



God used Joseph to save his family.

Genesis 42-50



☆Let's Talk and Wonder

ASK Joseph, the governor of Egypt, was used by God to keep his family alive and bring them together. *What did Joseph do?*

SAY Joseph's 11 brothers and father, Jacob, did not have any food in Canaan. So some of his brothers came to Egypt to buy food. Joseph filled their bags with grain and sent them home. They came back for more food, and that time Joseph told them he was their brother. They were very sorry for treating him badly long ago. Joseph forgave his brothers. Then he sent them back home to bring their father, Jacob, and their families to live in Egypt. Now they would have plenty to eat, they would all be together, and God's plan to make his people into a great nation would continue, just as he had promised!

SAY I wonder how Joseph felt when he saw how God saved his entire family and brought them together in Egypt . . .

☆Let's Match and Make

- 1 Make one **photocopy** of the coloring page for each child. Cut the pictures in two, separating Joseph and his brothers. Put the pieces on the table in random order. Tell children that Joseph and his family were separated, like the pictures. Joseph lived in Egypt and his father and brothers lived in Canaan, the land God gave them.
- 2 Help children find both parts of the coloring page. When everyone has both parts of the picture, help them **tape** the two parts together so Joseph and his family come together. As children hold up their taped pictures, remind them that God saved Jacob's family and brought them together through Joseph.
- 3 Write the children's names on their taped pictures. Provide the following items for children to **glue** on the picture after they color it: **glitter glue, fabric, and stars.**

☆Let's Pray and Sing

Lead children in singing this prayer to the tune *Jesus Loves Me*.
Sing each line and have children repeat after you.

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Thank you, God, for doing what's best,
In your care, I'll always rest.
Help me trust you, as I should,
All you do is for my good!

After singing, end the prayer by saying: **In Jesus' name, Amen.**