



## New Covenant Fellowship

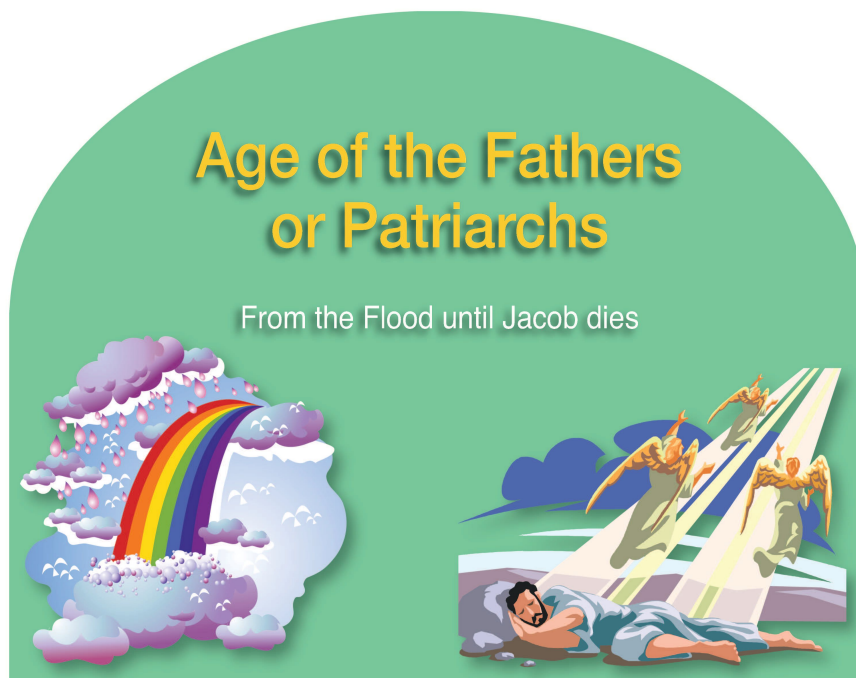
# Christian Teaching Material for Children Part 4

## **“Joseph”**

### **Booklet A**

(Suitable for ages 4-8)

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## Joseph's Coat

Jacob went to live in a land called Canaan. He had twelve sons. The youngest two were most precious to him because they were the only two children born to Rachel, the love of Jacob's life. Their names were Joseph and Benjamin.

Jacob gave his son Joseph a special coat to show how much he loved him. What do you do to show your love for others?

### Activity

Colour Joseph's coat.

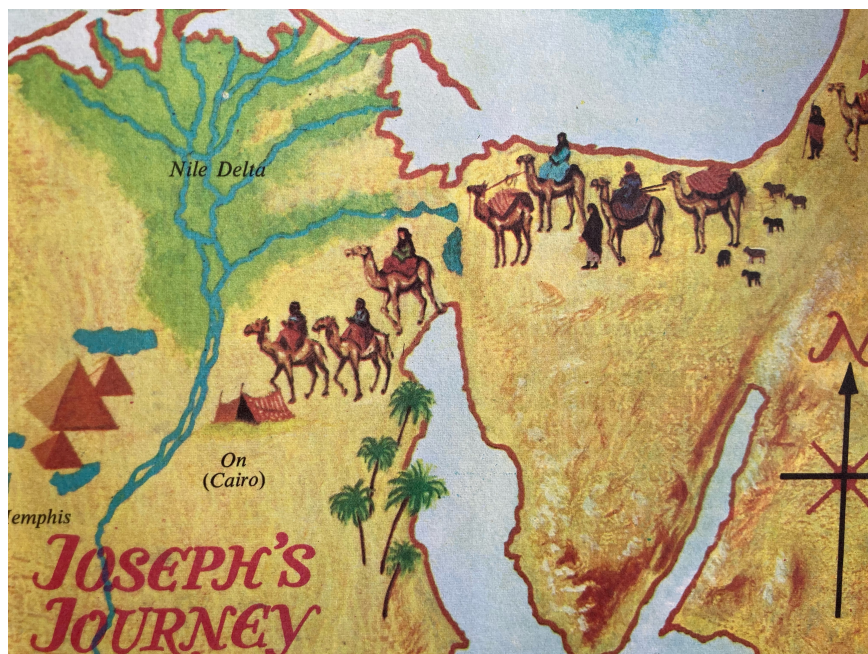


## Joseph's Journey

Joseph's brothers were very angry that he got a special coat, and they did not. They talked about Joseph while they were looking after their father's sheep.

When their father sent Joseph to check on his brothers, they saw him coming. They wanted to get rid of him.

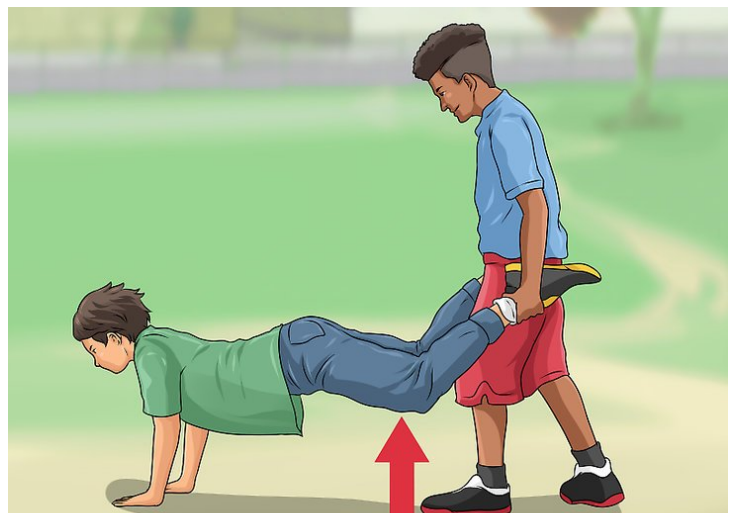
They sent him away with some travellers to the land of Egypt. When their father asked where Joseph was, the other brothers pretended that a wild animal had killed him. Their father cried for a very long time.



Joseph travelled all the way to Egypt. He might have travelled on a camel or a donkey, or in a wagon or cart.

### Activity

Pretend you are driving a cart! Find a partner and have a human-wheelbarrow race like in the picture.



## Joseph in Charge

In Egypt, Joseph was put into prison even though he did nothing wrong. He made friends in prison and God gave him the ability to understand the meaning of other people's dreams.

He helped two men understand their dreams. One of them got out of prison and was a helper to the King of Egypt. The King of Egypt is called a Pharaoh.

One day, Pharaoh had some dreams that he did not understand. Pharaoh's helper remembered Joseph.

Pharaoh spoke to Joseph about his dreams. In the first dream, seven skinny cows ate up seven fat cows, but the skinny cows did not become fat. In the second dream, seven bad corn plants ate up seven healthy corn plants. The sick plants did not become healthy.

Draw a fat cow and a skinny cow in the boxes.

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God helped Joseph to understand the dreams. The dreams meant that Egypt would have seven good years with lots of food, but then after that no food would grow for the next seven years.

Pharaoh saw that God was helping Joseph, so he put Joseph in charge of the whole land. He told Joseph to help make sure they would have enough food stored for the seven bad years.



## No Food Left

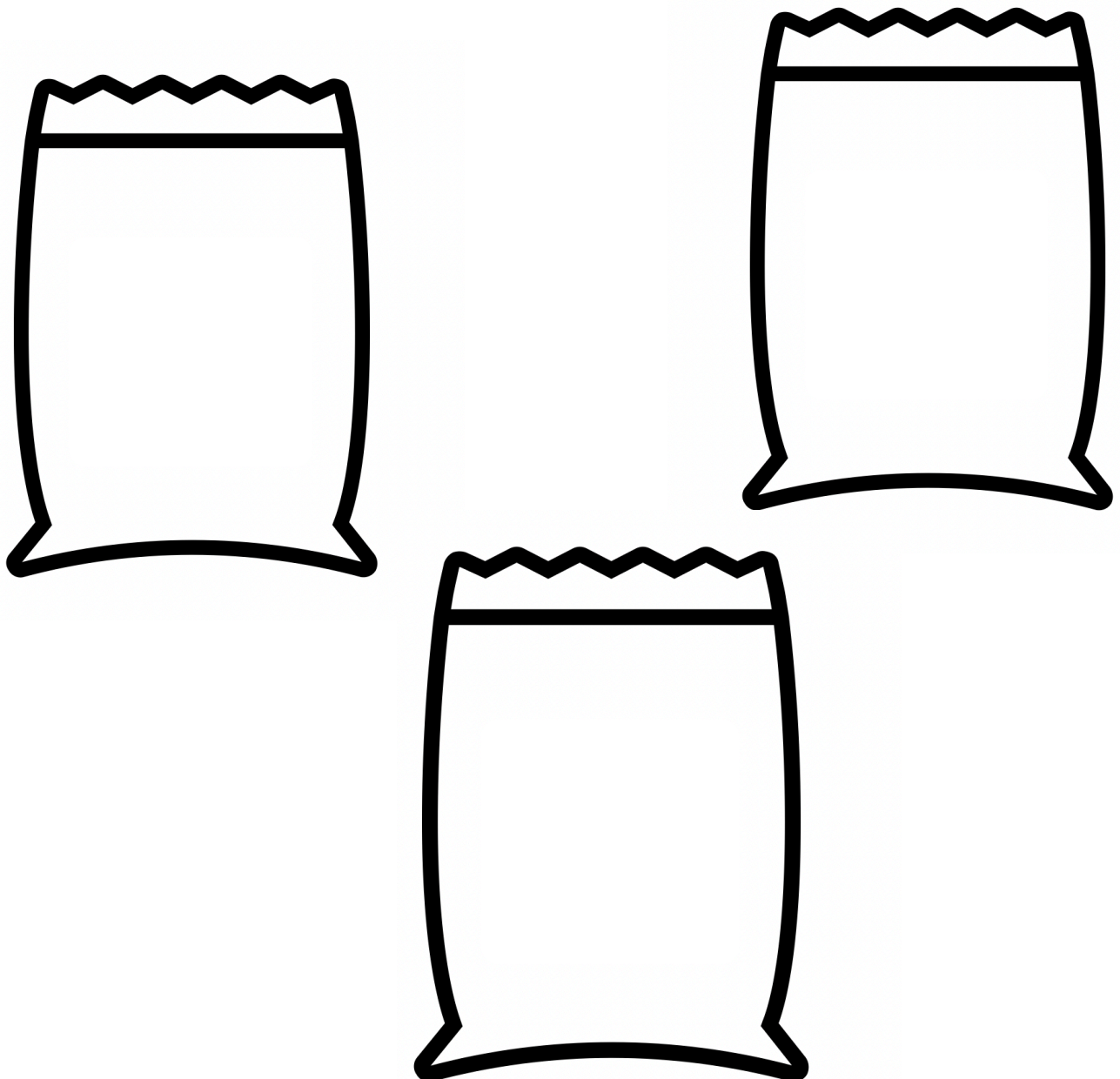
Back in Canaan, Joseph's family was very hungry. The seven good years had passed and now they had no food. They heard about a man in Egypt who had stored up lots of food. So, the brothers travelled to Egypt to buy some food.

The man in charge of the food asked if the brothers were spies. They were afraid, because he could put them in prison forever.

They didn't realise it was Joseph, their own brother.

### Activity

Draw some food for Joseph's family to fill up their sacks.



## Joseph's Family in Egypt

Joseph's heard his brothers talking and realised they were very sorry for the way they had treated their younger brother many years ago. Joseph finally told them who he was and forgave his brothers. They were all so happy!

The brothers hurried home to tell their father. Even though he was very old, he came all the way to Egypt to see his lost son again. It was such a joyful family reunion! Joseph's family came and lived in Egypt and they all had everything they needed.

### Activity

Help Jacob find his way to Joseph.

