

Year 1

Week 24

Joseph, From Dreamer to Slavery

Scriptures: Genesis 37

Key Verse: Gen. 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. He made him a tunic of many colors.

Key Points:

1. Jacob (Israel) and his sons lived in Canaan where they were strangers. Joseph was 17 years old and was feeding the flocks with his brothers. He brought a bad report to his father Israel (Jacob). Israel loved Joseph more than all his children because he was Rachel's son. He made him a coat of many colors. His brothers hated him because he was loved more.

2. Joseph had a dream where they were binding sheaves in the field and his brothers sheaves bowed down to his sheaf. He also had a dream where this time the sun, moon and 11 stars bowed down to him. His brothers hated him even more for his dreams. His father also rebuked him for his dreams.

3. Joseph's brothers went to feed the flocks at Shechem and Israel sent Joseph to see about them. When they saw him coming, they plotted to kill him. His brother Reuben urged his brothers not to kill Joseph; so instead they threw him into an empty water pit, stripping him of his coat.

4. Judah urged the brothers sell him to Midianite traders for 20 shekels of silver. They killed a goat and put the blood on his coat to show their father so he would believe Joseph had been killed. Israel mourned deeply for his son Joseph; he thought he would never see him again. Joseph, however, was sold to a man named Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard.



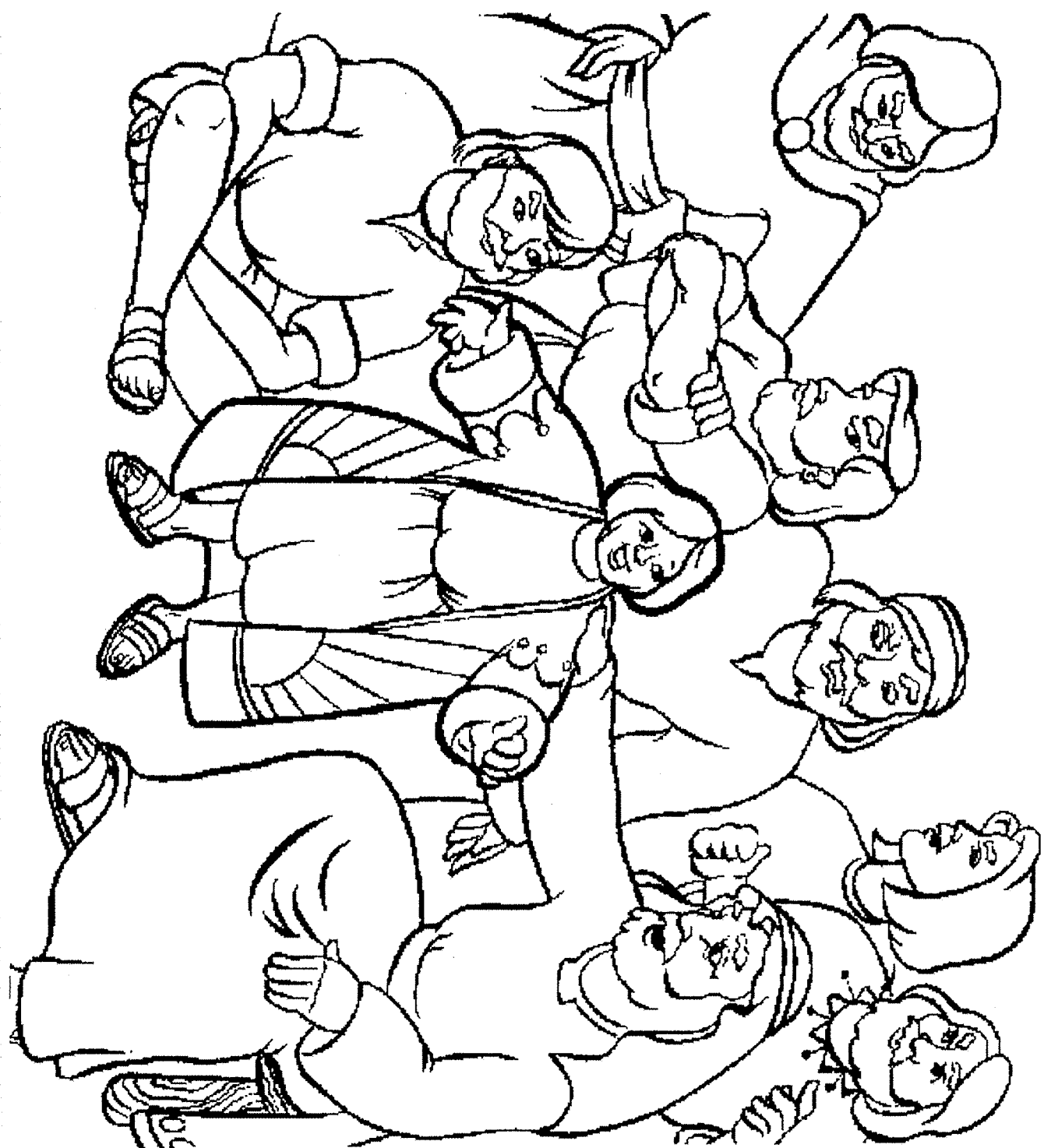
Joseph's father gave him a special robe.
Genesis 37:3

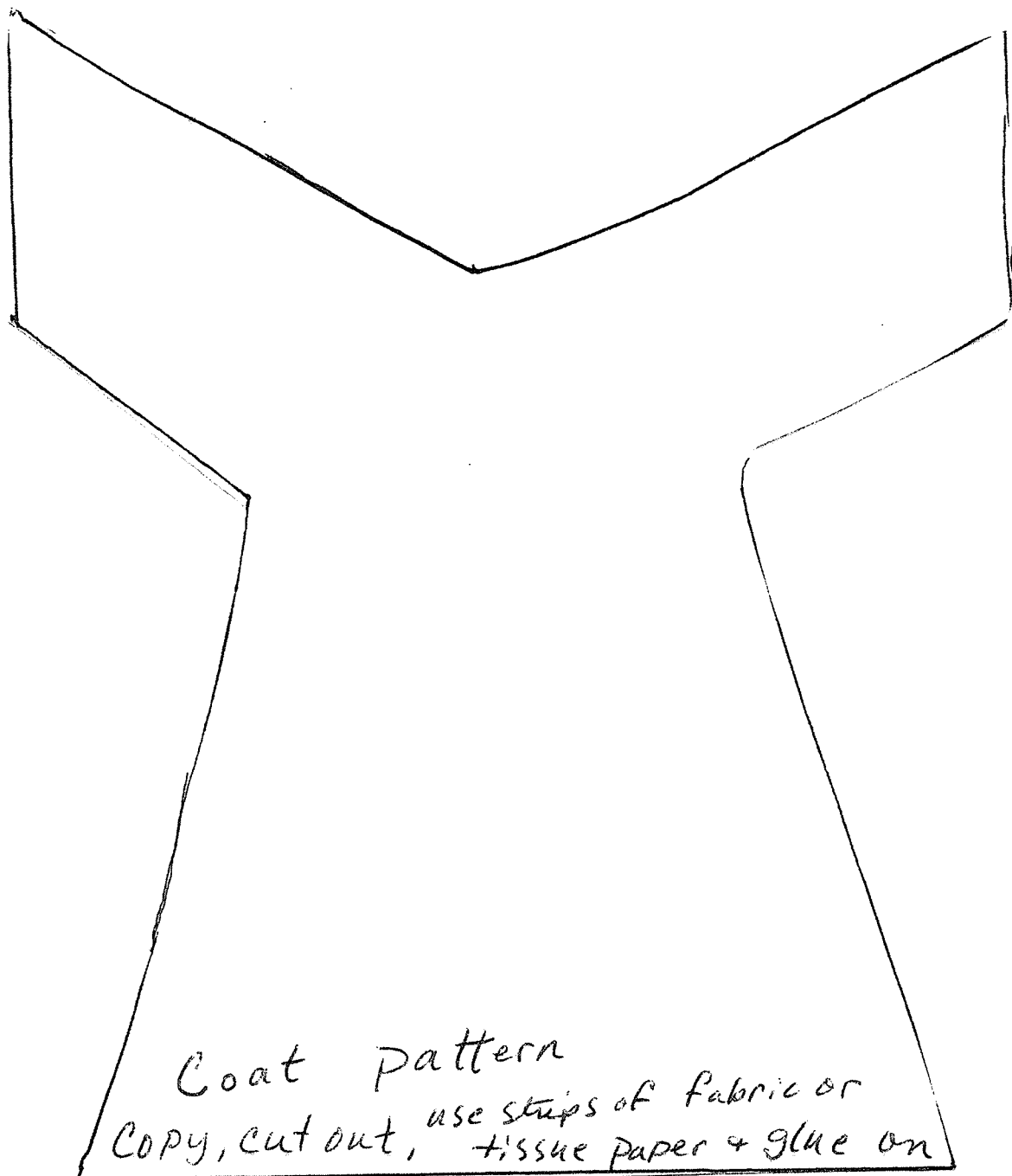
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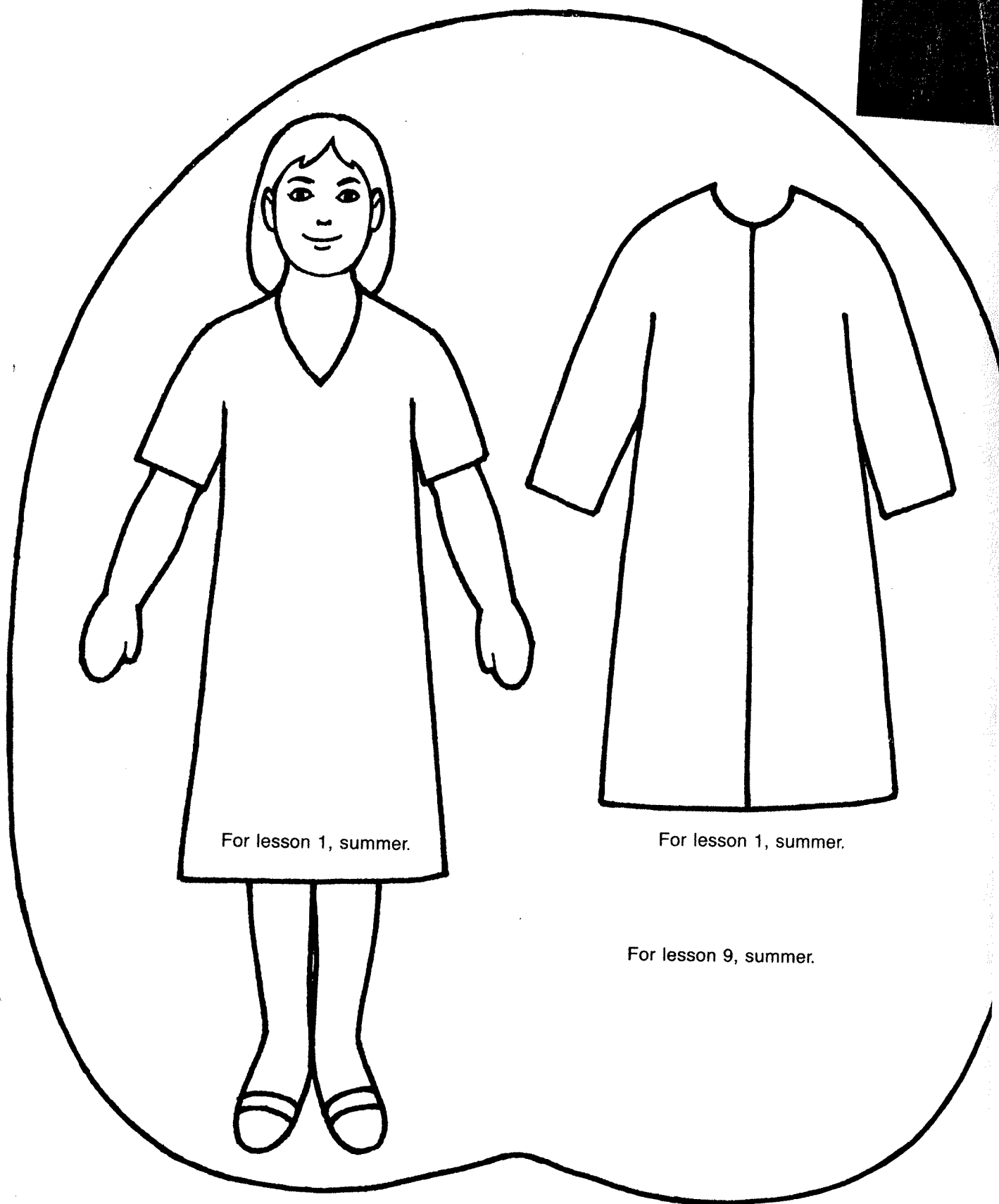


Jacob had twelve sons. He loved Joseph more than the others and he made him a coat of many colors.





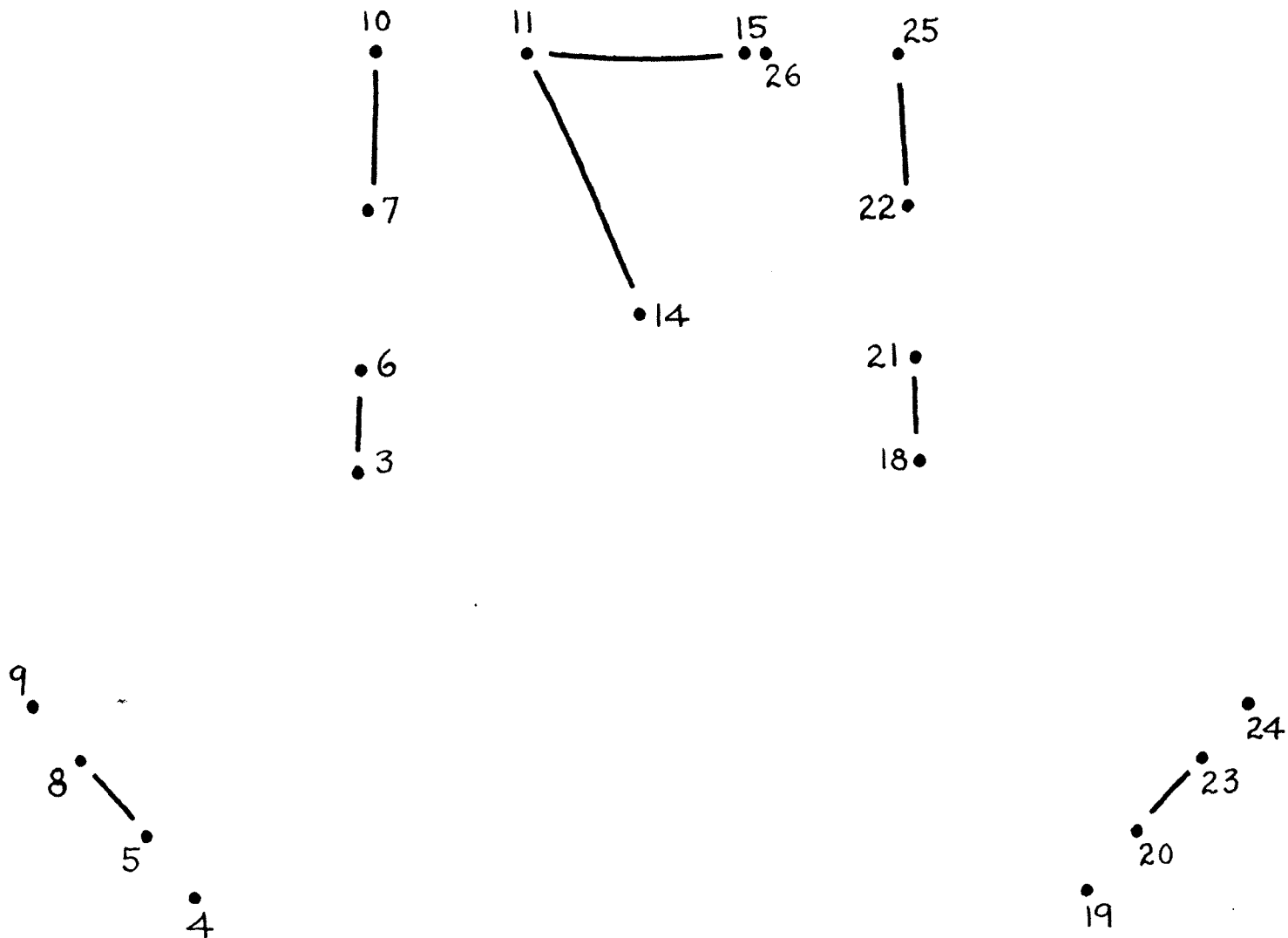




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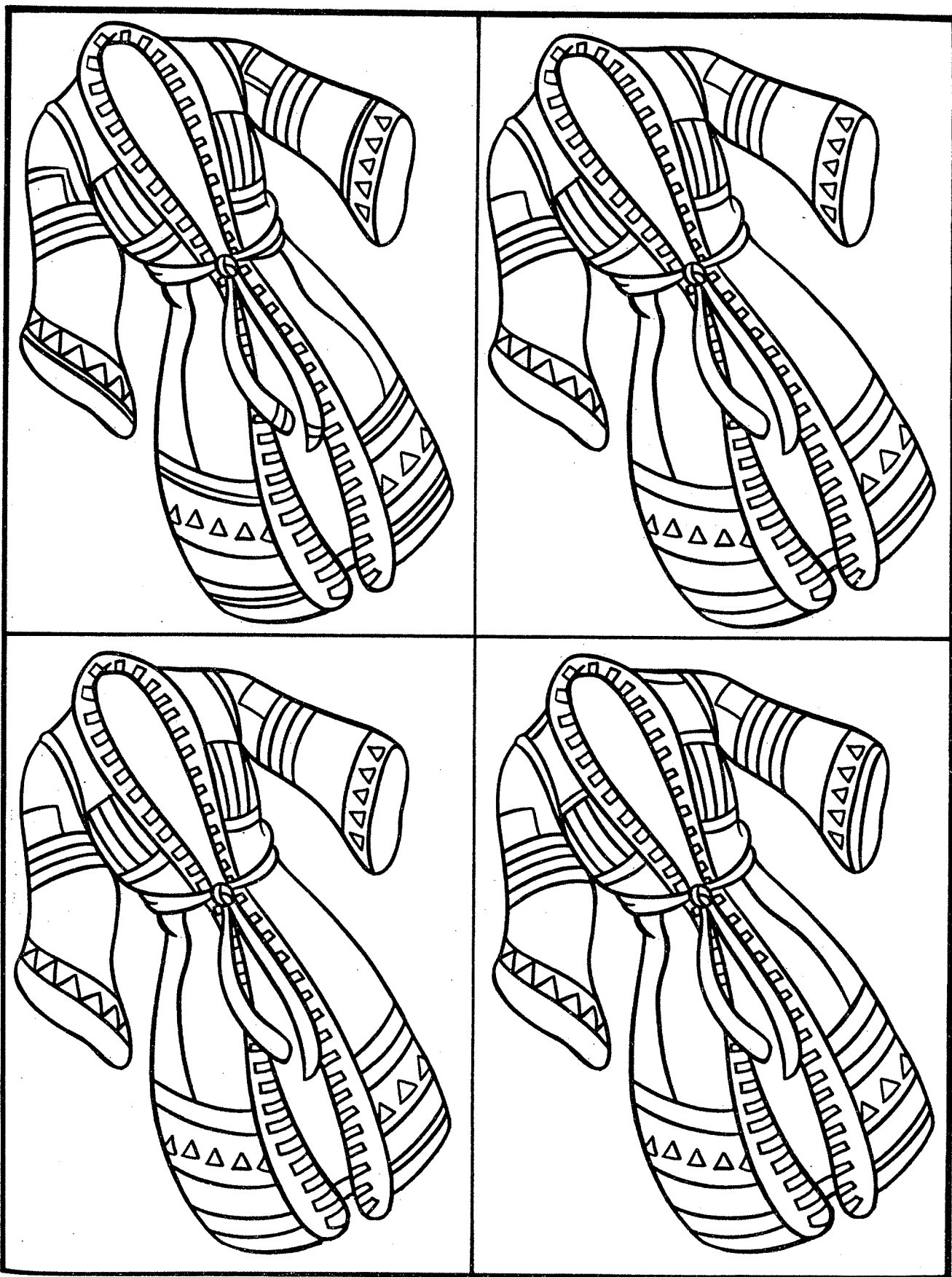
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JOSEPH HAD A _____ OF MANY COLORS

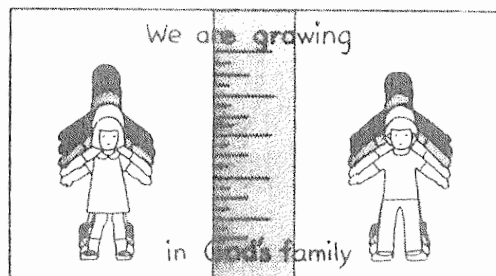


Which 2 robes are the same ?

SUMMER

Bulletin Board for Summer

GROWING IN GOD'S FAMILY



Materials:

Construction paper—flesh, light blue, medium blue, dark blue, black, yellow
Thumbtacks or stapler
Felt-tip pens
Fabric scraps (optional)
Patterns—boy, girl (page 45)

Directions:

In the center of your board place yellow sheets of construction paper (or strips, depending on the size of the board) in a vertical line. Mark the yellow sheets with a black felt-tip pen to resemble a tape measure. Using the boy and girl patterns, cut figures from skin-tone construction paper, and from light blue, medium blue, dark blue, and black. Cut clothing from fabric scraps or from colorful paper. Cut large block letters to form the words *We are growing in God's family*, to be placed on board as shown.

Place the figures of the boy and girl on each side of tape measure with shadows progressing up tape measure, from light blue to black.

To one side of the bulletin board, put up a sheet of paper where you can measure each child as he comes in the first week. Mark his height and his name. Tell him, *"You are getting big. You are big enough to learn how to help."* Later he will be big enough to share, and to worship God, as those concepts are presented.

Lesson 1: How We Grow

JOSEPH STICK PUPPET

Materials:

Tagboard (such as file folders are made of)

Felt-tip pens

Craft sticks—1 per child

Fabric scraps

Glue

Pattern—puppet and clothing (page 48)

Directions:

Before class cut puppet figures using pattern on page 48. Add faces with felt-tip pens. Cut fabric scraps for coats.

During class have the children glue the puppets to the craft sticks and add the fabric coats for a touch-and-feel effect.

Application:

Let the children role play the story of Joseph, using their puppets. You may need to suggest various actions that make up the story. Discuss with the children how God helps us grow the way He helped Joseph.

The same puppet would fit with a lesson on Samuel and the new coat his mother brought him each year, or could be any number of Bible characters.



Lesson 2: Helping at Home

BIBLE WORDS "PUZZLE"

Materials:

Posterboard

Construction paper

Felt-tip pen

Glue

Patterns—oval, star, heart, house (pages 46, 47)

Directions:

Before class cut posterboard into 4" x 12" rectangles, one per child. Trace the pattern shapes on the rectangles and add the word "at" as shown in the sketch.

JOSEPH IS SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS

(GENESIS 37:3-36)



“Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.”

GENESIS 37:28



Joseph was the son of Jacob and Rachel. Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons. He had a special coat made for him.

Joseph's brothers were jealous of him.
They threw him in an old well.

GENESIS - Chapter 37, Verses 4 and 23-24

GENESIS 37:12-35

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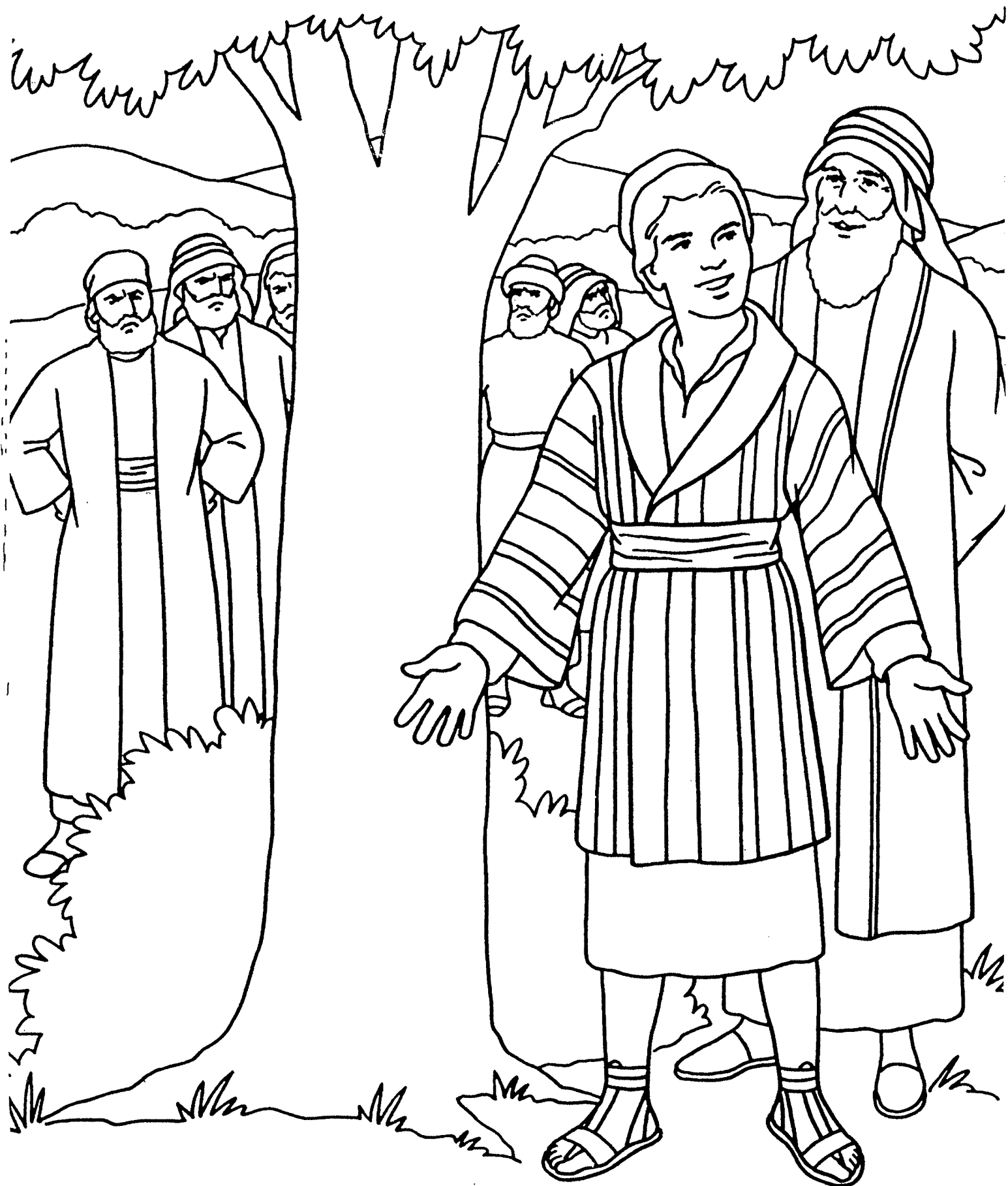
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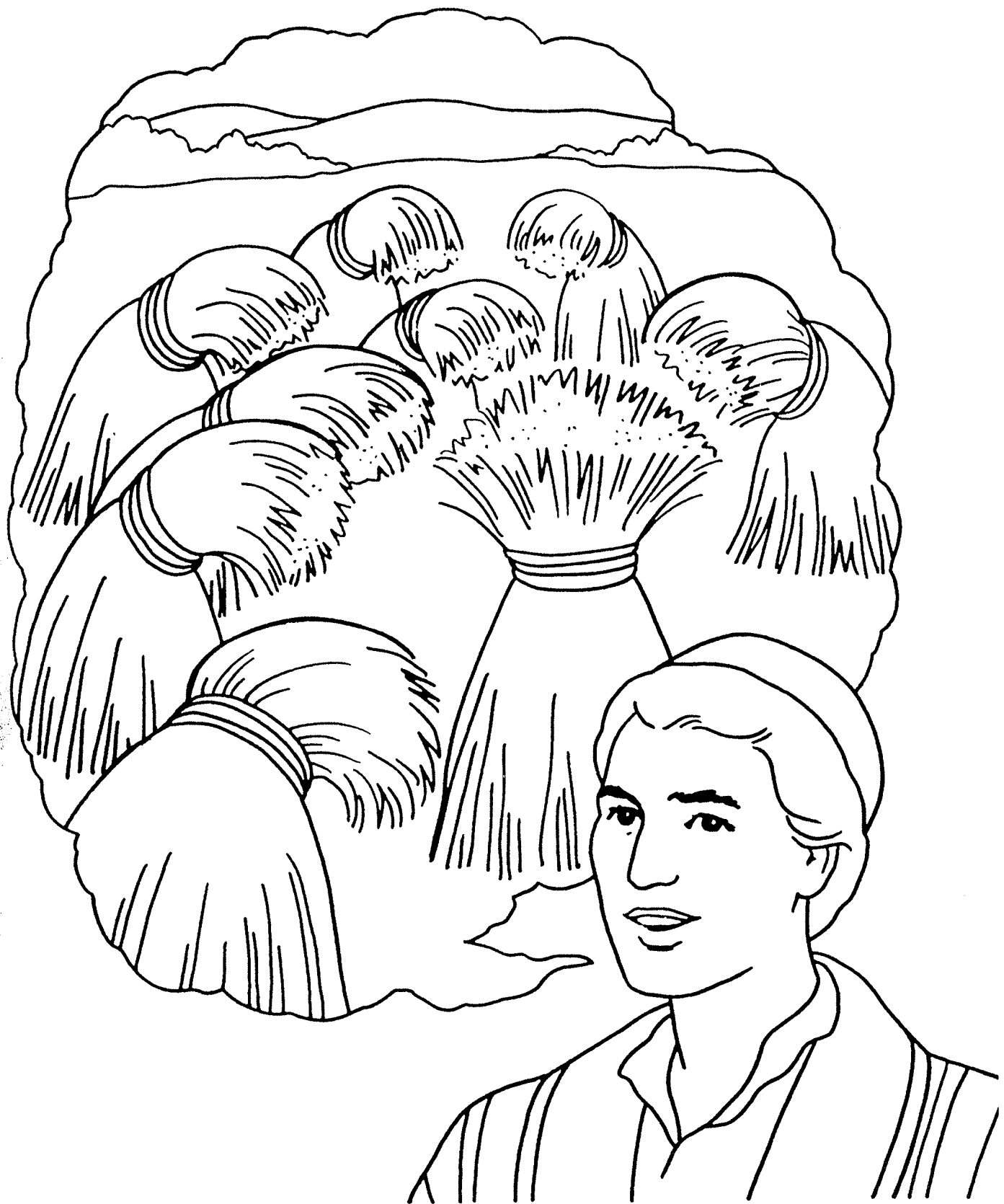
In Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh.

GENESIS - Chapter 37, Verses 28 and 36



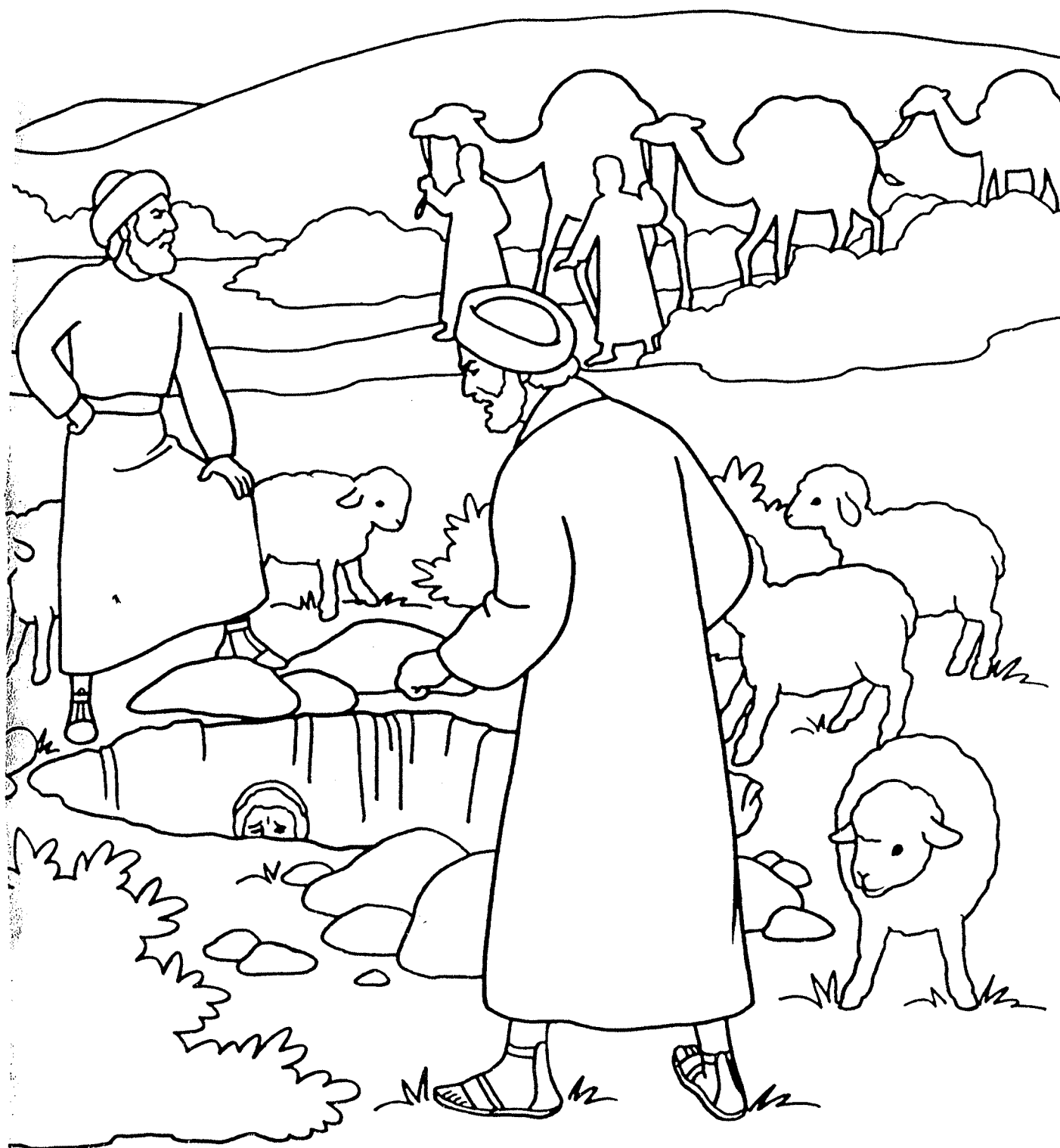
Jacob gave his favorite son, Joseph, a coat of many colors.
Joseph's older brothers were jealous of him.

Genesis 37:1-4



Joseph had a dream that meant his family would someday bow down to him. This made his brothers more jealous than before.

Genesis 37:5-11



Joseph's brothers threw him in a pit. When some traders came by his brothers sold him to be a slave in Egypt.

Genesis 37:15-28



The brothers went back to their father, Jacob, and told him a wild animal had killed Joseph. Jacob was very sad.

Genesis 37:31-35



Joseph was sold to a man named Potiphar. He put Joseph in charge of everything he owned. God blessed Joseph.

Genesis 39:1-6



Joseph was put in prison for something he did not do. Even here he was a good worker who trusted in God.

Genesis 39:20-23



When Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker had strange dreams,
Joseph told them the meaning of their dreams.

Genesis 40



Later, Joseph was called to explain Pharaoh's dreams. There would be seven years of plenty and then seven years of famine. *Genesis 41:1-36*

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(GENESIS 37:3-36)

MEMORY VERSE:

"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake." MATTHEW 5:11

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. "Now Israel loved Joseph (**MORE, LESS**) than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many (**BUTTONS, COLORS**). " **GENESIS 37:3**

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

2. "But when his brothers saw that their father _____ him more than all his brothers, they _____ him and could not speak peaceably to him." **GENESIS 37:4**

TRUE OR FALSE:

3. "Now Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more." **GENESIS 37:5**
TRUE OR FALSE
4. Joseph had no more dreams and his brothers then began to love him. **GENESIS 37:9**
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5. "Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers (**FEEDING, EATING**) the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' So he said to him, 'Here I am.' " **GENESIS 37:12-13**
6. "Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. Then they said to one another, 'Look, this (**SCREAMER, DREAMER**) is coming! Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some (**JAIL PIT**); and we shall say, "Some wild beast has devoured him." We shall see what will become of his dreams! " **GENESIS 37:18-20**

TRUE OR FALSE:

7. "And Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him' - that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father." **GENESIS 37:22**
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8. "Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and _____ him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to _____." **GENESIS 37:28**

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10. "And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he (**REFUSED, ACCEPTED**) to be comforted, and he said, 'For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning.' Thus his father wept for him." **GENESIS 37:35**

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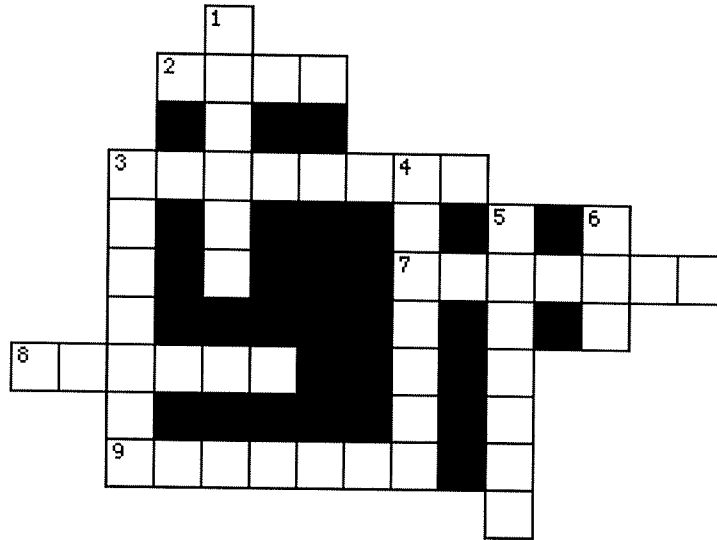
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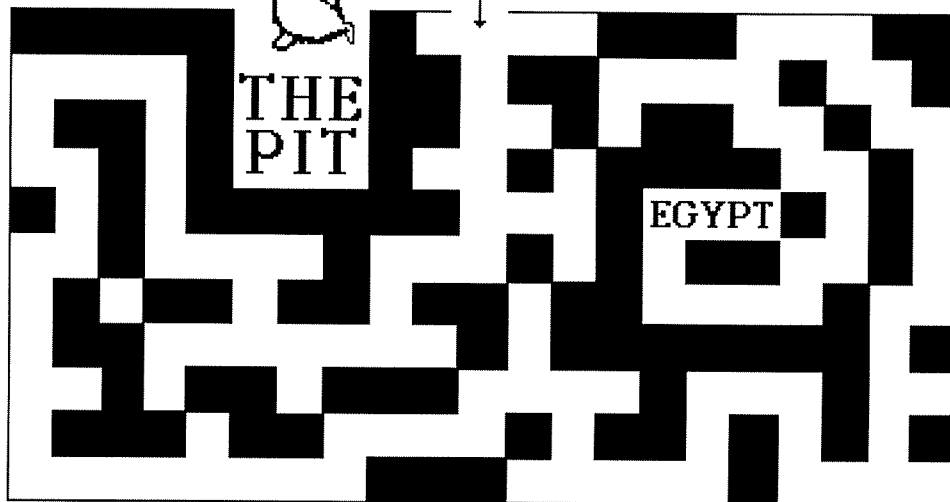
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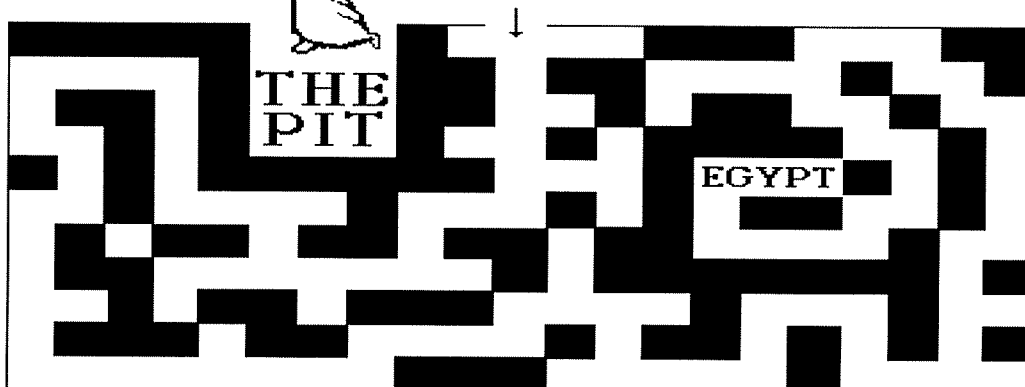
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Middle School



Discussion Questions:

1. Who caused Joseph's brothers to hate him?
2. What did both dreams mean?
3. Look at Genesis 41:32. What significance does two dreams with the same meaning hold?
4. Why would Joseph share these dreams with his brothers?
5. How did Jacob react to the second dream?
6. Which brother convinced the others to spare Joseph's life? What was his motivation?
7. Which brother convinced them to sell Joseph to the Ishmaelites?
8. Who else was betrayed for pieces of silver?
9. What animal's blood was used to deceive Jacob?