



## Genesis 37, 39

**Aim: To discover that God can be trusted even when things look bad**



Joseph's story is worthy of any self-respecting soap opera. Sibling rivalry resulted in his being ambushed and sold as a slave in Egypt. He trusted God and honest labour and integrity led to him becoming the top man in the household. False accusations, however caused his downfall and an apparently unlimited prison term. Again, he trusted God and while still in jail,

he made a useful contact at Pharaoh's court.

Joseph's life might have felt like a rollercoaster, but God looked after him just as he looks after us



Bring something to show that has a special meaning for you and explain what that is.

*Our story today starts with Joseph showing off about his wonderful coat of many colours. One of the reasons he loved it so much was because it was from his Dad. But that was one of the reasons why his brothers were jealous of him and so cross about it*



Use two paper plates - one with a smiley face and one with a sad face to help you tell the story. When Joseph is happy or the story talks about God show the happy face, and when the brothers are sad or angry show the sad face.

Read 'Joseph and his brothers' (p34) and 'Joseph goes to Egypt' (p36)



- *I wonder how Joseph felt when he was taken to Egypt.*
- *I wonder if he remembered his dreams that said that he would have an important job to do.*
- *I wonder where God is when I am facing difficult times.*



Read 'Joseph's Jealous Brothers' (p25) and 'Off to prison' (p27) in Bob Hartman's 'Play along Bible'

Watch 'Joseph's Brothers' from the Joseph musical <https://youtu.be/xp4Fym1KImY>. Talk about how the different characters in the story must have felt. Explain that God is right in the middle of all these difficult feelings and cares about each and everyone of us



- Print the pictures from Free Bible Images and encourage families to see if they can put them in the right order  
[www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/Is-joseph-coat/](http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/Is-joseph-coat/)
- Draw an outline of a coat on paper and decorate with bits of paper or fabric
- Provide lots of fancy clothes for dressing up play



Use the rainbow prayer from AT1E  
Noah looks after God or...

Encourage everyone to join in with the refrain 'Thank you God for looking after me'

*When things are going great and I am really happy*

*Thank you God for looking after me*

*When things are not so good and I am really sad*

*Thank you God for looking after me*

*When everyone around me is on my side*

*Thank you God for looking after me*

*When I feel like no-one cares*

*Thank you God for looking after me*

*All the time, everywhere*

*Thank you God for looking after me*



- Nothings to big, big, big
- Jesus love is very wonderful
- Big thumbs tough



Give families the prayer to take home and encourage them to make up some actions to do next week

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