



Layering depth of knowledge through questioning.

This summary was obtained in seconds from Chat GPT AI by simply asking ‘ Which Bible story compares to Joseph and his coat for 10 year olds to consider?’ Further detailed questions will elicit more information that pupils can use. Be careful not to ask AI the question you will be asking the pupils – otherwise you are giving them the answer and removing their opportunity for higher order thinking.

A Bible story similar to **Joseph and his coat of many colours** is the story of **David and his anointing by Samuel** in **1 Samuel 16**. Both stories deal with themes of favouritism, God's chosen plan, and facing jealousy or rejection from others.

Progressive levels of questions developing higher order thinking:

Retelling - *What happened in the story of Joseph (or David).*

Explaining – *Why were Joseph's brothers jealous of him and how did this lead to their actions?*

Comparing – *What similarities can you find between these two stories?*

Evaluating and comparing – *What part does jealousy play in each story?*

Interpreting – *What messages are the stories giving us about God and his care for us?*

Why It's a Good Comparison:

1. Joseph's Story:

- Joseph is given a colourful coat by his father, Jacob, signifying favouritism and God's special purpose for him.
- His brothers are jealous and sell him into slavery.
- God ultimately uses Joseph's trials for a greater purpose, elevating him to a place of leadership in Egypt.

2. David's Story:

- David is the youngest son of Jesse and often overlooked by his family.
- While his brothers seem more "qualified," God chooses David to be the future king of Israel.
- Samuel anoints him, marking him as special in God's eyes, though his brothers may not understand.

Key Themes for Kids:

- **God's Plan:** Both stories emphasize that God has a unique purpose for each person, even if others don't recognize it right away.
- **Jealousy:** They highlight how jealousy can cause problems but also how forgiveness and faith can heal.
- **Unexpected Heroes:** They show that God often chooses people who might not seem special in the world's eyes to do extraordinary things.

Activities or Questions for Discussion:

1. **Activity:** Draw parallels between Joseph's colourful coat and David's anointing oil. Ask the children to draw or write about a gift or talent they feel makes them special.



2. **Question:** How did God turn Joseph's and David's challenges into something good? How can we trust God when things seem unfair?

This comparison keeps the lesson relatable and emphasizes God's love and plan for everyone.