

THE STORY OF JOSEPH

*This story is designed to be told alongside the power point pictures and tells you when to change slide.
It is the same story that is told on the Joseph story video.*

SLIDE 1 - Joseph was one of 12 sons of Jacob and Joseph was his Dad's favourite. His Dad was so pleased with him he gave him a special gift to prove it, a richly decorated multi coloured coat.

SLIDE 2 - You can imagine that getting this coat made his brothers very jealous.

SLIDE 3 – But Joseph only made things worse, he told his brothers about dreams he had (**SLIDE 4**) dreams where he was ruling over them.

SLIDE 5 - This made all his brothers furious 'You ruling over us!' they said 'What a joke!'

SLIDE 6 – One day when the brothers were out working - they decided to get rid of Joseph.

SLIDE 7 - So they threw him into a pit, they might have just left him there (**SLIDE 8**) but then they met some men travelling to Egypt, so they decided to sell Joseph to them as a servant instead.

SLIDE 9 - Then the brothers went home and they told their Dad that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal (**SLIDE 10**) this broke their Dad Jacob's heart.

SLIDE 11 - But the bible says that God was with Joseph. When he was a servant he worked for an important rich man called Potiphar.

SLIDE 12 - Potiphar liked Joseph so much that he put him in charge of his whole household.

SLIDE 13 - Joseph was happy and he worked really hard.

SLIDE 14 Until one day he was blamed for doing something that he didn't do – Potiphar's wife had told lies about him.

SLIDE 15 - Potiphar believed his wife and sent Joseph straight to jail.

SLIDE 16 - But God was still with Joseph, the guard decided to put him in charge of the other prisoners.

SLIDE 17 – Joseph continued to work hard and God gave Joseph special knowledge about dreams. So when the Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker were put in prison with Joseph, and they had dreams, (**SLIDE 18**) -Joseph knew what their dreams were about and what they meant and so he told them.

SLIDE 19 - 2 years later Egypt's ruler the Pharaoh had a dream too and no one knew what it meant!

SLIDE 20 - The cupbearer was now out of jail and he remembered Joseph and how he had helped him understand his dream. So the cupbearer when to Pharaoh and told him.

SLIDE 21 - Joseph was brought before Pharaoh and with God's help he told Pharaoh what his dreams meant.

SLIDE 22 - The dreams warned that everyone in Egypt would have plenty of food for 7 years but then there'd be a food shortage for another 7 years.

SLIDE 23 - Joseph told pharaoh the only way to survive was to store some of the food during the 7 good years of harvest.

SLIDE 24 - Pharaoh thought Joseph's idea was brilliant so he put him in charge of the food.

SLIDE 25 – They saved up food just like God had suggested to Joseph.

SLIDE 26 – And so when the 7 hungry years came, everyone had to go and get food from Joseph.

SLIDE 27 – Now you remember Joseph's 11 brothers? Like everyone else they had to travel to Egypt and get food from him too.

SLIDE 28 - When they arrived in Egypt they didn't recognise their brother – but Joseph knew who they were.

SLIDE 29 – At first he said nothing. He kept one of them in jail, sent them back to get their youngest brother – (**SLIDE 30**) he even tried to trick them by putting his silver cup in one of their food bags.

SLIDE 31 - Finally he couldn't hide who he was from his brothers anymore and so he told them (**SLIDE 32**) – 'I'm your brother Joseph, I'm the one you sold.'

SLIDE 33 - The brothers couldn't believe it – they had hurt Joseph but God had taken care of him during the good times and the bad times.

SLIDE 34 - Even with everything his brothers had done to him, Joseph forgave them. He said 'You planned to harm me, but God planned it for good'.

SLIDE 35 – And so Joseph was reunited with his Dad who along the 11 brothers and their families came to live in Egypt with Joseph.