



Joseph's Colorful Coat

God turns tears into triumph!

Story #9 | Ages 4–10 | Genesis 37



The Favorite Son



Jacob had **twelve sons**, but he loved Joseph the most. Joseph was the kind of boy who told the truth. He helped his dad. He stayed close to home. And he was the son of Jacob's favorite wife, Rachel. One day, Jacob gave Joseph a **VERY** special gift. It wasn't a toy. It wasn't a pet. It was a **coat**... a coat of MANY COLORS! 🌈

"Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons... and he made him a robe of many colors." — Genesis 37:3



Design Your Dream Coat!

Draw the most beautiful coat you can imagine! Use every color.

On the back, write one gift God has given **YOU** that makes you special.



The Coat of Many Colors



The coat was like nothing anyone had ever seen! It had **red** like a sunrise.

Blue like the sky.

Green like grass.

Yellow like the sun.

And **purple** like royalty!

But when Joseph's ten older brothers saw it... their faces turned as sour as lemons.



JOSEPH SAYS:

"Look at my beautiful coat! Dad made it just for me!"

The brothers did **NOT** smile back.



Tiny Truth

Seeing someone else get something special can make us feel jealous. But God gives **everyone** different gifts — none are accidents!



What's Your Gift?

Ask someone in your family: "What do you think I'm good at?" Write it down. **That's your coat!**

Wheat Sheaves Bow Down!



One night, Joseph had a strange dream.
He saw himself and his brothers working in a field.
They were cutting and gathering wheat.
They tied the wheat into bundles called **sheaves**.
But then something WEIRD happened!
All eleven bundles of wheat — his brothers' bundles —
bowed down to HIS bundle!

JOSEPH SAYS:

"Listen to my dream! Your sheaves bowed down to MY sheaf!"

The brothers' faces turned even **sourer**.

"Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright... and your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down." — Genesis 37:7

Make Paper Sheaves

Cut strips of yellow paper. Bundle them and tie with string.
Make 12 little bundles. Put one in the middle — that's Joseph's!

Sun, Moon, and Stars!



Joseph had **another** dream!
This one was even BIGGER!
The **SUN**, the **MOON**, and **ELEVEN STARS** bowed down to him!
Even his father Jacob heard this one.
"Does that mean the whole family will bow to YOU?" Dad asked.
The brothers were FURIOUS. 🔥
They were so jealous they could only think one thing:

"We HATE Joseph!"

"His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind." — Genesis 37:11

Tiny Truth

God sometimes tells us things that sound **impossible**.
But His dreams always come true — even if the path is bumpy!

↓ Into the Pit!



One day, the brothers were working far from home.
Jacob sent Joseph to check on them.
But when the brothers saw Joseph coming...
in his beautiful **colorful coat**...
they saw RED!

"Here comes the dreamer!" one brother sneered.
"Let's get rid of him!" said another.
They grabbed Joseph.
They tore off his beautiful coat! 💔
And they threw him into an **empty, dark pit**!

JOSEPH SAYS:

"Brothers, help me! I'm sorry! Please don't leave me here!"

But the brothers sat down to eat lunch.
They didn't care that Joseph was scared.

🖌️ The Pit Feelings

Joseph felt scared, alone, and hurt. Have YOU ever felt "in a pit"?

Draw what your pit feels like. Now draw a ladder of HOPE coming down!

🐪 Sold to Strangers



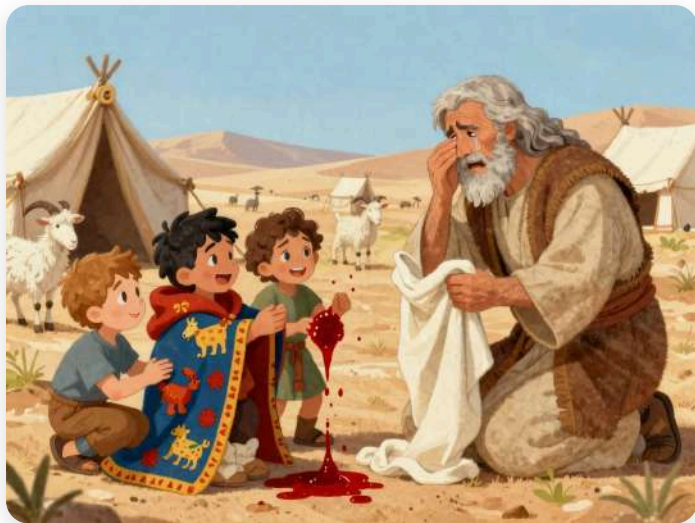
Just then, a group of travelers came by.
They were **Midianite** merchants with camels.
They were going to **Egypt** to sell spices.
One brother named Judah had a terrible idea:
"Why kill him? Let's **SELL** him instead. Then we make money!"
So they pulled Joseph out of the pit.
They sold him for **20 pieces of silver**. 💰
Joseph's own brothers — sold him like a sack of grain!
Then the merchants took him far, far away.

"Then Midianite traders passed by... and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites." — Genesis 37:28

💡 Tiny Truth

Sometimes even **family** hurts us. But what people mean for evil, God can turn into something **amazing**.
He never wastes pain!

😭 The Bloody Coat



The brothers did something else terrible.
 They took Joseph's beautiful coat.
 They dipped it in goat's **blood**. 🩸
 Then they took it to their father Jacob.
 "We found this in a field," they lied.
 "Maybe a wild animal hurt Joseph."
 When Jacob saw the bloody coat, he tore his clothes.
 He cried and cried and **CRIED**.
 He wouldn't stop crying for **days**.
 But the brothers knew the truth.
 They had sold their own brother.

*"Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days."
 — Genesis 37:34*

💧 Tears Are Talked About in Heaven

God sees every tear you cry. Draw a teardrop and inside it, write something that makes you sad. Glue it on paper. Then draw a **rainbow** over it. That's God's promise!

✨ But God Had a Plan



Joseph was taken to a land called **Egypt**.
 He was sold again, to a man named **Potiphar**.
 It was scary. It was lonely.
 But do you know what?
GOD DID NOT LEAVE HIM.
 The Bible says something amazing:

"The LORD was with Joseph." ✨

God was turning Joseph's tears into something He could **USE**.
 Right now it looked like a mess.
 But in God's hands, a mess becomes a **MASTERPIECE!**
 Joseph's colorful coat was gone.
 But God's colorful **PLAN** for him had just begun! 🌈

🌈 The Triumph Secret

God can use the worst things — mean words, broken trust, accidents, sickness — to paint something beautiful. He is the only one who can turn **tears into triumph!**

🎨 Tear-to-Triumph Flip

On paper draw a sad face 😞. Under it, write a hard thing.
 Flip the paper over. Draw a happy face 😊!
 Write one way God could bring good from it!

**Coat of Many Colors Craft**

1. Trace a big coat shape on cardboard or thick paper.
2. Cut it out.
3. Cut small squares from tissue paper or magazine pages in many colors: red, blue, green, yellow, purple, orange.
4. Glue them all over the coat like a mosaic.
5. On the back write: "God gave me gifts too!" and list 3 things you are good at.
6. Hang it where you dress as a reminder!

**Tears-to-Triumph Comfort Jars**

1. Find a clean jar or cup.
2. Every time you feel sad this week, tell a grown-up.
3. Write the sad thing on a small paper strip. Drop it in the jar.
4. Ask God: "Can You make something good from this?"
5. When something good happens, write THAT on a brightly colored strip and drop it in too!
6. Watch your triumph strips fill the jar too!

Memory Verse Song (Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"):

*"When you're sad and feel like crying, God is near!
 You might not see what He's preparing, do not fear!
 Brothers threw him in a ditch,
 Sold him — God made Joseph rich!
 What was sad and broken, God made clear!"*

**Family Discussion Time**

1. Why did Jacob give Joseph such a special coat? Have you ever been jealous of a brother or sister getting something?
2. Joseph's dreams made his brothers angry! Have you ever had a dream that excited you but confused others?
3. The brothers did something terrible to Joseph. How do you think Joseph felt in the dark pit?
4. The brothers LIED to Jacob with the bloody coat. Why is lying so hurtful? What should they have done instead?
5. Jacob cried for days. Have you ever been so sad you couldn't stop crying? Who comforted you?
6. Even when Joseph was sold as a slave, "the LORD was with Joseph." Where is God when things feel unfair?

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God Turns Tears Into Triumph!

When your coat is torn,
When you're far from home,
When the night feels long and cold...
God is painting
A bigger picture
With every single tear. 🌈

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