Joseph's Early Life

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the word search to find words that will be used in today's story.

WORD SEARCH

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F H R T J O S E P H M J L P I N
O G H U J K M T H F V B G U D L
O O U F S A W A D Q R F V R G
D G B R O T H E R S J U Y S E W
D S D W D H K N A T F E D C A G
H V B N J L O O R E T H V M D
W P Y D R O U G H T T G F B S H
J K L O U Y T B F R G Y S P W
D S D W D G R D E T U I J N M R
T F E W A S D F G P J I K L S A
R O B E O F M A N Y C O L O R S
R T V B R E S F D G V B H J R O
R G T H N J O P B E E W S C V E
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Word search:
- Joseph
- Brothers
- Dreams
- Robe of many colors
- Egypt
- Pharaoh
- Drought
- Food

KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 26:24

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:
- What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan.

BIBLE STORY:
JOSEPH SENT TO EGYPT
- Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave, and he was taken to Egypt.
- Joseph ended up in jail with Pharaoh's cupbearer, who later told Pharaoh about Joseph.
- God showed Joseph what Pharaoh's dreams meant.
- Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of collecting and storing grain.
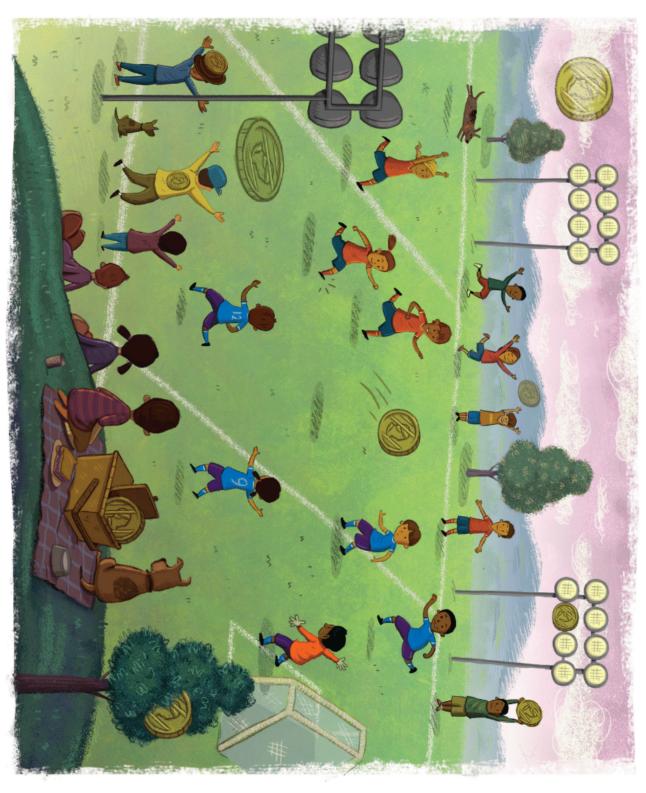
FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:
- Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?
- Have you ever been jealous?
- How is Jesus like Joseph? (*Both of them were betrayed by people close to them.*)

FAMILY ACTIVITY:
- Think of a family going through a tough time. Spend time praying for them as a family.
- Go further: Serve a family by running their errands, dropping off a meal, or raking their yard.

Where Are the Coins?

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 8:6

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BIBLE STORY:
JOSEPH'S DREAMS CAME TRUE
- Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to purchase grain, but they did not recognize Joseph.
- Joseph told the brothers to come back with Benjamin and then told them who he was.
- Joseph forgave his brothers and all of Joseph's family moved to be with Joseph, establishing a remnant of God's people in Egypt.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:
- How did God use evil for good?
- When someone wrongs you, do you choose to forgive or to seek revenge?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:
- Talk about what it must have been like for Jacob's family to have no food. Gather food to donate to a food pantry.
- Go further: Volunteer at a soup kitchen as a family.