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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to another issue of Bible Starters. Each month of lessons is called a unit. Each unit has a theme and title. The **Unit Overview** provides the **BIBLE THOUGHTS** for each month.

We encourage parents and others who help the child to learn the lessons, to read the Bible story and the **BIBLE THOUGHT** to and with the child.

Help the child to apply each lesson to his or her life. Make an effort to take time each week to go through the lesson with the child. Encourage the child to do the activities for each lesson.

The CCP team prays that as you continue to journey with us through the literature, you and your household will be blessed.

UNIT 1 OVERVIEW

Unit Theme: FAMILY Unit Title: Joseph's Family

SEPTEMBER 3

YOUNG JOSEPH

BIBLE THOUGHT:

God gave Joseph special dreams.

Based on Genesis 37:3 SEPTEMBER 10

JOSEPH IS SOLD

BIBLE THOUGHT:

The Lord was with Joseph.

Based on Genesis 39:21

SEPTEMBER 17

JOSEPH BECOMES A LEADER

BIBLE THOUGHT:

Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of Egypt.

> Based on Genesis 41:41

SEPTEMBER 24

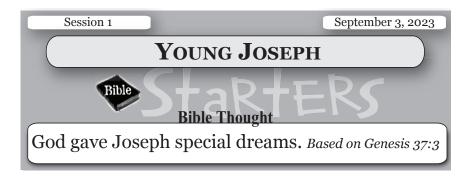
JOSEPH HELPS HIS FAMILY

BIBLE THOUGHT:

Joseph took care of his father and brothers.

Based on

Genesis 45:11



Jacob had twelve sons. His son, Joseph, was very special to him. Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful robe. It was more beautiful than those of his brothers. Joseph's brothers did not like that their father treated him so special.

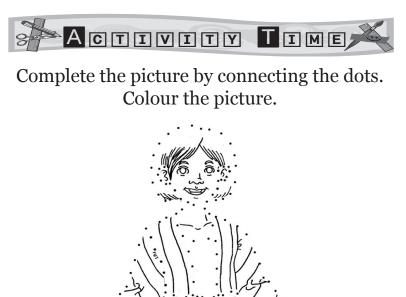
One day, Joseph had a dream about his brothers. "Listen," Joseph said, "I dreamt that we were tying bundles of grain in the field. Suddenly, my bundle stood up. All of your bundles came around mine and bowed to it."

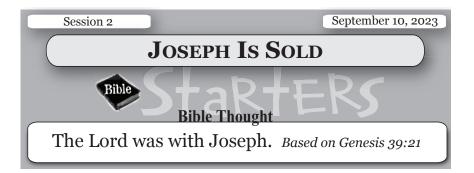
Joseph's brothers did not like the dream. "Do you think that you will rule over us?" his brothers asked.

Some time later, Joseph had another dream. He dreamt that the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed to him. When Joseph told his father and brothers the new dream, they did not like it. They were very angry with Joseph.

Some time later, Jacob thought about Joseph's dream. He knew that they had special meaning. Jacob knew that God had given Joseph a very special place in the family.

Based on Genesis 37:1-11





One day, Joseph's brothers were in the field. They were taking care of their father's sheep. Jacob, their father, sent Joseph to check on them. Jacob wanted to know if everything was going well.

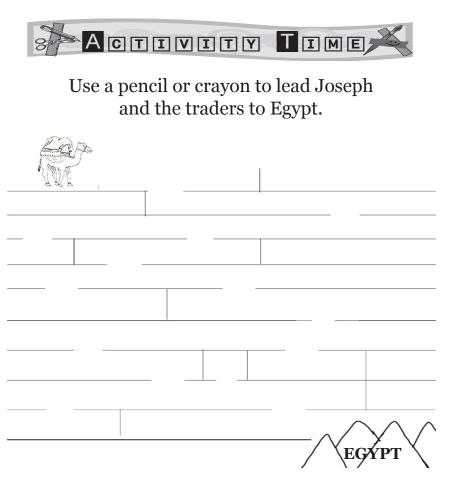
When Joseph's older brothers saw him coming, they began to plan to kill him! Reuben, the oldest brother, said, "No! Do not kill him. Let us throw him in this well." Reuben was planning to come back later and take Joseph out of the well.

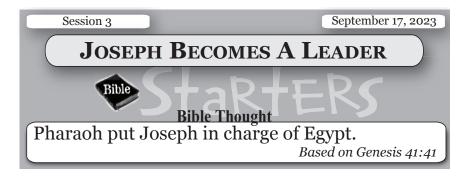
When Joseph reached his brothers, they took off his beautiful robe and threw him in the well. Later, the brothers saw some traders passing. They sold Joseph to the traders as a slave.

The traders took Joseph to Egypt. When they arrived in Egypt, Joseph was sold to a very important man named Potiphar. Potiphar worked for the king.

Joseph worked very hard in Potiphar's house. God blessed everything that Joseph did. Soon, Potiphar put Joseph in charge of everything that he owned. God blessed Potiphar because of Joseph.

Based on Genesis 37:12-14, 23-28; 39:1-5





Potiphar had put Joseph in prison. He thought that Joseph had done something very bad. God knew that Joseph had done nothing wrong.

While Joseph was in prison, the guard was kind to Joseph. Soon, Joseph was put in charge of all the other prisoners.

Pharaoh had two strange dreams. His officials could not tell him what his dreams meant. When Pharaoh's cupbearer heard about the dreams, he told the king about Joseph. The king had Joseph brought to him. "Can you tell me what my dreams mean?" Pharaoh asked. Joseph replied, "I cannot, but God can." After Pharaoh told Joseph his dreams, God helped Joseph to understand what the dreams meant. Joseph said, "Pharaoh, your dream is a warning. For seven years, the people will have a lot of food to eat. Then, for the next seven years, the people will not have enough food to eat."

"What can we do?" Pharaoh asked. Joseph said, "Find a wise person to store food while you have plenty. Do this so that when the years of little food come, the people will not go hungry."

Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt. God used Joseph to help Pharaoh to take care of the people.

Based on Genesis 39:20-23; 41:1-7, 15-43



Find the answers to the questions below. Write your answers on the lines.

1) What was the name of the ruler of Egypt?

2) Who told Pharaoh the meaning of his dream?_____

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