

TO LOVE AND TO FORGIVE

The story of Joseph and his brothers



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “To love and to forgive: The story of Joseph and his brothers”. This is the retelling of the story of Joseph and his brothers in the bible. We explained that Jacob had 12 sons, but he loved Joseph more than the other sons. Joseph’s brothers were not happy. Then Joseph started having dreams of becoming great and told his family. His brothers were angry and jealous! They sold him as a slave. As a slave, God was with Joseph until he became a great leader in Egypt. Later, his brothers visited Egypt and Joseph revealed his identity to them. His brothers were afraid. But Joseph forgave them for the wrong things they did to him. The family came together again!

What does the story mean for kids? Kids will learn that God is always with them. Also, they will learn that God has great plans for their lives. Finally, kids will be encouraged to forgive those who hurt them.

The bible references for this story are as follows: Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-23; 41: 1-57; 42: 1-3; 45: 1 – 28.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. “And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

(2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards.

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This section has the retelling of the story of Joseph and his brothers. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the story of Joseph and his brothers using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

3. Story starter cards

Each of these cards has a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the story of Joseph and his brothers in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

4. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week. You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

5. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

6. Crossword puzzle

Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.

7. Maze

Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.

8. Word search

Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.

9. Word scramble

Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word-list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the wordlist.

10. Learn and colour

Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators.

You know your child/children best; so, feel free to adapt the contents as relevant to the different age groups you are teaching.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

We welcome any feedback you might have about using these resources. Please send an email to contact@godlypearls.com or reach out to us through our [Facebook page](#).

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Bible References: Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-23; 41: 1-57; 42: 1-3; 45: 1 – 28.

You can use this resource to:

- ❖ *Discuss the story of Joseph and his brothers from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

This resource was designed for parents, Sunday School teachers, Kids club teachers, Christian educators, evangelists, missionaries, etc.

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There was a man named Jacob. He had 12 sons and lived in Canaan. He loved Joseph more than all his other children. One day, he gave Joseph a special gift - a beautiful coat with many colours. His brothers did not like Joseph because their father loved him more than all of them.

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Joseph was 17 years old and usually helped to take care of animals with his brothers. Whenever they were on the field and his brothers did something bad, Joseph would report it to their father.

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One day, Joseph had a dream. In his dream, they were on the field tying up bundles of grain. Then, Joseph's bundle of grain stood up, and his brothers' bundles of grains bowed before his own. He told his brothers about this dream, and they were very angry with him. "So, you think you will be our king? You think you will reign over us", they asked.

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Joseph had another dream! He told his father and brothers again. “The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before me!” he said. “Will your mother and I and your brothers bow to the ground before you?” his father said, wondering what the dream meant. But his brothers were jealous of him.



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One day, Jacob asked Joseph to check on his brothers who were feeding their animals in Shechem. He found them in Dothan. But when his brothers saw him, they quickly planned to get rid of him. “Here comes the dreamer! Let’s get rid of him and see what will happen to his dream!” they said. So, they threw him into a pit with no water.

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Later, they saw some traders travelling to Egypt. Juddah told his brothers, “Let us sell our brother instead of hurting him”, and they agreed. So, they sold Joseph for 20 pieces of silver. The traders then took Joseph to Egypt.

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Joseph's brothers tore his colourful coat, put blood on it and gave it to their father. "Is this your son's coat?", they asked.

When Jacob saw it, he said, "Yes, this is my son's coat. A wild animal must have eaten him. Joseph has clearly been torn to pieces!"

Jacob cried for a long time because of Joseph.

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In Egypt, Joseph was sold as a slave to Potiphar. God was with Joseph in the house of Potiphar. But the wife of Potiphar lied against Joseph, and he was put in prison. In the prison, God was still with Joseph.

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One day, Pharaoh the king of Egypt had a dream. In his dream, seven thin cows ate up seven fat cows. He also saw seven thin heads of grain swallow up seven fat and healthy heads of grain. When he woke up, he was confused but there was no one to explain the dreams to him.



Later, Joseph was taken out of the prison to explain Pharaoh's dreams to him. "There will be lots of food in the next seven years. After that, there will be no more food for seven years. I advise that you store up food during the seven years of plenty food so that there will be enough to eat when there is no more food", Joseph explained.

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“No one is wise like you and the Spirit of God is with you”, Pharaoh said. He put Joseph in charge of storing up food. He also made him ruler over the land and people of Egypt. At this time, Joseph was 30 years old.

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One day, the brothers of Joseph came to Egypt to buy food because there was no more food in Canaan where they lived. They could not recognize Joseph and did not know that he was the ruler of Egypt. They bowed down to him because he was the ruler! Joseph hid his identity from his brothers on their first visit. On their second visit, he revealed his identity to them. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, the one you sold to Egypt". They were afraid!

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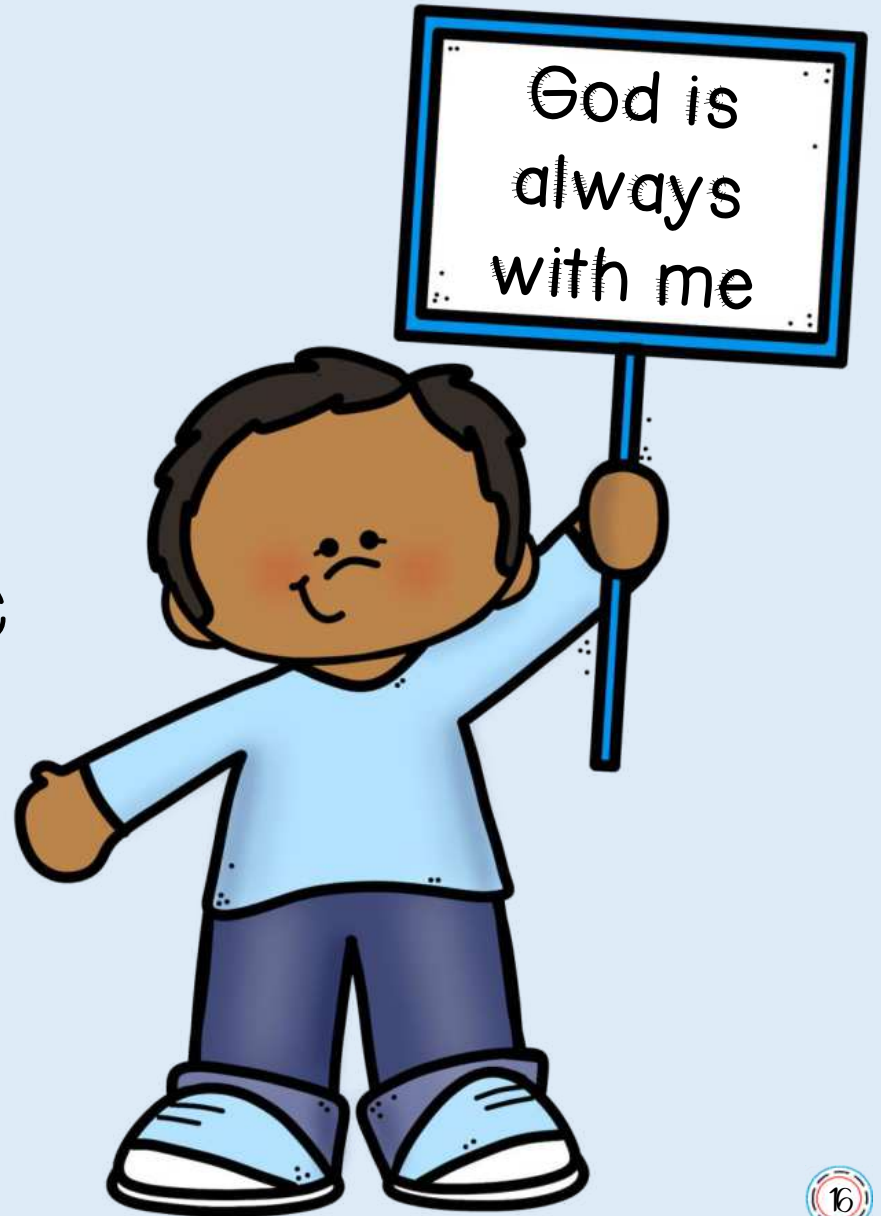


The brothers said sorry for what they did to Joseph. “Don’t be afraid. God sent me here so that I can save many lives from famine”, Joseph said. He forgave his brothers, and they were all happy to see him again. Joseph asked his father, brothers and their families to live with him in Egypt and they did.

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God was with
Joseph
everywhere he
went, even in
prison.



God had great
plans for Joseph.
From the prison,
he became the
ruler of Egypt.



Joseph forgave
his brothers. They
said sorry for
selling him as a
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I will forgive
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QUIZ CARDS

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What special gift did Jacob give to Joseph?

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Why were Joseph's brothers jealous of him?

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When Joseph's brothers saw him coming to check on them, what did they plan to do?

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Joseph was sold for how many pieces/shekels of silver?

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After the traders bought Joseph, where did they take him to?

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In Egypt, Joseph was sold as a slave to who?

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What did Pharaoh see in his dreams?

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When Joseph's brothers saw him, they were afraid. Why were they afraid?

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1

Jacob ...



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2

One day, Joseph...



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3

His brothers ...



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4

In Egypt,...



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5

Later, Pharaoh...



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6

Joseph ...



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STORY STARTERS

CONVERSATION CARDS

How can you show love to your brothers or sisters?

1

How do you feel when your brother or sister does something bad to you?

2

How do you feel when you are away from home?

3

What are you very good at doing?

4



I CAN MEMORIZE



For if you forgive
men their trespasses,
your heavenly Father
will also forgive you.

Matthew 6 : 14

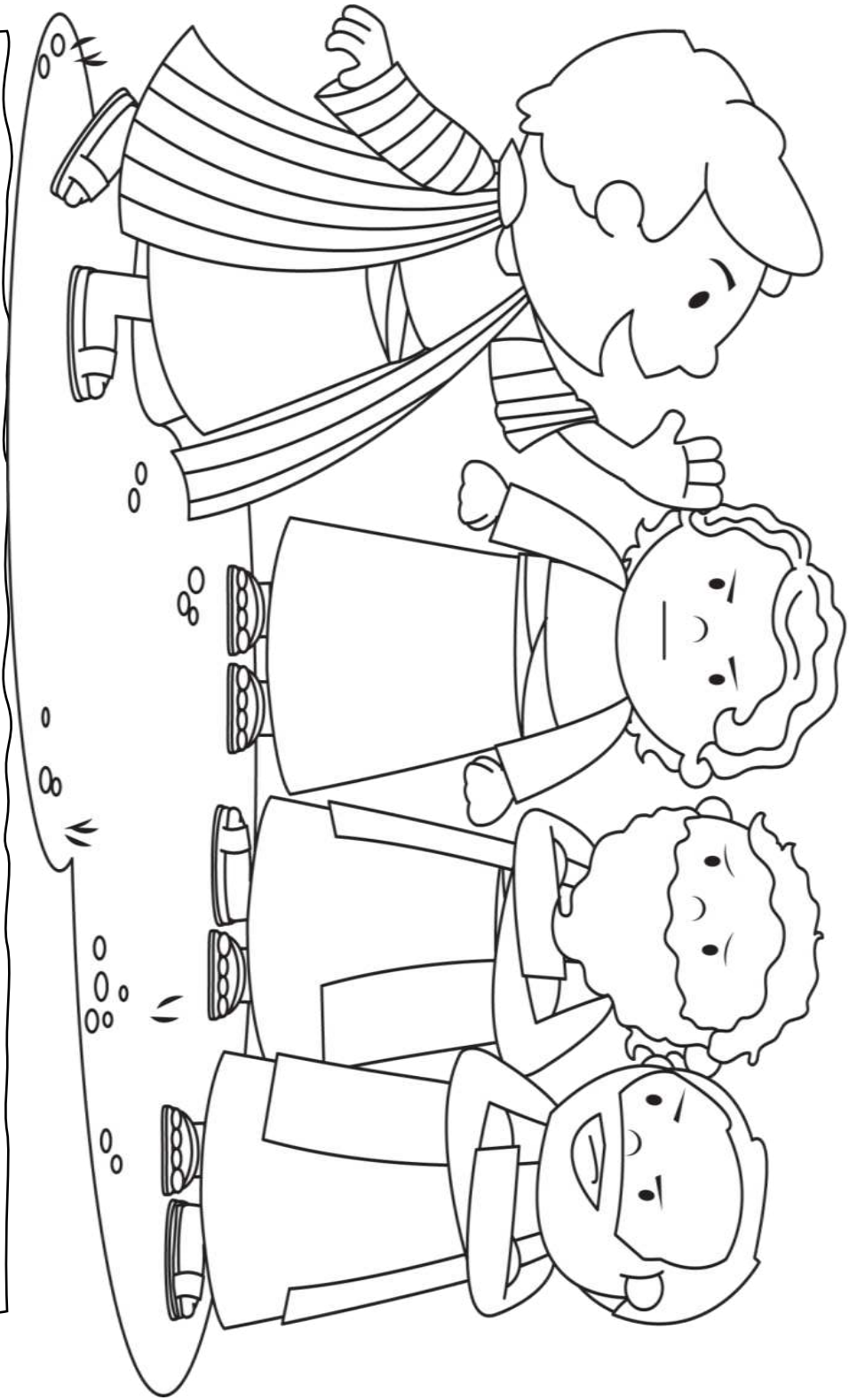


I CAN PRAY



Dear God, thank You
because you have great
plans for me. Please help
me to forgive those who
hurt me. I ask this in
Jesus' name. Amen.

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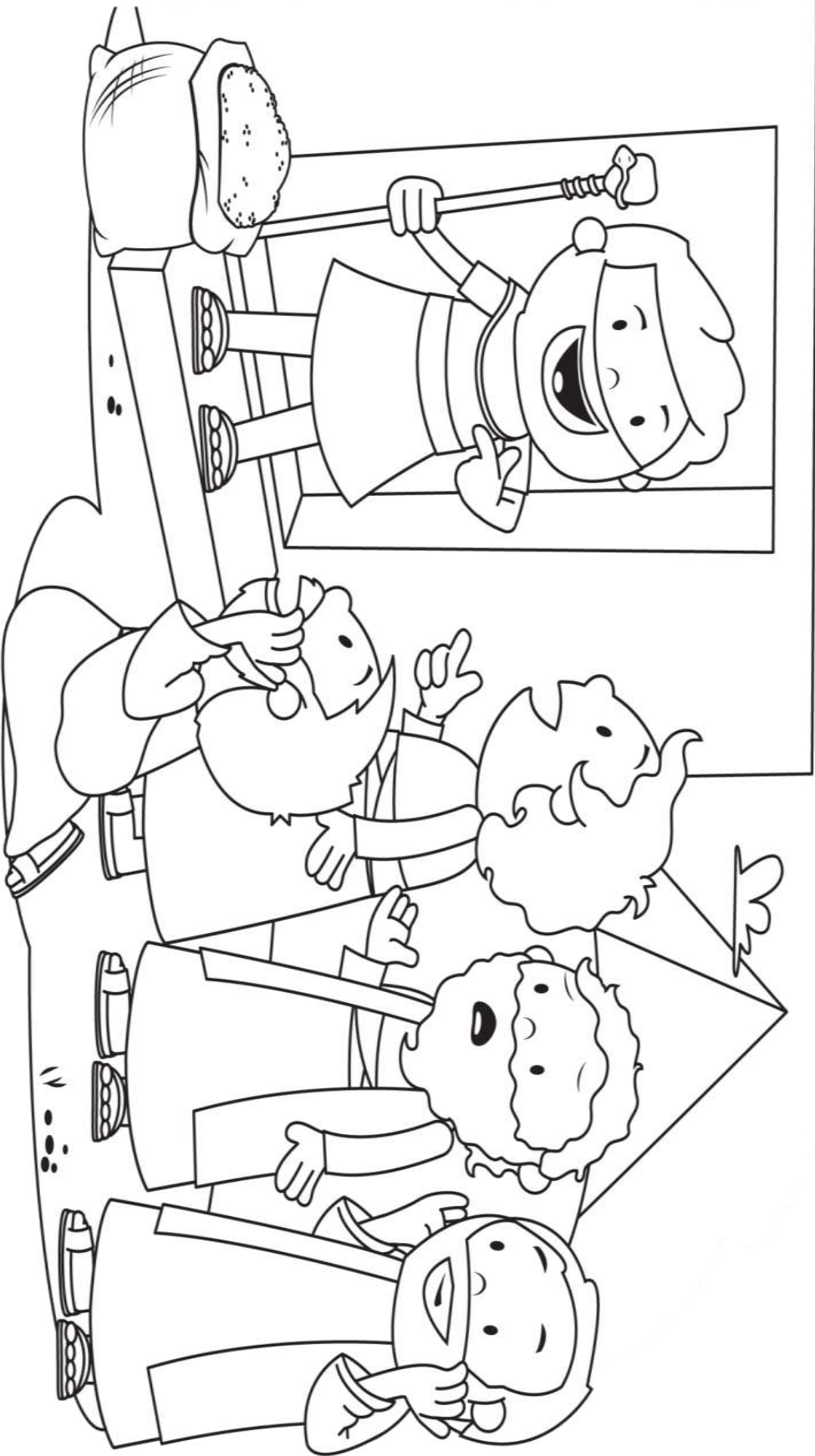
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Joseph said, "I am your brother, Joseph, the one you sold to Egypt". They were afraid!

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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

s	e	v	a	e	h	S	m	p	m	w	A
b	h	o	x	D	x	v	o	s	k	x	b
g	v	z	w	e	x	y	s	r	x	g	u
r	m	c	z	l	g	a	i	e	v	e	n
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y	o	p	s	e	y	d	n	r	r	a	n
f	a	m	p	r	a	f	i	T	t	k	t
u	r	l	u	a	e	i	u	s	x	i	i
k	a	l	q	n	t	v	m	r	b	m	a
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Pharaoh
Sheaves

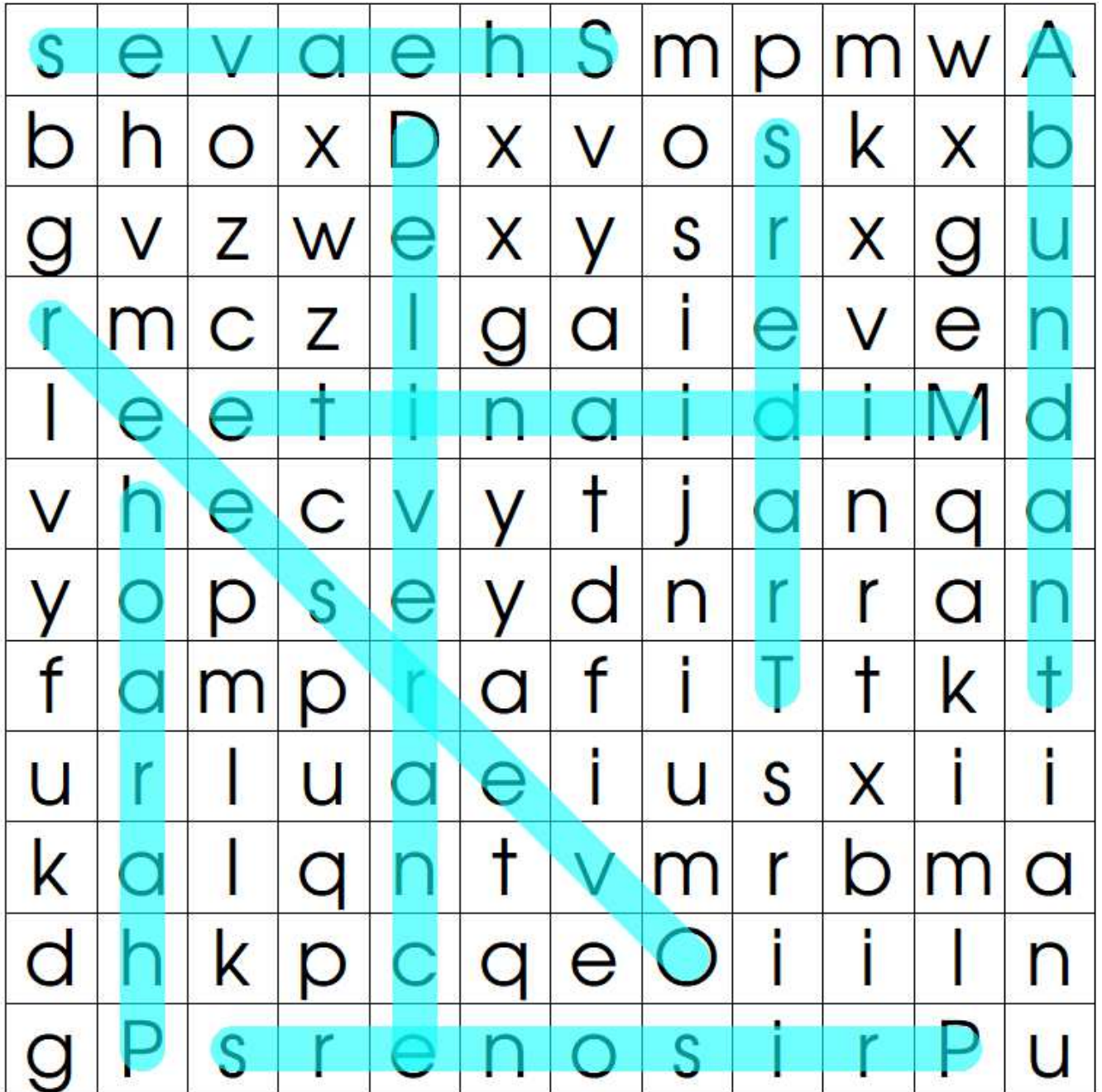


Deliverance
Overseer
Prisoners
Traders

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Word Search - answers
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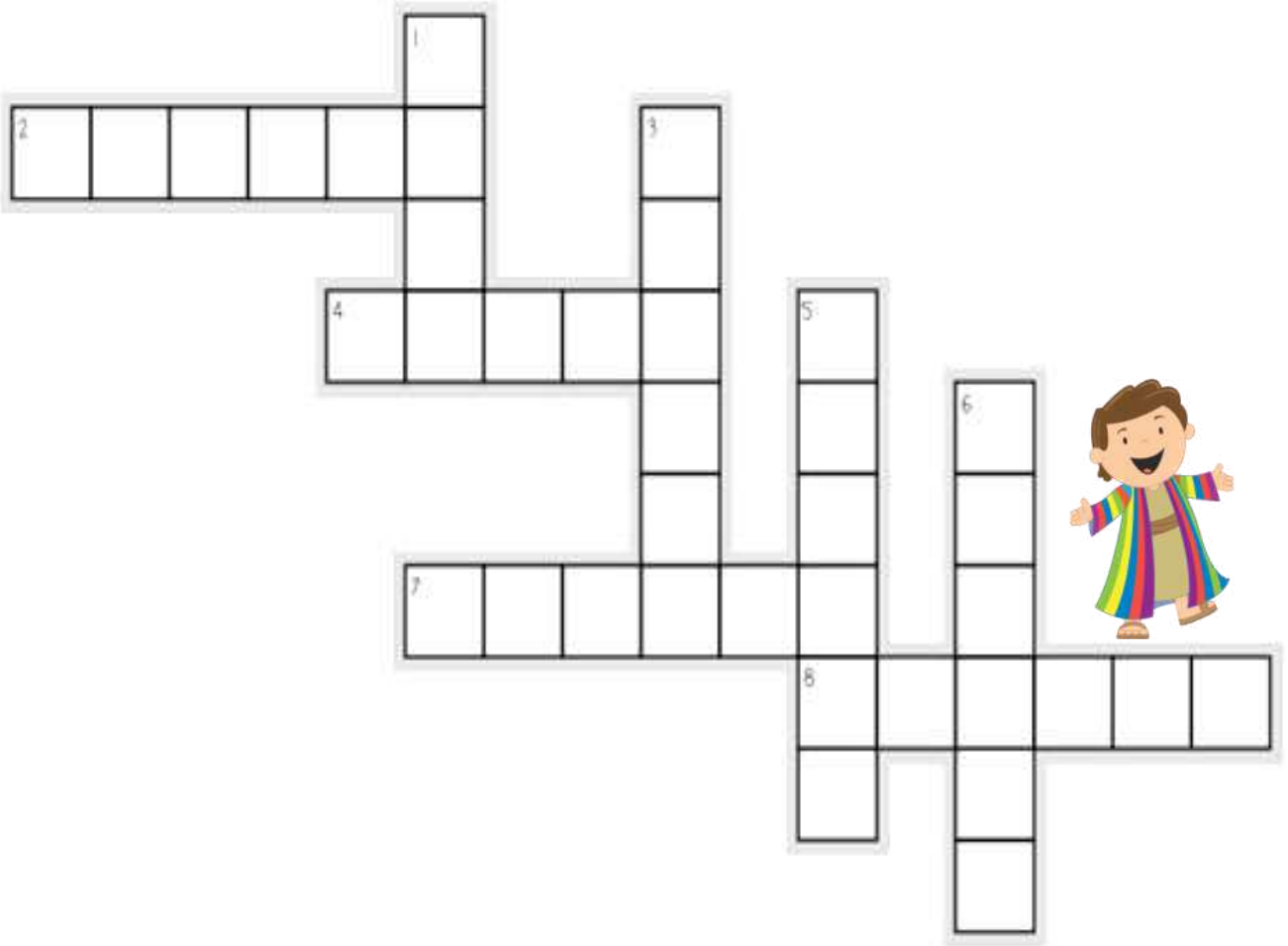
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

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4. In Egypt, Joseph was sold as a _____ to Potiphar (5)
7. The wife of Potiphar lied against Joseph, and he was put in _____ (6)
8. Jacob and his _____ sons lived in Canaan (6)

Down

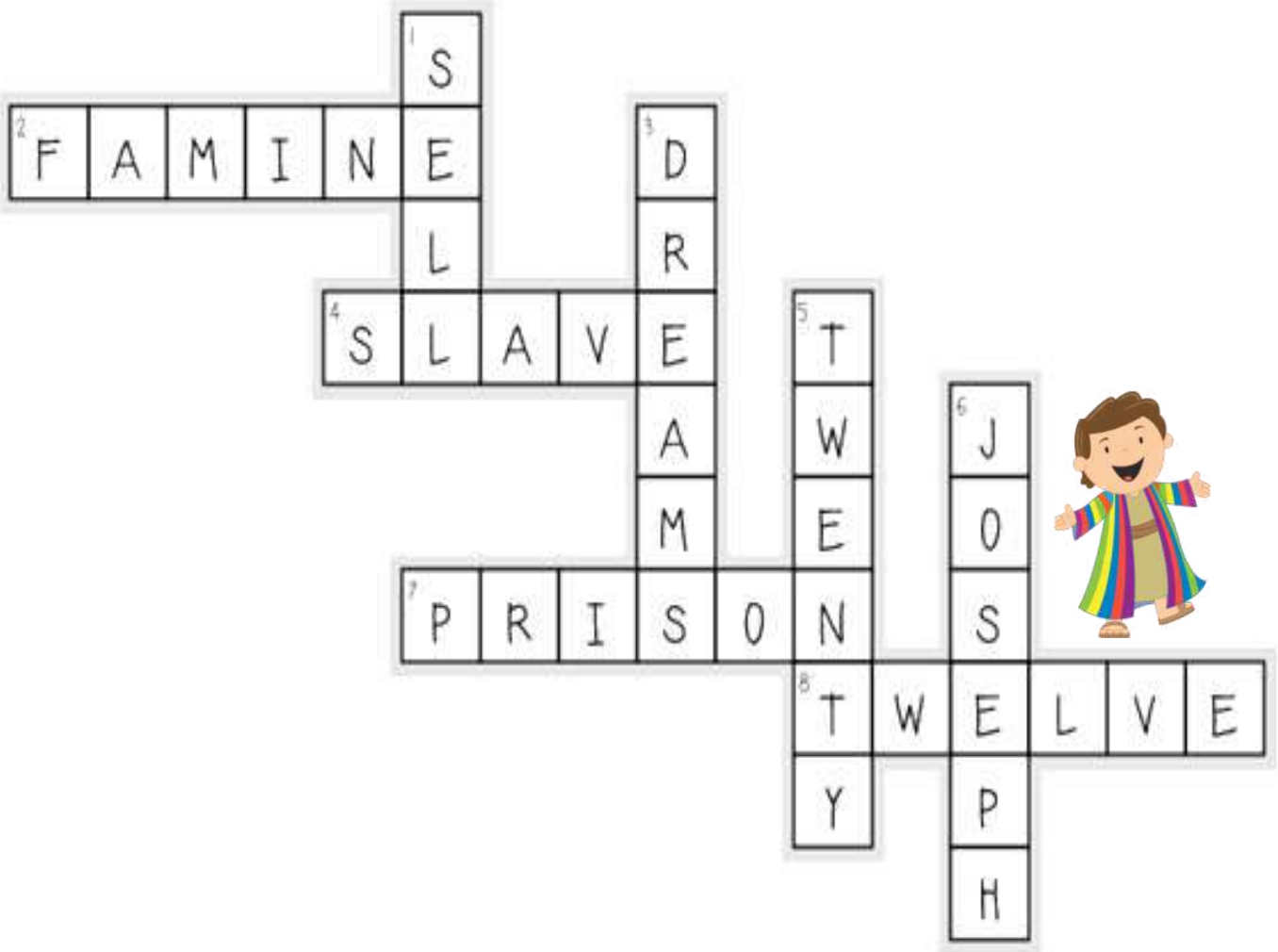
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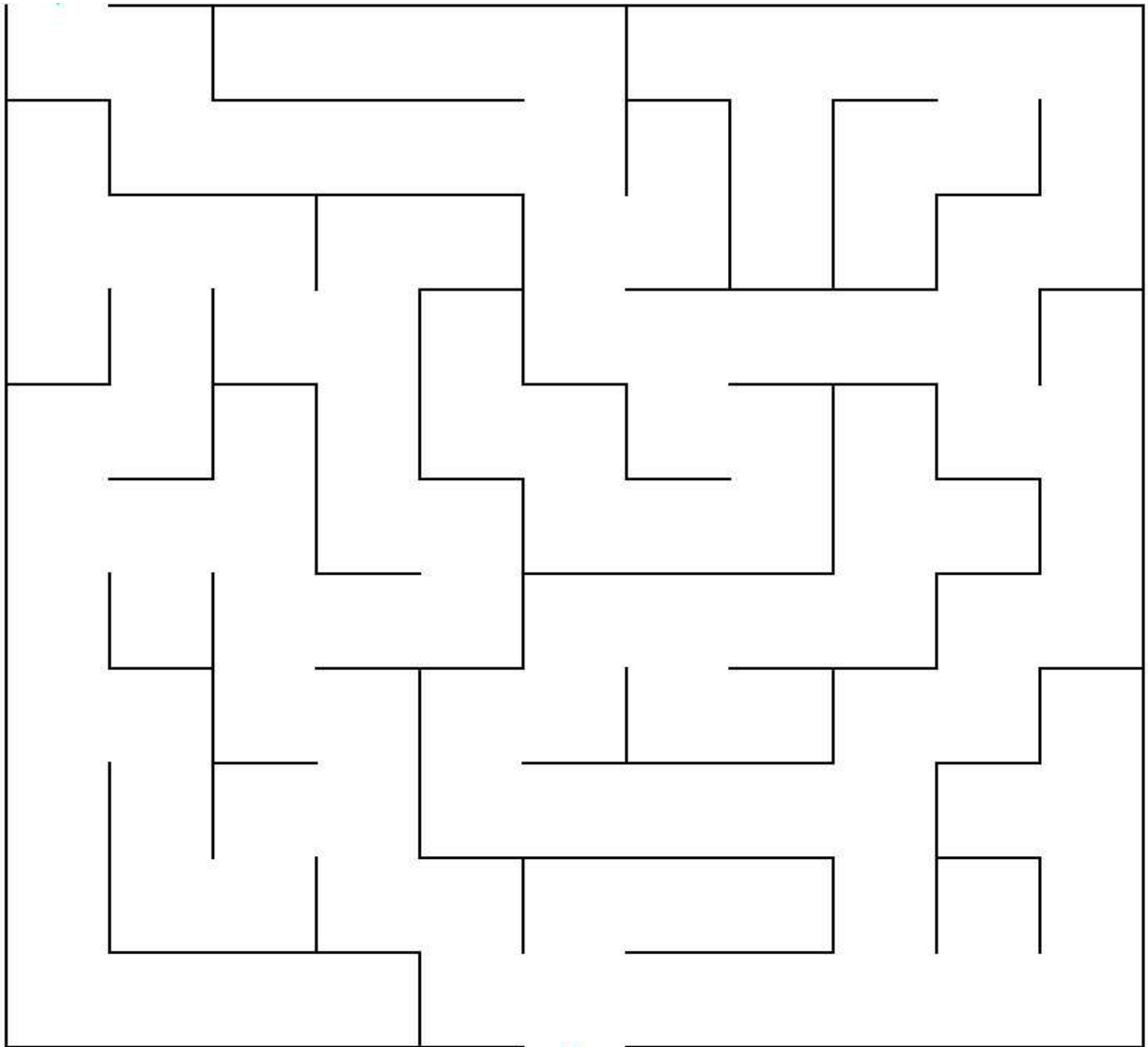
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Puzzle sheet

Pharaoh needs Joseph to explain his dreams! But Joseph is in the prison. Can you help him to get out?

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

YTEPG

SSIEP

RNIAG

EORTRSBH

ROVFEGI

EPTRIRNET

AFMNIE

DRMEA

Word list

Dream
Brothers
Spies
Famine



Grain
Interpret
Forgive
Egypt