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Joseph and His Brothers – Genesis 37

Jacob's family grew and grew. Jacob had twelve sons, but Joseph was his favorite. Jacob gave Joseph a special robe.

Joseph's brothers were angry. Why didn't they get a special robe like Joseph?

Joseph had dreams. When Joseph told his brothers about his dreams, it made them even angrier!

"I had a dream last night," Joseph said. "In my dream, we were bundling grain. My bundle of grain was better than yours. Your bundles of grain were bowing down to mine!"

"I had another dream," Joseph said. "In this dream, the sun, moon, and stars were bowing down to me."

Joseph thought the dream meant that his father, mother, and siblings would bow down to him. Now the brothers were furious!



One day Joseph came out to the fields. His brothers were tending sheep. Joseph's brothers took Joseph's robe.

Then they threw him in a pit. The brothers sold Joseph to some traders. Then they dipped Joseph's robe in blood from a goat.

They showed the robe to Jacob. Jacob wept. He thought Joseph was dead.

FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 37

Wonder: After reading the Bible story from the Bible or from the *Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*, wonder together. **Ask:** What do you like to do with your siblings?

Do: This week invite every member of the family to draw a picture of themselves with any siblings they have.

Pray: Dear God, help us have good relationships with our family. Amen.

Joseph and His Brothers – Weekly Take-Home

Cut out the cards. Use these Conflict Cards as a family to discuss and decide ways you might resolve the situations or find reconciliation. You may use these cards by having each person draw a card and share her or his ideas or by discussing as a larger group.

<p>Another kid at lunch says they don't like your sweatshirt.</p>	<p>Your friend has been saying unkind things about your younger sister.</p>	<p>Your classmate is always eating your cookies at lunch without asking.</p>
<p>Your soccer teammate calls you names when you don't play well at games.</p>	<p>Your neighbor invites other neighbor kids to hang out, but leaves you out.</p>	<p>Your friend at Scouts has been telling the others a secret you told him.</p>
<p>When you play basketball with a neighbor, she tells you how to play and you don't like it.</p>	<p>One of your friends always picks the movie to watch and doesn't allow you to pick.</p>	<p>You see a few classmates arguing in the hallway at school.</p>
<p>Your best friend picks another partner for the class group project.</p>	<p>Your friend says something unkind about you in a comment online or in a gaming chat.</p>	<p>Your friends laugh at you because you are not allowed to watch the latest show they are into.</p>