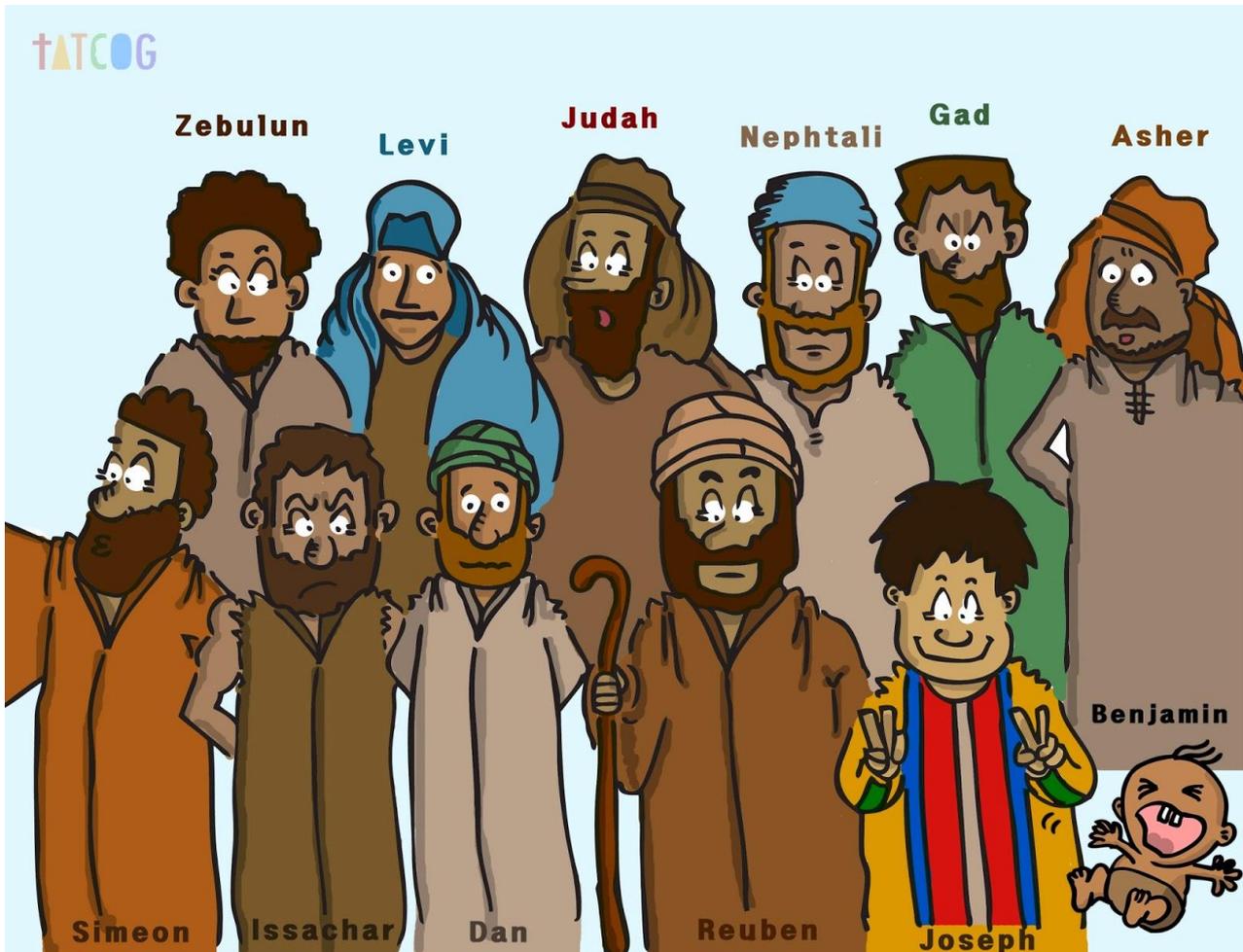


**BLAST FAMILY
DEVOTIONAL
Week of November 22, 2020**

“Even though you intended to do harm,
God intended it for good.”

Genesis 50:20



*Jacob's Sons
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How to do the FAITH5

Gather the gang up in one place and do the following.

1. **SHARE** *your highs and lows for the day (or week)*. This helps you understand one another's lives better than asking, "How was school today?" or "What did you do today?" Parents, don't forget to share YOUR highs and lows, too.
2. **PRAY** *about your highs and lows*
3. **READ** *the Bible story or verse together*. Choose one story or verse from the readings on the next page. I will use Bible translations or paraphrases because they are easier to understand. You also might want to find the verses in a children's story Bible or in the Bible itself (an easy translation like the New Living Translation or the Common English Bible might be useful). Switch things up. Have fun with it.
4. **TALK** *about the readings (also see the questions below each reading)*
 - a. What did you hear?
 - b. What would you have done or said if you were in the story?
 - c. What did you hear, see, taste, smell or feel in the story?
 - d. What do you think the verse means?
 - e. What has this got to do with your highs or lows? With our lives?
5. **BLESS** each other. You make this as simple or as complex as you want. Trace the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or on the back of your hands. Say, "God bless you" or make up a blessing based on one of the readings.

OPTIONAL: If you have time or interest, activities, such as coloring, projects, and so on, are attached.

The Whole Story in One Place

Genesis 37 - 50

The story for this lesson is a very long one in the Bible. So, I decided to do something a little different for the "In One Place" page.

If you have a younger child or younger children, please watch the video from *The Beginner's Bible*. It lasts about 25 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICfYc8dICFM>

If you have an older child or older children, please watch these videos from *Kids on the Move*. They last anywhere from 5-8 minutes each. I suggest doing one a day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q64jRGLqIw> Joseph's Story Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDKzxuk7zI0> Joseph's Story Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbvZA-CrneA> Joseph's Story Part 3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZDqDaN58s0> Joseph's Story Part 4

Daily Readings

Common English Bible (CEB)

Sunday, November 22

Genesis 37:5-8

⁵ One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. ⁶ “Listen to this dream,” he said. ⁷ “We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!” ⁸ His brothers responded, “So you think you will be our king, do you? Do you actually think you will reign over us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them.

What was the problem between Joseph and his brothers? Why do you think Joseph told his brothers about the dream? When were you jealous of someone else? Why? How does this reading relate to your highs and lows?

Monday, November 23

Genesis 37:18-24a

¹⁸ When Joseph’s brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him. ¹⁹ “Here comes the dreamer!” they said. ²⁰ “Come on, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, ‘A wild animal has eaten him.’ Then we’ll see what becomes of his dreams!” ²³ So when Joseph arrived, his brothers ripped off the beautiful robe he was wearing. ²⁴ Then they grabbed him and threw him into the [empty] cistern.

There’s a saying, “Revenge is sweet.” But is it? What did throwing Joseph in the well do for the brothers? Do you think they regretted what they did? Why? How do you think God wants you to act when you are angry? Why is it so hard to do what God might want us to do? How does this reading relate to your highs and lows?

Tuesday, November 24

Genesis 37:25, 28

²⁵ Then, just as they were sitting down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of camels in the distance coming toward them. It was a group of Ishmaelite traders taking a load of gum, balm, and aromatic resin from Gilead down to Egypt. ²⁸ So when the Ishmaelites, who were Midianite traders, came by, Joseph’s brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver. And the traders took him to Egypt.

How would you feel if you were Joseph’s brothers? Why did they sell Joseph into slavery? What would you be feeling and saying in this scene if you were Joseph? What would you be saying or thinking if you were one of his brothers? How does this reading relate to your highs and lows?

Wednesday, November 25

Genesis 41:8-14

41⁸ ...Pharaoh was very disturbed by ... dreams. So he called for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. When Pharaoh told them his dreams, not one of them could tell him what they meant. ⁹ Finally, the king's chief cup-bearer spoke up. "Today I have been reminded of my failure," he told Pharaoh. ¹² There was a young Hebrew man with us in the prison who was a slave of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he told us what each of our dreams meant. ^{13a} And everything happened just as he had predicted." ¹⁴ Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison.

Joseph was in prison a long time before his God-given talent for understanding dreams was mentioned to Pharaoh. When have you waited a long time for something to happen? How did you feel? How did you feel when the thing you were waiting for finally happened? How do you think Joseph felt when he was called to interpret Pharaoh's dream? How does this reading relate to your highs and lows?

Thursday, November 26

Genesis 41: 55a

Eventually, however, the famine spread throughout the land of Egypt as well. ⁵⁶ So with severe famine everywhere, Joseph opened up the storehouses and distributed grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷ And people from all around came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph because the famine was severe throughout the world.

Egypt had stored up enough food to feed the people through the famine. When other people who lived in the countries around Egypt came for help, Joseph was able to help them, too. What do you think about that? Why would Joseph help people who were not Egyptian? Should we hoard what we have or share it during a difficult time? Why? How can you help someone else during this pandemic? How does this reading relate to your highs and lows?

Friday, November 27

Genesis 50: 17b

So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin. *Once their father Jacob had died, Joseph's brothers were afraid that Joseph would take revenge on them for their cruel behavior so long ago. When someone forgives you for something you have done, how does it feel? Why is it important to ask for forgiveness when you have done something wrong? How does this reading relate to your highs and lows?*

Saturday, November 28

Genesis 50:20a

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. *Is it possible to find good in the bad things that happen? Where can you find God at work during the pandemic? How does this reading relate to your highs and lows?*

ACTIVITIES

COAT OF MANY COLORS:

Supplies: large piece of poster board, markers or crayons, strips of colorful cloth or different colored strips of construction paper, glue or glue sticks, scissors

Activity: Draw a picture of Joseph or Joseph's coat on the poster board. Glue the strips of colorful cloth or construction paper onto the coat. As you do, talk about what you know about Joseph and his story.

JOSEPH COOKIES:

Supplies: sugar cookies or gingerbread cookies; white frosting, food coloring

Activity: Give everyone a cookie. Put white frosting into separate bowls and mix food coloring in so you have a small bowl of red, green, blue, or more. Decorate the cookies with different strips of colored frosting. Talk about why Joseph's brothers might have been jealous of his coat, how everyone gets jealous now and then, and why jealousy is not a helpful emotion.

JOSEPH WORDS:

Supplies: White paper, pencils or markers

Activity: Write the words JOSEPH'S DREAMS on a piece of paper. Write as many words or phrases that relate to Joseph's story out of the letters in JOSEPH'S DREAMS. For instance, for "P" you could write "Pharaoh." For "S" you could write "Sad." And so on.

FORGIVEN HEART

Supplies: White and construction paper, glue or glue sticks, cut outs (done on card stock) of a large heart shape and a smaller cross shape (to fit inside the heart), markers or crayons

Activity: Depending on ability, everyone will either draw or trace a large heart and a smaller cross on a piece of paper. Then cut the shapes out and glue the cross onto the heart. Write "Forgiven" on the cross. Talk about how Joseph forgave his brothers and why it is important to forgive one another. Use the shape as a bookmark or a decoration.

Learn a Song!

"Son of His Old Age"

Sign Language Demonstration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC6YIOfbew&list=PL3CD1195B9D89E402&index=18>

Song with Sign Language

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiBfPM35eeE&list=PL3CD1195B9D89E402&index=17>

Also, check out "Jacob and Sons/Joseph's Coat" from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." It's a good talk-starter for a conversation about jealousy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtpzoGj-1V8>

JOSEPH

and his coat of many colors



Forgiving Others



Forgiving and Forgiven

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."
Matthew 5:23-24



Based on Matthew 5:21-24

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ALTAR	ANGRY	PEOPLE	REMEMBER	MURDER
OFFERING	FIRST	FOOL	JUDGEMENT	GIFT
BROTHER	HELL	DANGER	RECONCILED	FIRE

Joseph and His Brothers

Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph — a beautiful robe. Genesis 37:3 (NLT)

Based on Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (NIV)



Genesis 37

H O N B O S I L V E R D D R C
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 J O S E P H G B D D C T C L S
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 I Q E N M R A A J N M A F E U
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LAND	MERCHANTS	LOVED	JOSEPH	CANAAN
HATED	GRAZE	OLD	BORN	ROBE
SONS	JACOB	BROTHERS	SILVER	CHILDREN
EGYPT	KILL	FLOCKS	FATHER	SOLD