



God Saves Joseph

God had made a promise to Abraham and remained true to it. When Joseph, the favourite son of Jacob, landed in trouble, God saved him from many a misfortune.



Jacob had twelve sons. His favourite, Joseph, was a victim of his brothers' jealousy.

One day, Jacob sent Joseph to the fields to check on his brothers. They saw him coming and decided to kill him. But the eldest, Reuben, convinced them against doing so and instead they sold Joseph to slave traders.

The brothers stained Joseph's clothes with sheep's blood and showed them to Jacob, telling him that wild animals had torn him to pieces. Jacob was heartbroken.

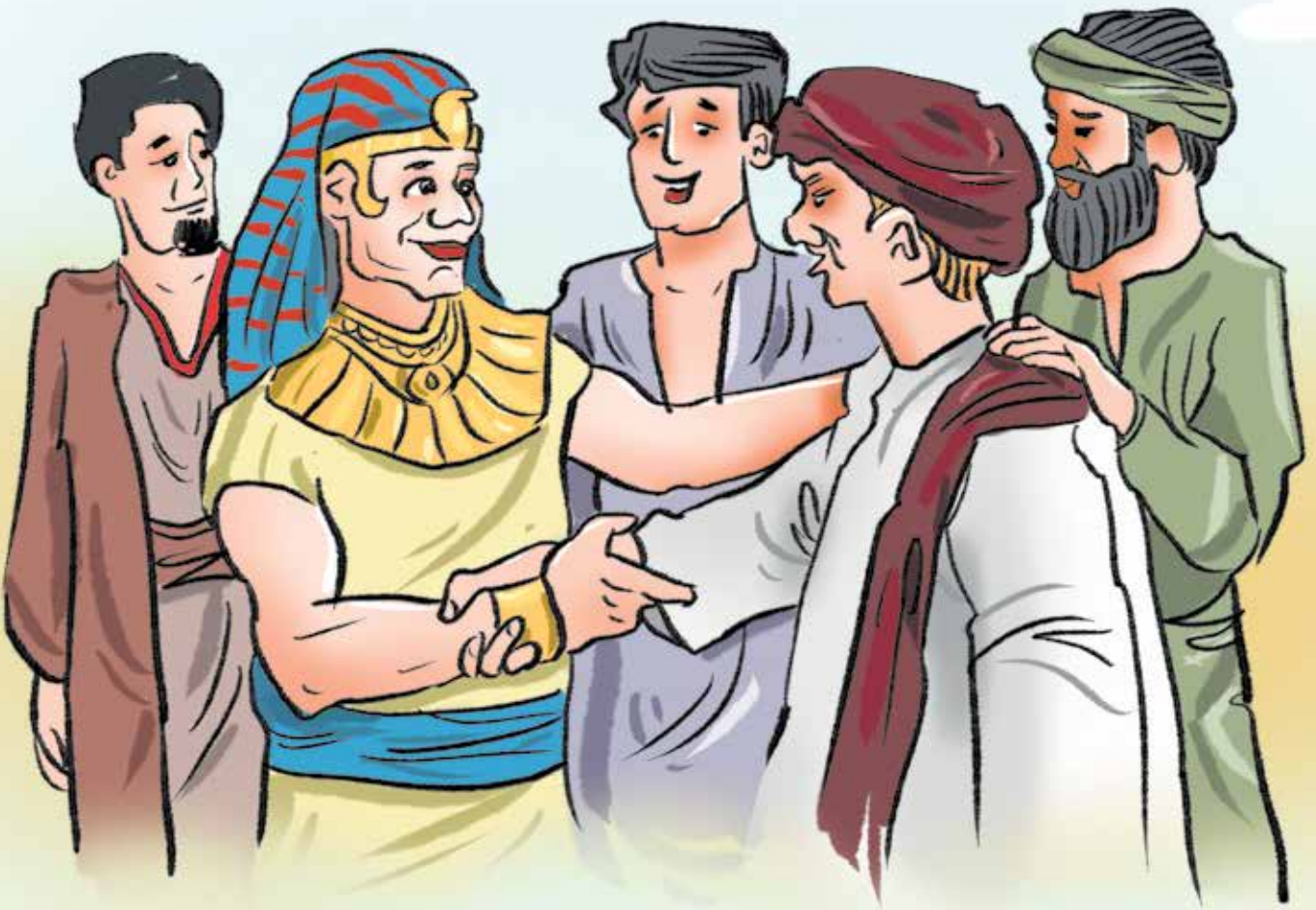


Movie: *Joseph* is a 1995 German-Italian-American film directed by Roger Young. Written by James Carrington and Lionel Chetwynd, the film stars Ben Kingsley of Gandhi film fame as Potiphar and Paul Mercurio as Joseph.

Book: *The Eleventh Brother* by Rachel K. Wilcox is a novel on the life of Joseph in Egypt and is a compelling creative work in 352 pages and a must for biblical knowledge and its historic times.

The traders took Joseph to Egypt and sold him to an officer of the king. But the officer's wife did not like Joseph and made false charges against him. So the officer threw him in jail.

God was with Joseph and his reputation for interpreting dreams reached the king who had a strange dream. He had Joseph brought out of jail and heard him interpret the dream. The king realised Joseph was a man of God and made him a governor.



Joseph's master was furious and had Joseph arrested and put in the prison where the king's prisoners were kept, and there he stayed. But the Lord was with Joseph and blessed him, so that the jailer was pleased with him. He put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and made him responsible for everything that was done in the prison. The jailer did not have to look after anything for which Joseph was responsible, because the Lord was with Joseph and made him succeed in everything he did.

Genesis 39: 19-23

Have you ever felt jealous? You could write down who or what do you get jealous of, why do you get jealous and how do you act on the feeling of jealousy. Now, ask yourself if all of these make you happy or unhappy? Discuss with your parents and decide how best to deal with jealousy!





The table below is a set of letters arranged horizontally and vertically. See the numbers that match the sentence below and fill the blanks.



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