Joseph and his coat of many colors

STORY CARD · GENESIS 37 TO 50

The story

1. Jacob loved his son Joseph more than his other sons and made him a special robe. (Older Bibles call it a coat of many colors. The CSB says a long-sleeved robe.) His brothers hated him for it.
2. Joseph had dreams that his family would bow down to him, and he told them. His brothers hated him even more.
3. One day the brothers threw Joseph into an empty pit, then sold him to traders headed for Egypt. They told their father a wild animal had killed him.
4. In Egypt, Joseph worked hard. Then he was lied about and thrown into prison. But the LORD was with Joseph the whole time.
5. God helped Joseph explain Pharaoh's dreams: seven years of plenty, then seven years of famine. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of Egypt to get ready.
6. When the famine came, Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt for food and bowed down to him. Joseph forgave them. He told them they had planned evil against him, but God planned it for good.

MEMORY VERSE

"You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people."

Genesis 50:20 (CSB)

Ask

1. Why were Joseph's brothers jealous?
2. What hard things happened to Joseph in Egypt?
3. What did Joseph do when his brothers came for food?
4. Is there someone you need to forgive?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

When something unfair happens, say: "This isn't fair. And God is still with me."

WHAT IT SHOWS US ABOUT GOD

Joseph's life was hard and unfair for a long time. God was with him in the pit, in the prison and in the palace. And at the end, Joseph forgave the brothers who hurt him.