

Joseph: Prince of Dreams

Lapbook

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How Do I Get Started?

First, you will want to gather your supplies. Depending on which format you purchased from us, you will need different supplies. So, take what applies, and skip over the rest.

*** Printing:

*Print instructions and study guide on white copy paper.



*Print the booklet templates on 24# colored paper or 110# cardstock. For some booklets, we have suggested specific colors or cardstock. You may choose to use those suggested colors, or you may choose to print on any color that you like.



*** Assembly:

*Folders: We use colored file folders, which can be found at Walmart, Sam's, Office Depot, Costco, etc. You will need between 2 and 4 file folders, depending on which product you have purchased. You may use manilla folders if you prefer, but we have found that children respond better with the brightly colored folders. Don't worry about the tabs....they aren't important. If you prefer, you can purchase the assembled lapbook bases from our website.

*Glue: For the folder assembly, we use hot glue. For booklet assembly, we use glue sticks and sometimes hot glue, depending on the specific booklet. We have found that bottle glue stays wet for too long, so it's not a great choice for lapbooking.



*Other Supplies: Of course, you will need scissors. Many booklets require additional supplies. Some of these include metal brad fasteners, paper clips, ribbon, yarn, staples, hole puncher, etc. You may want to add decorations of your own, including stickers, buttons, coloring pages, cut-out clipart, etc. The most important thing is to use your imagination! Make it your own!!



Ok. I've Gathered the Supplies. Now How Do I Use This Product?

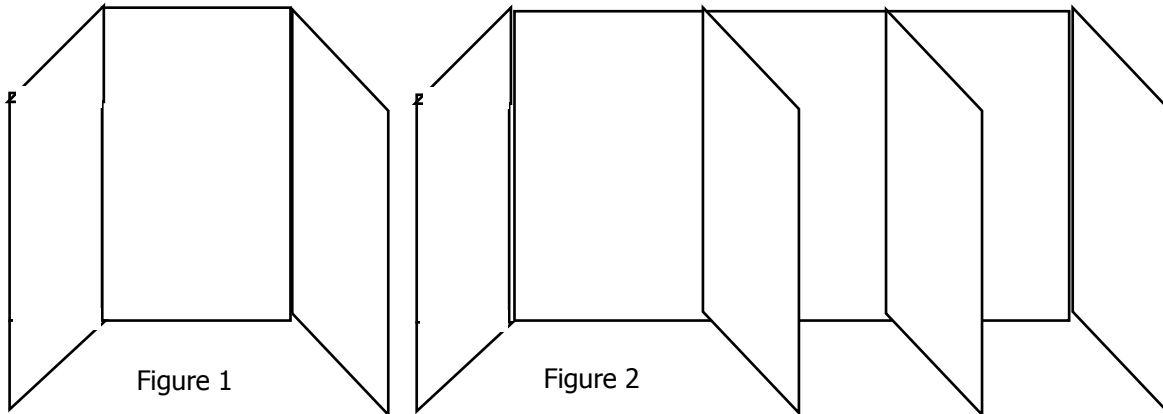
Inside, you will find several sections. They are as follows:

1. **Lapbook Base Assembly & Layout Guide:** This section gives instructions and diagrams and will tell the student exactly how to assemble the lapbook base and where to glue each booklet into the base. Depending on the student's age, he or she may need assistance with this process, especially if you choose to allow the student to use hot glue.
2. **Student Instruction Guide:** This section is written directly to the student, in language that he or she can understand. However, depending on the age of the child, there may be some parent/teacher assistance needed. This section will also tell the student exactly what should be written inside each booklet as he or she comes to it during the study, as well as telling the student which folder each booklet will be glued into.
4. **Booklet Templates:** This section includes ALL of the templates for the booklets.
5. **Study Guide:** This section is a great resource for the parent/teacher while teaching about the story of Joseph.

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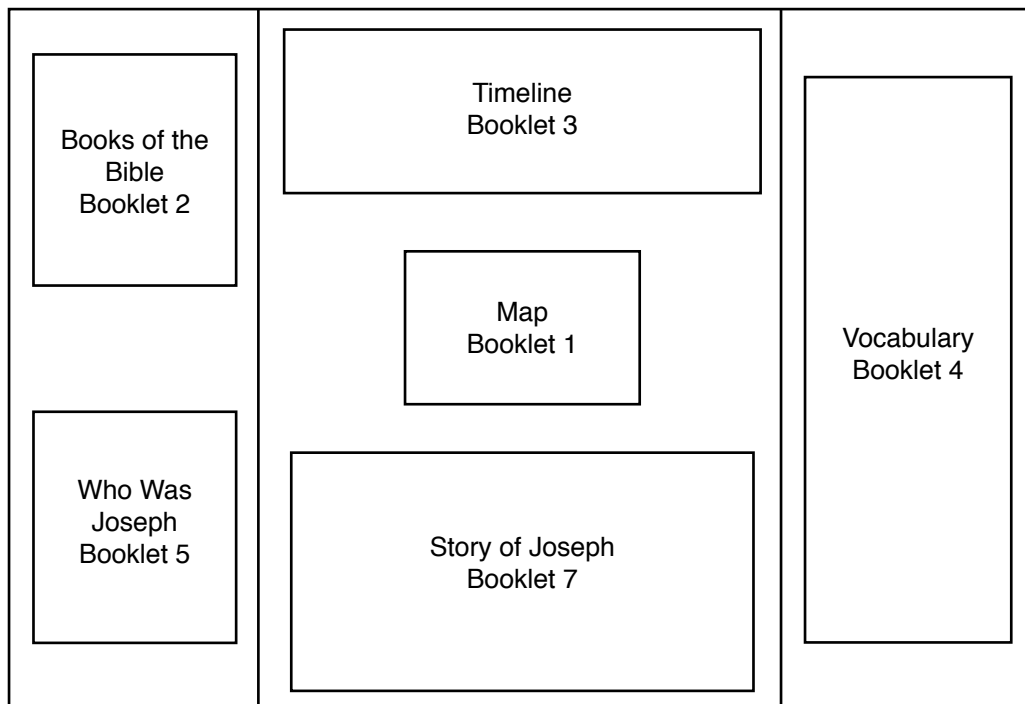
Base Assembly & Layout Guide

You will need 3 folders of any color. Fold both sides toward the original middle fold and make firm creases on these folds (Figure 1). Then glue (and staple if needed) the backs of the small flaps together (Figure 2).

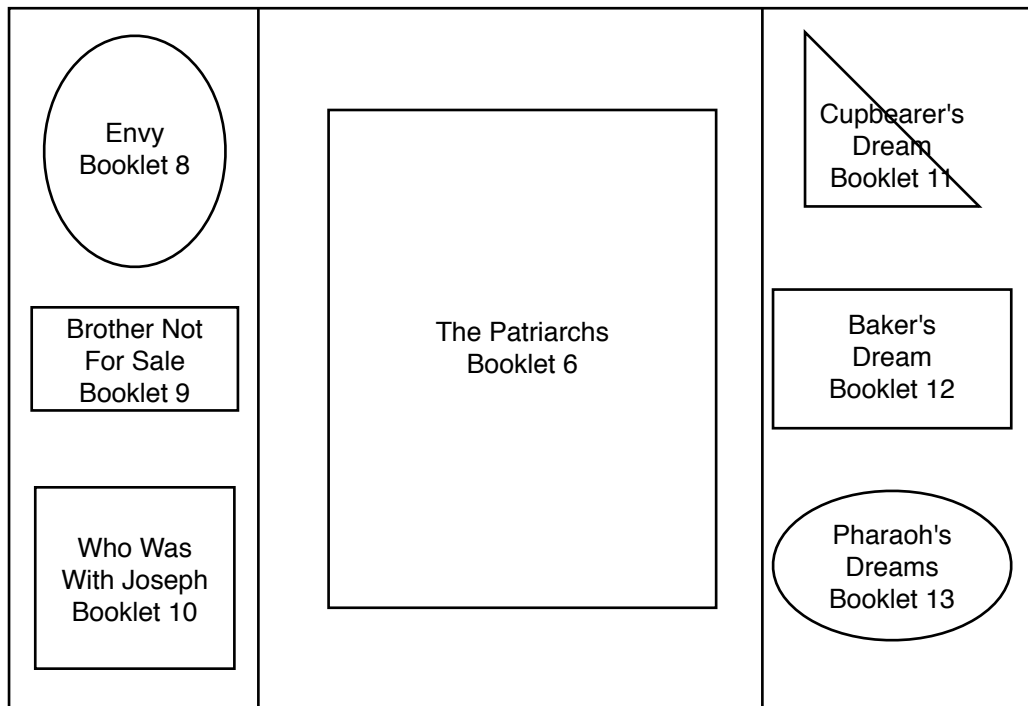


This is the "Layout" for your lapbook. The shapes are not exact on the layout, but you will get the idea of where each booklet should go inside your lapbook.

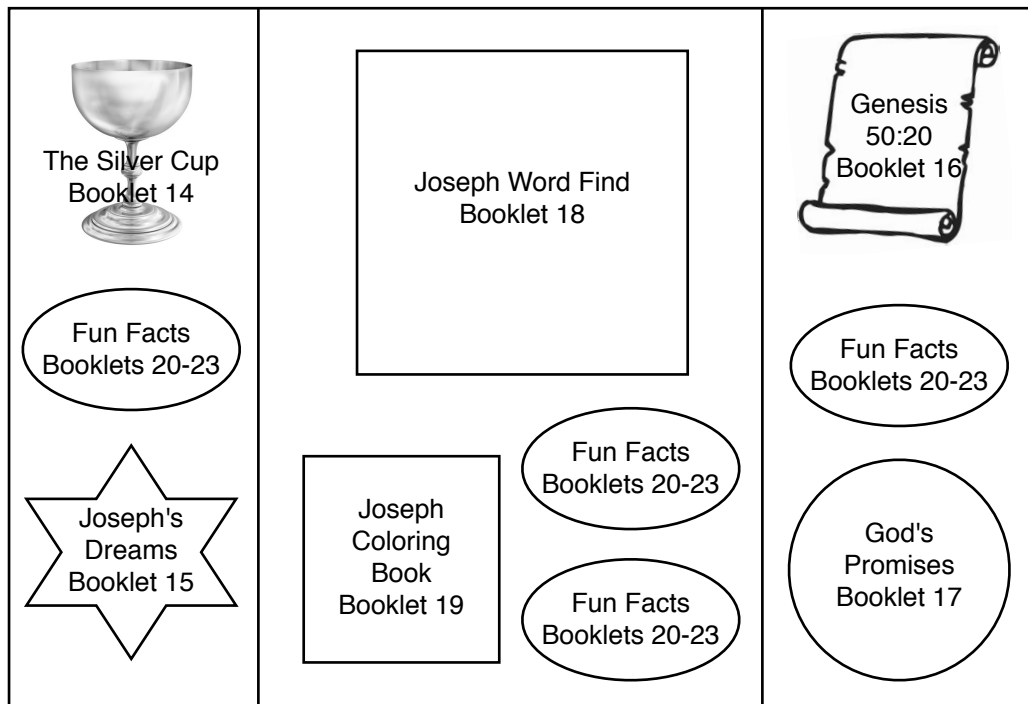
Inside of Folder #1:



Inside of Folder #2:



Inside of Folder #3:

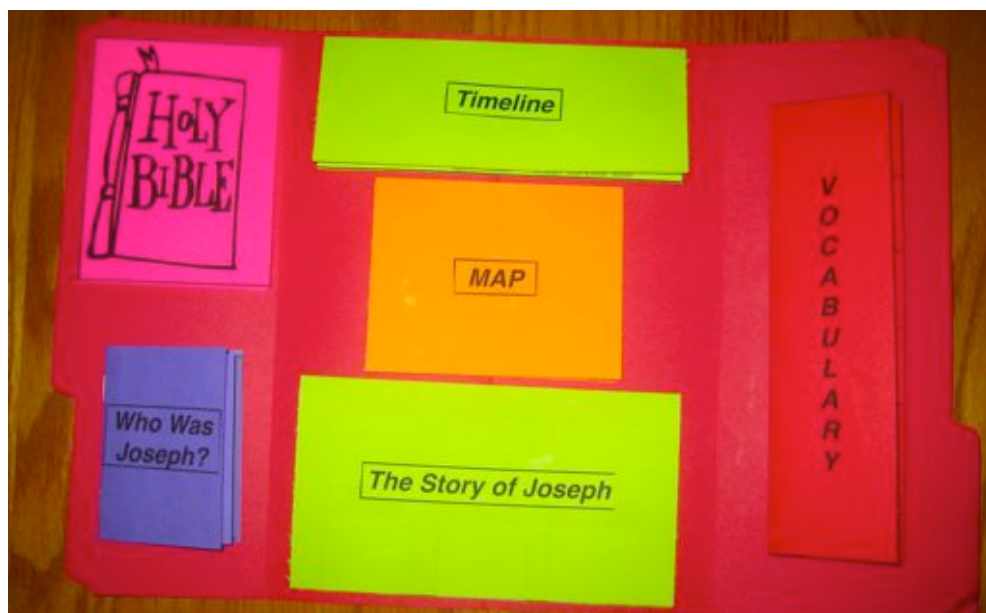


Below you will find pictures of a completed Joseph Lapbook. YOUR lapbook will be laid out in the SAME way.

This should help in figuring out how to assemble the booklets and then how to put it all together!



Inside of Folder #1:



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Student Instruction Guide

Booklet #1

*Booklet Title: Map

*Student Instructions: Circle "ISRAEL" with a red crayon or pen. This was the ancient land of Canaan, later named "Israel," which was another name for Joseph's father, Jacob. Circle "EGYPT" with a blue crayon or pen. Label the Mediterranean Sea and the Nile River.

*Completed booklet will be glued into Folder #1 (See Layout)

**Assembly Instructions: Cut out booklet and title around outer black line edges. Fold horizontally on center black line. Glue title onto front of booklet. Glue booklet into folder.

Booklet #2

*Booklet Title: Books of the Bible

*Student Instructions: There will be a lot of scripture quoted in this study guide, from the Book of Genesis and elsewhere. Joseph's story is told in the Book of Genesis. "Genesis" means "beginning," and it is the first book of the Bible. The first 5 books of the Bible, starting with Genesis, are called the "Books of the Law," the "Torah," or the "Pentateuch," which literally means "five books." These books tell the history leading up to the formation of the nation of Israel: the stories of Creation, The Flood, the Jewish Patriarchs, slavery in Egypt, Exodus from Egypt, and the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Write the names of the five Books of the Law in this booklet: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

*Completed booklet will be glued into Folder #1 (See Layout)

**Assembly Instructions: Cut out booklet around outer black line edges. Fold vertically on center black line so that the picture of the Bible is on the front of the booklet. Glue booklet into folder.

MAP

Joseph's home in Canaan was about 250 miles from Egypt. It would take him about one month to travel there.

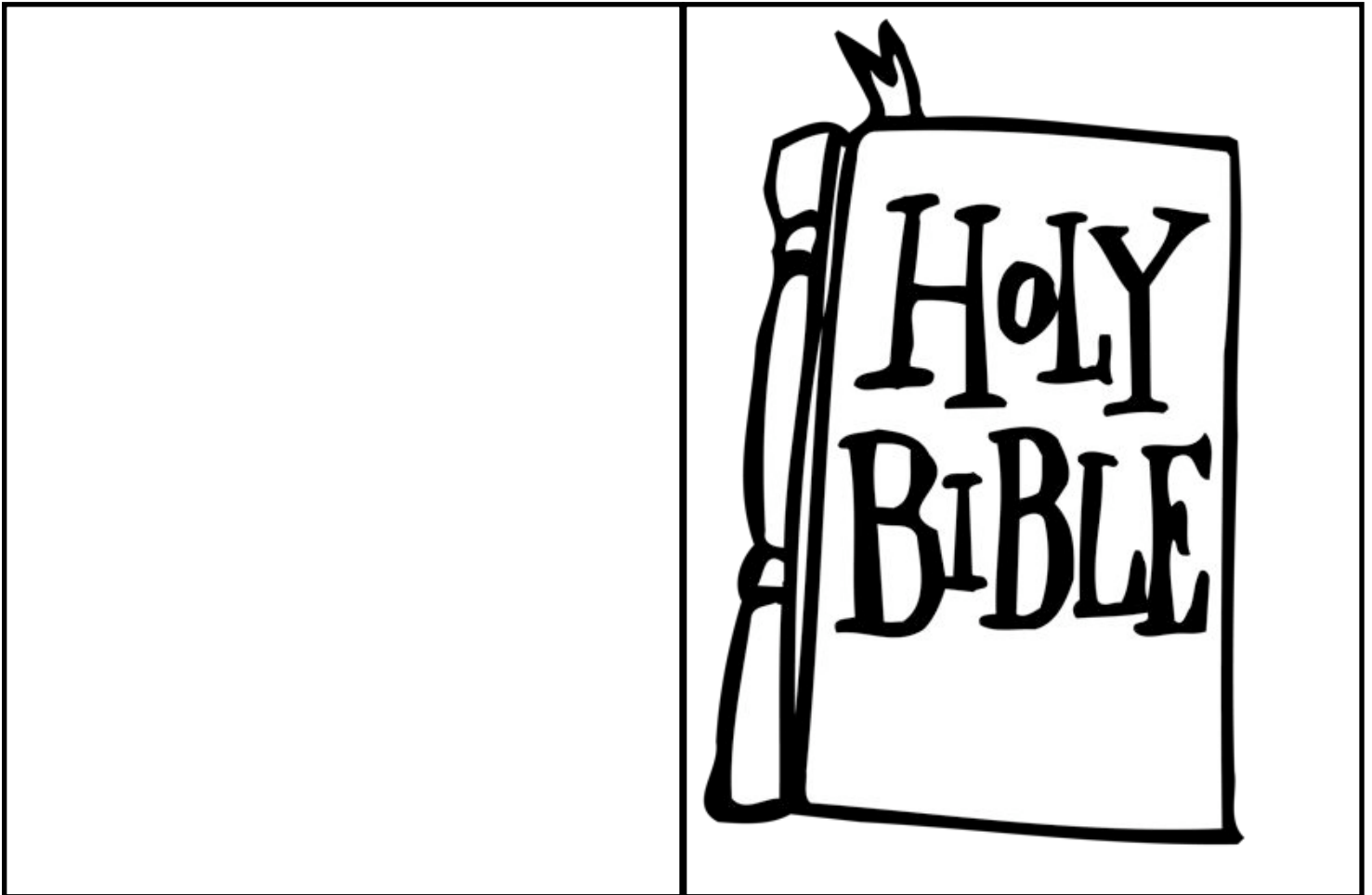
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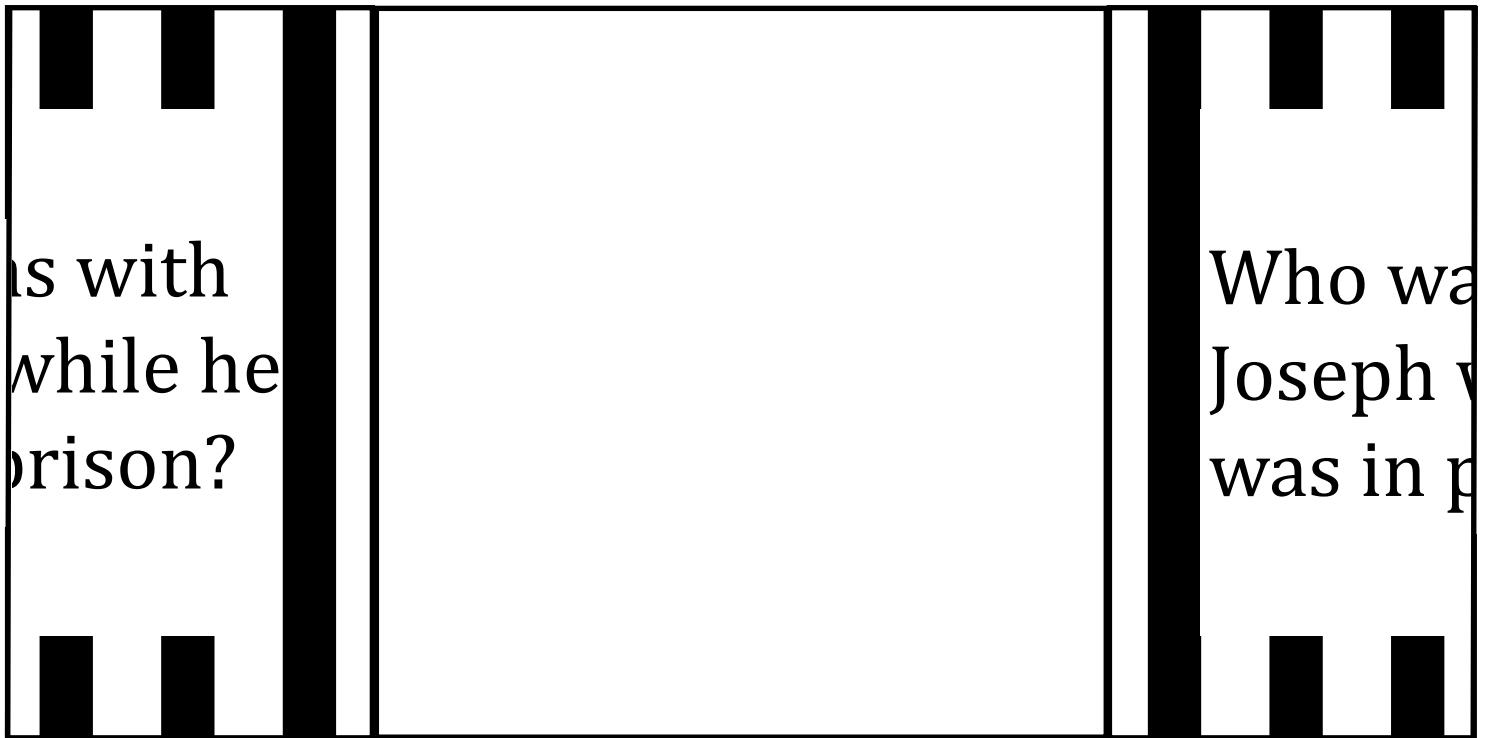
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Books of the Bible



Who Was With Joseph?



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Are you ready for an incredible Bible story? We read the story of Joseph in Genesis, chapters 37-50. His life story includes favoritism, hatred, jealousy, betrayal, deceit, temptation, mercy, forgiveness, generosity, faithfulness, humility, and more! We can learn much about God and about ourselves from Joseph: lessons about how we should live, and lessons about how we should not live. Let's begin!

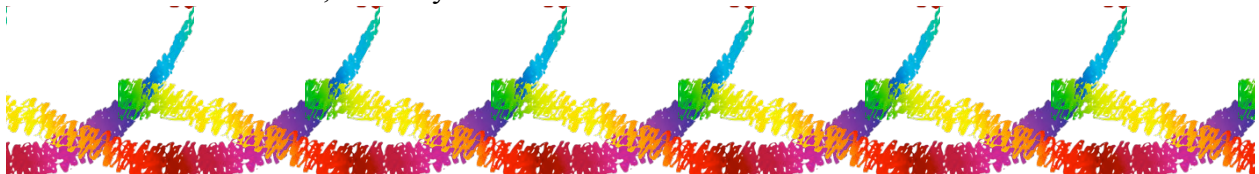
Who was Joseph, and why did his brothers hate him?

Joseph's father, Jacob, was the founding father of the nation of Israel. The twelve tribes of Israel descended from his twelve sons. Jacob had two wives; Rachel, whom he loved, and her sister, Leah. He also had two concubines, Bilhah and Zilpah, who were servants of Rachel and Leah. A concubine in those days was a wife of lower social standing, in this case, a servant. Rachel, the favorite wife, was only able to bear Jacob two sons: Joseph was born first, and then Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin. Even though Joseph was not Jacob's firstborn son, he was the first son from his great love, Rachel. So Jacob favored Joseph above all his other sons.

How would this cause family problems, between Joseph and his brothers, and between the brothers and their father? Should parents prefer and bless one child more than their siblings? Shouldn't all children be loved and cared for equally?

Why did Jacob do this? He learned this behavior from his father, Isaac, who had favored Jacob over his brother, Esau. Instead of rejecting his father's ways, Jacob fell right into the same sinful pattern. Jacob favored Joseph. The other eleven sons realized this, and it infuriated them! To top it all off, Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful multi-colored coat or robe that set him apart even more. It seems that Jacob did not help Joseph by favoring him; this only caused jealousy and hatred to grow in the hearts of Joseph's brothers.

Scripture tells us that Joseph, a young man of seventeen, tended sheep with his brothers. We read that he brought his father a bad report about his brothers. Were they stealing from their father? We are not sure. Was Joseph just a tattletale? The events that follow indicate that whatever sin his brothers committed, Joseph felt it was important enough to tell his father. The brothers knew who told, and they hated him all the more!



Dreams for the Family

Joseph dreamed dreams, several of them! They held important messages for specific people at specific times. They were insights into future events.

In his first dream, he was binding sheaves of grain out in the fields with his brothers. Suddenly, his sheaf stood up tall and all the brothers' sheaves gathered around the upright sheaf and bowed down to it. In his second dream, he saw that the sun, moon and eleven stars were bowing down to him. He shared these dreams with his brothers and father. Jacob rebuked him: *"What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"* (Genesis 37:10) Can you hear his sarcasm and irritation? The other brothers were more jealous, but the Bible says that Jacob kept these things in mind.

Joseph for Sale

Later, when the brothers were tending sheep near Shechem, Jacob sent Joseph to make sure everything was going well with his brothers. He traveled fifty miles away. When he arrived, he was told that his brothers had moved on to Dothan, another thirteen miles!

Do you have a question here? Why would Jacob send Joseph, all alone, to spy on his brothers? Jacob knew that his other sons hated Joseph. Joseph wore that robe they all resented, and Joseph had shared with them his dreams about them bowing down to him! What was Jacob thinking?

It can only be said that God's divine plan and purposes for Joseph's family and for the nation of Israel would be accomplished. God was in control and He knew the events that must take place.

*And He sent a man before them –
Joseph, sold as a slave. Psalm 105:17*

God had big plans for Joseph in Egypt, and this was the way He chose to accomplish His will.

*But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.
Genesis 37:18*

