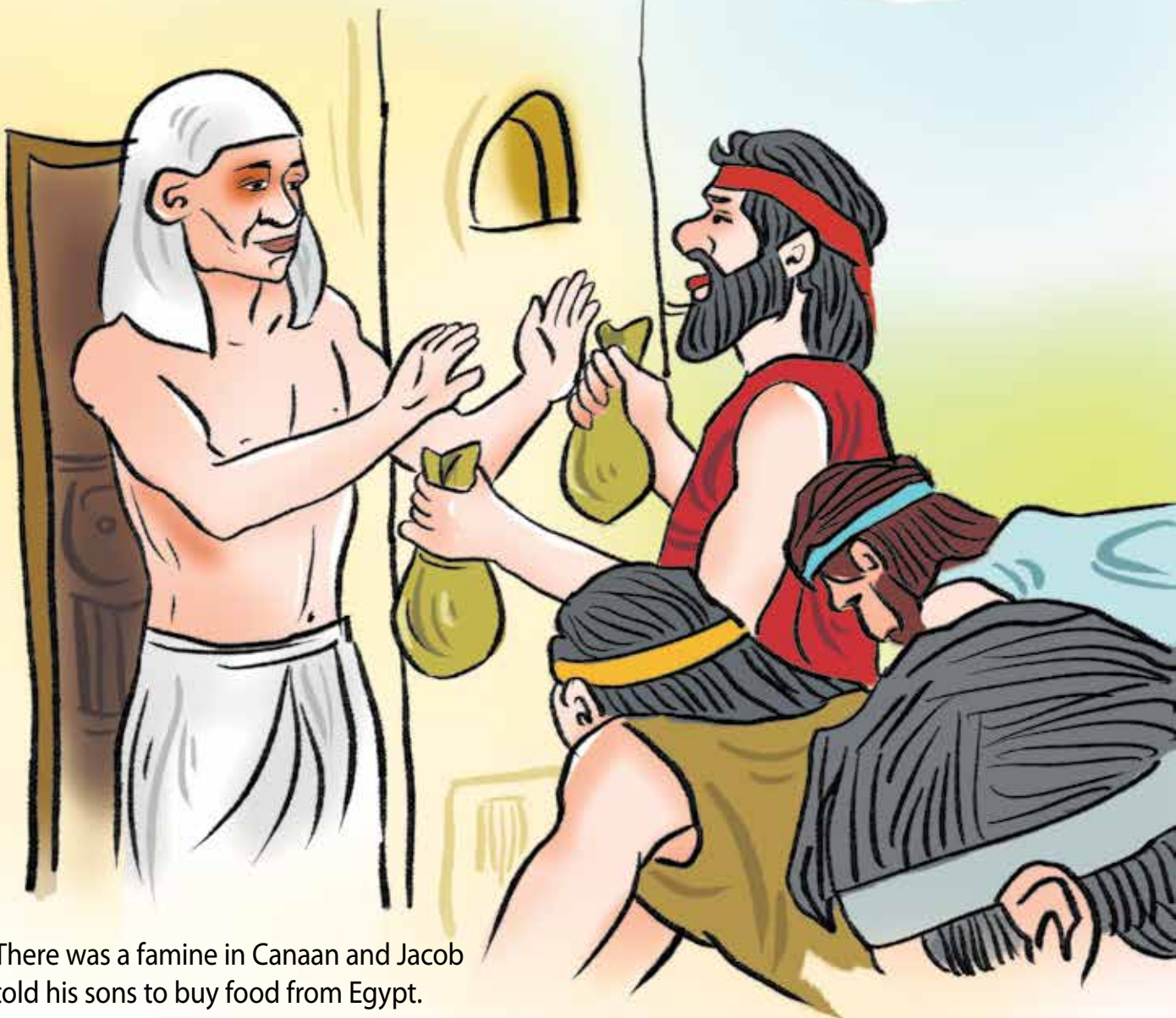




Joseph the Saviour

God always helps His people, especially when they are in trouble. Jacob and his family suffered in a famine but God arranged for help through Joseph.



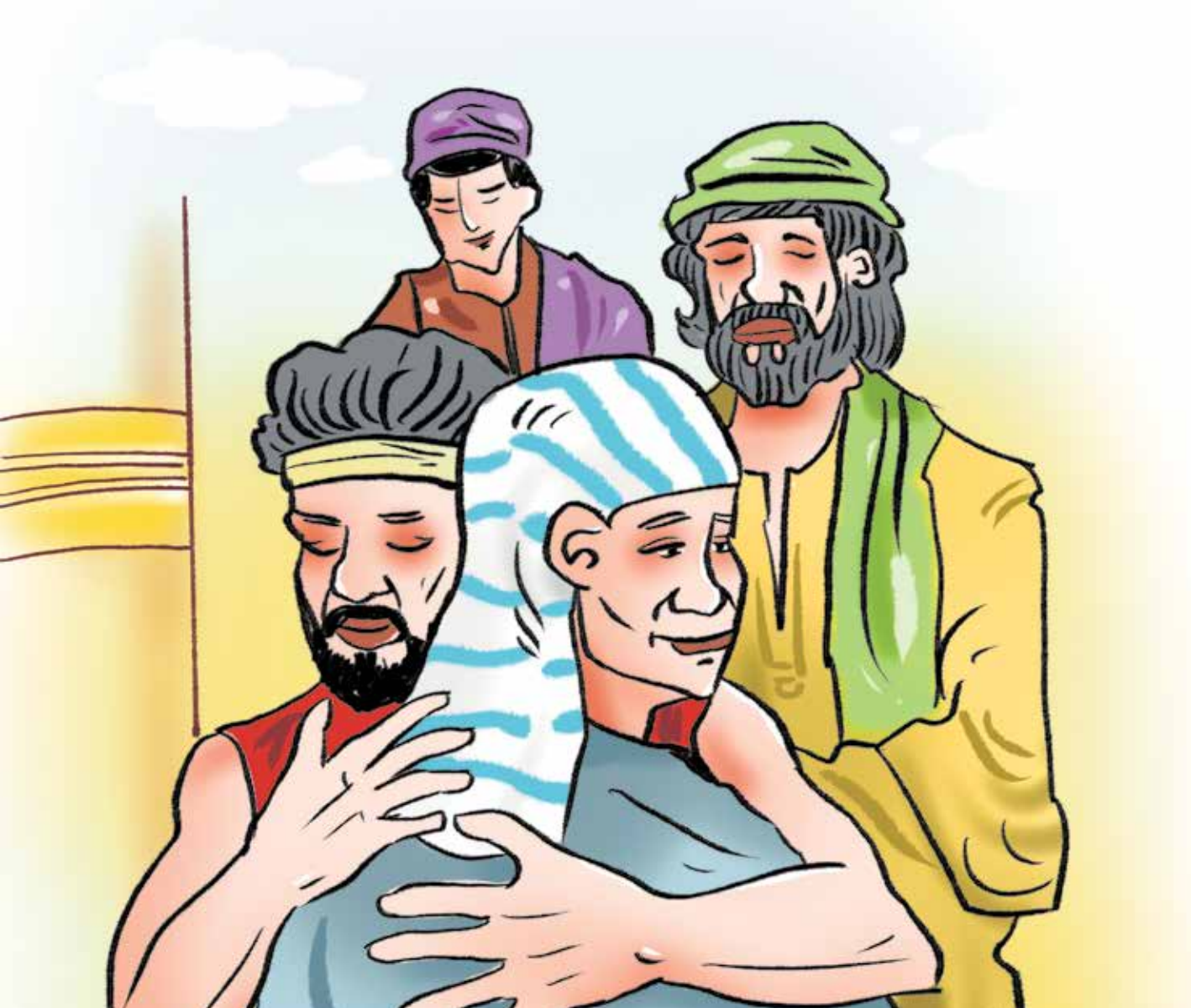
There was a famine in Canaan and Jacob told his sons to buy food from Egypt.

They landed in front of the governor, but none recognised him! Joseph knew at once who they were and asked them to bring their youngest brother, Benjamin along the next time.



Book: *Child's Story of the Bible* by Mary A. Lathbury is a book for children that fascinatingly narrates 'Joseph the saviour of his people'. A community of volunteers has converted this 260-page book from its physical edition to the digital format and is available free on the web.

Poem: *Joseph's Dreams and Reuben's Brethren* is a beautiful poem in six chapters by Henry Lawson (1867 – 1922), one of Australia's most famous poets. Published in 1904 this poetic creation helps to understand Joseph the saviour from a modern context.



He kept another brother, Simeon with him to make sure they kept their word. When the brothers came back with Benjamin, Joseph invited them for a meal, and as they ate asked for his own silver cup to be put in Benjamin's sack of grain before they left. Then Joseph sent his men to search them and sought to keep Benjamin back. The brothers fell at his feet and pleaded their father would die of grief if he did not see the youngest child.

When he heard this, Joseph burst into tears. He told his brothers who he was and asked them to bring their father, Jacob, and live with him.



Then Joseph said to them, "Please come closer." They did, and he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. Now do not be upset or blame yourselves because you sold me here. It was really God who sent me ahead of you to save people's lives."

Genesis 45: 4-5

Do you know what a famine is? Find out with the help of your parents about famines, drought or water and food scarcity situations. Find out if your parish or any Church organisation has engaged in helping people affected by similar calamities. Would you like to help people in distress when you grow up?





Note the last three digits of your Mom and Dad's mobile number. Now write below the text given in each number and see if it matches your parents

1
God Fearing

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Attentive

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Merciful

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Strict

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Foodie

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Family Person

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Joyful

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Loves Travel

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Helpful

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Good Listener

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