad. The cupbearer said, "I had the strangest dream." Joseph interpreted the dream.

This is what it means. Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand just as you used to when you were his cupbearer. When all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness and get me out of this prison.

The baker who heard this story also told his dream. Joseph also interpreted the baker's dream. Three days later, it happened as Joseph had said.

But the king's cupbearer did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had two strange dreams. But no one could interpret his dreams. Then the king's chief cupbearer remembered Joseph who had interpreted his dream while he was in prison. The cupbearer said, "Dear King, I know one who is wise enough to interpret your dreams." The king immediately sent for Joseph.

Joseph was filled with the wisdom of God and was able to interpret the Pharaoh's dreams.

Pharaoh was amazed because no one in the land of Egypt was as wise as Joseph.

Pharaoh spoke before Joseph and all his servants.

"You are indeed a man of God! Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you."

Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger.

Then he put Joseph in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

God gave Joseph an amazing dream and made sure that the dream came true.

God sent Joseph to Egypt and caused him to go through all of this in order to save the Israelites.

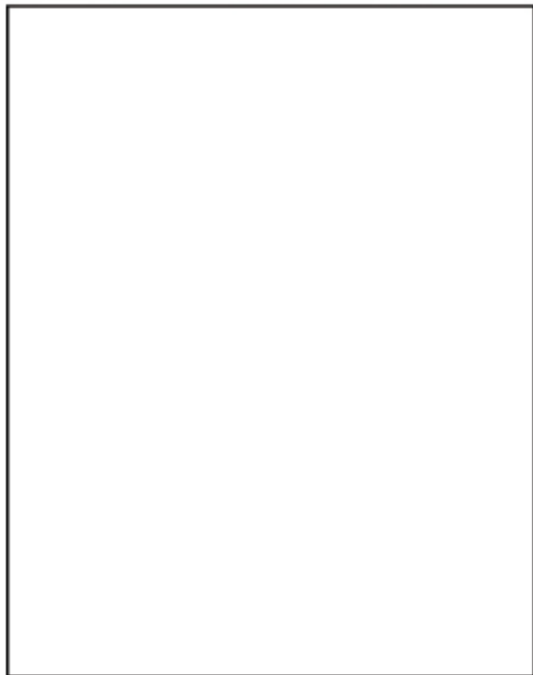
In all of this God was always with Joseph.



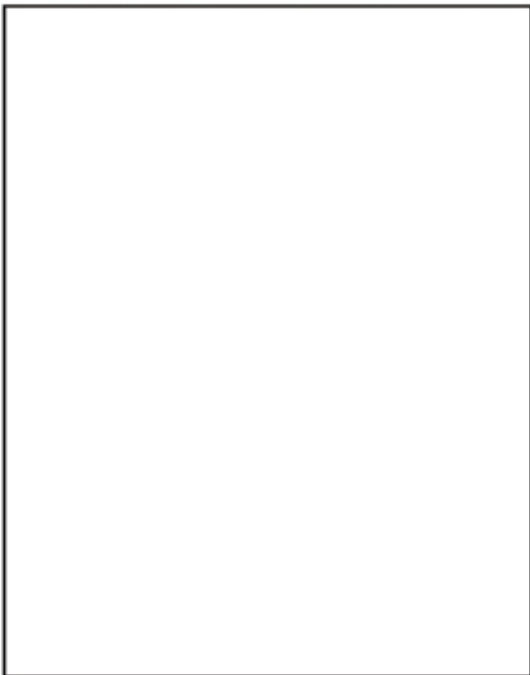


Activity 1.

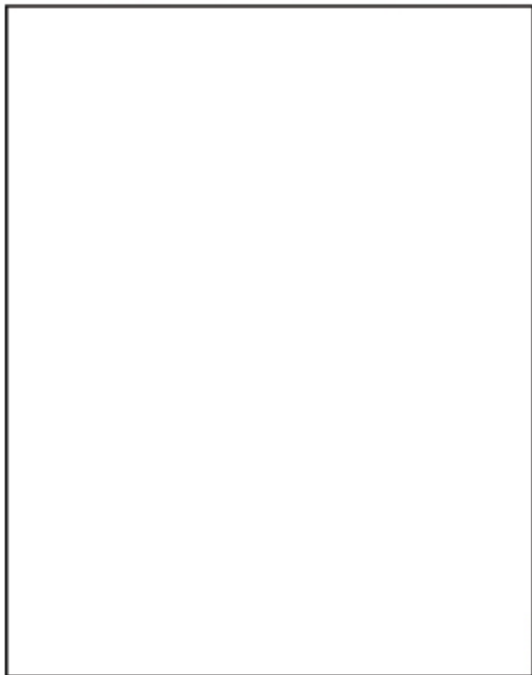
Draw the sun, 11 stars and the moon.



The sun



11 stars



The moon

- Trace and memorize the Bible verse. (Genesis 39:23b)

The Lord was with Joseph. He gave him success.



Activity 2.

Think about what we learned today, and color the picture below.

