





# Joseph

## Joseph's Life Story

**Joseph** was a young man who lived a long time ago. His dad's name was **Jacob**, and they lived in a place called **Canaan**. Joseph had eleven brothers, and he was the second youngest. Imagine that!

Now, Joseph's dad loved him a lot and gave him a special coat with many colors. It was like a rainbow wrapped around him! But guess what? Joseph's brothers felt a little jealous because of this colorful coat.

Joseph had some interesting dreams. In one dream, he saw bundles of grain bowing down to him. Another time, he dreamed about stars and the moon bowing to him. These dreams were like secret messages from **God**!

But things got tough for Joseph. His brothers were so jealous that they sold him as a slave! Joseph ended up in a faraway land called **Egypt**. But don't worry, because God had a plan. Even in hard times, Joseph stayed strong and trusted God.

In Egypt, Joseph worked for a powerful man named **Potiphar**. But then, something went wrong, and Joseph was thrown into prison! Yet, even there, he didn't lose hope. He helped others and kept believing in God's goodness.

Guess what? Joseph's dream gift came in handy! He could understand special dreams, and that skill helped him a lot. Eventually, he became a big leader in Egypt, second only to the king!

One day, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt because of a famine. They didn't recognize him, but Joseph knew them. Instead of being angry, he forgave them. He said, "God turned a bad situation into something good."

And that's the story of Joseph! He teaches us about forgiveness, trusting God, and how even tough times can lead to something beautiful. So, remember Joseph's colorful coat and his big heart!

## Power Point

God gives us  
second chances  
and works things  
out for good.

## MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 124:8, "Our help comes from the Lord. He is the Maker of heaven and earth." (NirV)

## Applying the Lesson

Here are **four important lessons** that we can learn from Joseph's life story:

**Colorful Coats and Kindness:** Joseph's special coat with many colors made him appear different from his brothers and they were jealous of him. What if his brothers had been kind to him instead? Let this remind us that we should be kind to others, even if they're different from us.

**Dreams and Patience:** Joseph had interesting dreams, but he had to patiently wait for them to come true. Sometimes, we might have dreams or goals too. It's essential to be patient and keep believing, just like Joseph did.

**Forgiveness:** When Joseph's brothers hurt him, he forgave them. Forgiveness means letting go of anger and choosing kindness instead. Even when things are tough, forgiving others can bring healing and peace.

**Trusting God:** Joseph faced many challenges, but he never lost hope. He trusted that God had a plan, even in hard times. We can learn from Joseph to trust God, even when things seem difficult.

So, remember Joseph's colorful coat, his dreams, forgiveness, and trust in God. His story teaches us valuable lessons that we can carry with us throughout our lives!





## Game: 64 Pick Up



**ITEMS NEEDED:** A box of 64 crayons

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose one player for this game. Spread the 64 crayons from the box on a table. The player will have 60 seconds to try and put all the crayons back inside and close the box. If they can complete the task before time runs out, they win a prize.

**VARIATION:** Make this a race between two players to see who can refill a box of 24 to 64 crayons the fastest.

**WHAT'S THE POINT?** God can make something good out of our mistakes or the mistakes of others that hurt us, just as he did for Joseph.

## DRIVE IT HOME:

The Bible tells us that God is faithful to forgive us when we confess our mistakes. God sent Jesus to die for our sins, and when we admit we are sinners and ask for forgiveness, God wipes our slate clean. That doesn't mean we won't have consequences for our mistakes, but He will forgive us.

God also works out everything for our good. Just as He did with Joseph. When others hurt us like Joseph's brothers, or when we make mistakes, God can still help us grow, teach us, and prepare us for new challenges down the road.

If we want God to work things out for the good, we need to first confess our sins. We need to tell God we are sorry, and we need to tell anyone we have wronged we are sorry as well. Once we've admitted our mistake, we need to also forgive ourselves.

We need to remember that none of us are perfect. When we ask forgiveness and forgive ourselves, it is then that God can work things out. Like an artist who had made a big mistake on a masterwork painting, God can show us the brushstrokes to make something beautiful out of our errors. God will use our mistakes to grow our faith and to show others He is faithful to forgive.



# Joseph's Colorful Coat

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to decorate the coat the way you think it might have looked.

