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*Lesson 5:*

*Joseph and His Brothers*

## Today's Story:

In this story, one of Abraham's descendants named Jacob had 12 sons. And one of these sons was named Joseph. All of Joseph's brothers were jealous because their father gave Joseph a beautiful coat. The brothers threw Joseph into a pit and then sold him as a slave. He was taken to a far-away country called Egypt. Joseph didn't want to leave his family, but God was with Joseph in this difficult time.

After a few years in Egypt, God made Joseph become an important leader and helper to the powerful king of Egypt, called Pharaoh. Pharaoh had a troublesome dream. God told Joseph that the dream meant there would be a great famine in the land. (A famine is when there is hardly any food growing and people are going hungry.) Joseph ordered many large barns to be built to collect grain for the years when there would be a food shortage. When the famine came, the people of Egypt had plenty of food and did not starve.

God used Joseph to help save many people from hunger. One day Joseph's brothers travelled to Egypt to buy some food because they too were getting hungry. The brothers didn't know that Joseph was still alive. When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them and loved them. He forgave them for hurting him and selling him as a slave. Joseph showed God's kindness, forgiveness and love. Then the rest of Joseph's family came to Egypt. They settled there and had many children. They had so many children that they were becoming a great nation, just as God had promised. But they did not have their own country yet. Together these people waited and prayed to have a land to call their home.

### **Bible Memory Verse:**

*"You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good."  
Genesis 50:20a NIRV*

## My Art Response:

