

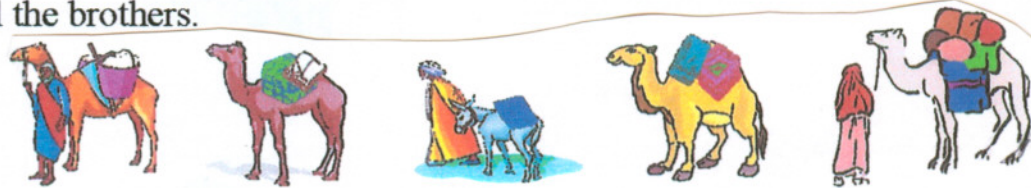
BIBLE LESSON # 20

1.

Genesis 37:25-36

Joseph was in the bottom of a big, dark, well. There was no water in the well but it was muddy and rocky and he was scared and unhappy! Joseph's brothers didn't like him and they had thrown him down into this well. That wasn't nice at all, was it? The brothers had taken Joseph's beautiful coat away and tore it up, then they had thrown him down the well and sat down to eat, ignoring Joseph's cries for help.

Over the hill came a big caravan of camels and donkeys carrying loads of things to sell in a far away country called Egypt. The people riding the camels stopped where Joseph's brothers were and got down to talk to them. While they were talking, one of the brothers had an idea. "Let's not kill Joseph but let's sell him to these people," he said. "They can give us money for Joseph and they will take him far away where we will never see him again." This seemed like a good idea to all the brothers.



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The brothers went to the leader of the caravan and asked him, "Would you like a strong young slave boy to sell in Egypt?" "Let's see what he looks like," the man said." So Joseph was pulled out of the well and the caravan leader said, "yes, I'll buy him, he will make me lots of money when I sell him."

Poor Joseph probably thought he was being taken out of the well to be set free. He just wanted to get his beautiful coat and go back to his father who was waiting for him at home. Instead, the men in the caravan tied Joseph up and took him on a long, long, journey to a strange land where everyone talked a different language.

Joseph must have been afraid and very worried, but he didn't get angry or sob and cry, instead he turned to God to ask for help. God is there to watch over us and help us when we are very sad or afraid. We can always pray to God for when we don't know what to do, and God will hear our prayers. The Bible tells us this.



Joseph was taken to a place where many men, women and children were standing with chains on their hands and feet. One by one each person was put on a box and people standing around would yell, "I'll pay 10 pieces of silver for him," or "I'll pay 20 pieces of silver for her." Joseph said a silent prayer that he would be sold to a good man instead of someone mean.

God heard Joseph's prayer and when it was Joseph's turn, he was sold to a kind man named "Potiphar," and he was an important official for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar gave Joseph some clean clothes to wear and a job taking care of his animals. Joseph did such a good job that soon Potiphar was making money off these well-cared for animals. Then Potiphar gave Joseph charge over all his household.

Joseph would order supplies, pay the bills, see to it that the workers did their jobs. He was an important man in Potiphar's home.

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Now Potiphar had a beautiful wife who was not very nice. She decided she liked Joseph and one day she told Joseph, "Come on, Joseph, let's do something to hurt old Potiphar!" Joseph knew as a slave he was supposed to obey her, but he also knew how good Potiphar had been to him, so Joseph said, "No, I can't hurt my master Potiphar." This made Potiphar's wife very angry and she decided to get rid of Joseph. When Potiphar came home from work his wife said, "That slave Joseph has tried to hurt me, I want you to get rid of him."

That was a lie, wasn't it? Joseph had always been good to both Potiphar and his wife, but Potiphar believed his wife and he called guards and took poor Joseph to prison. Joseph must have been very unhappy once again. He had only tried to do right but no one believed him.

Someone knew what happened though; God knew and God had plans for Joseph.

Joseph trusted in God to help him, and it wasn't long before the head guard of the prison grew to like Joseph. He could see that Joseph was honest and a good worker and he put Joseph over all the other prisoners.



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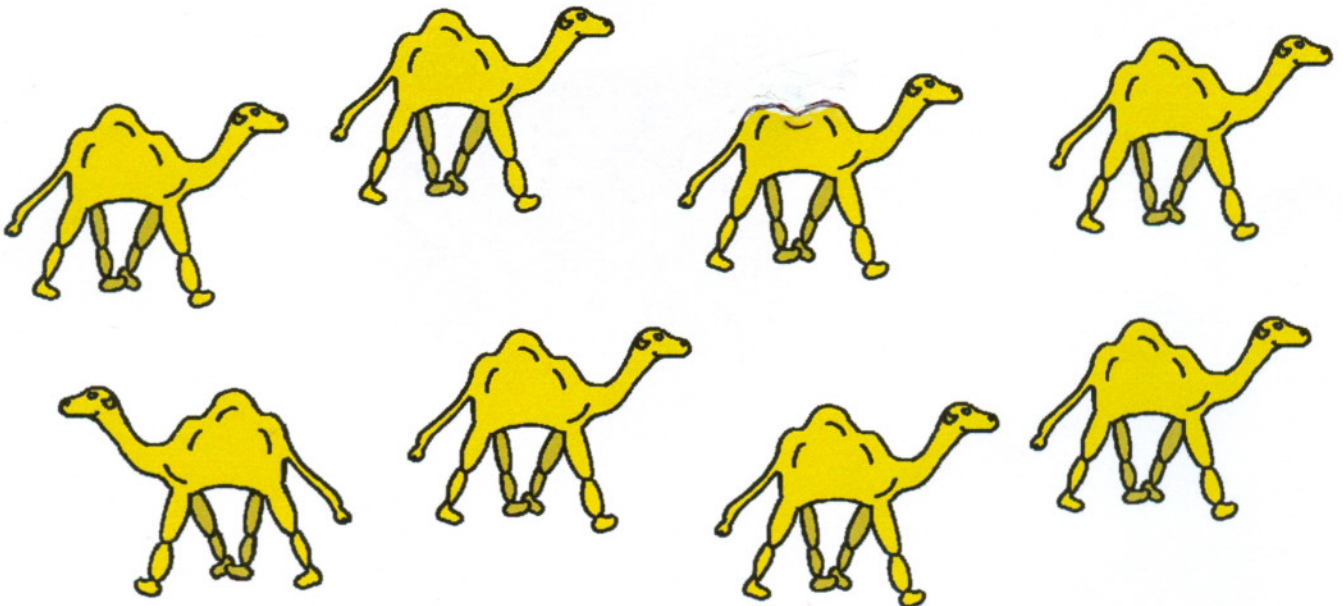
1. Who put Joseph in a deep, dark, well?
2. What kind of animals belong in a caravan? (camels and donkeys or lions and bears?)
3. Did the brothers pull Joseph up and let him go home to his father?
4. Did the Caravan leader want to buy Joseph for a slave?
5. What did Joseph do when he felt very sad and afraid? (cried or prayed to God?)
6. Joseph went on a long, long, journey to a land called _____ (Sinai or Egypt or USA)
7. Who watched over Joseph?
8. When we are sad or afraid who can we pray to for help?
9. Did Joseph obey Potiphar's wife and try to hurt Potiphar?
10. Did Potiphar's wife tell a lie about Joseph?
11. Is it okay to tell lies to other people?
12. When Joseph was put in prison was the prison keeper mean to Joseph or kind to him?

Your memory verse is: "...all things work together for good to those who love God.."

Romans 8:28

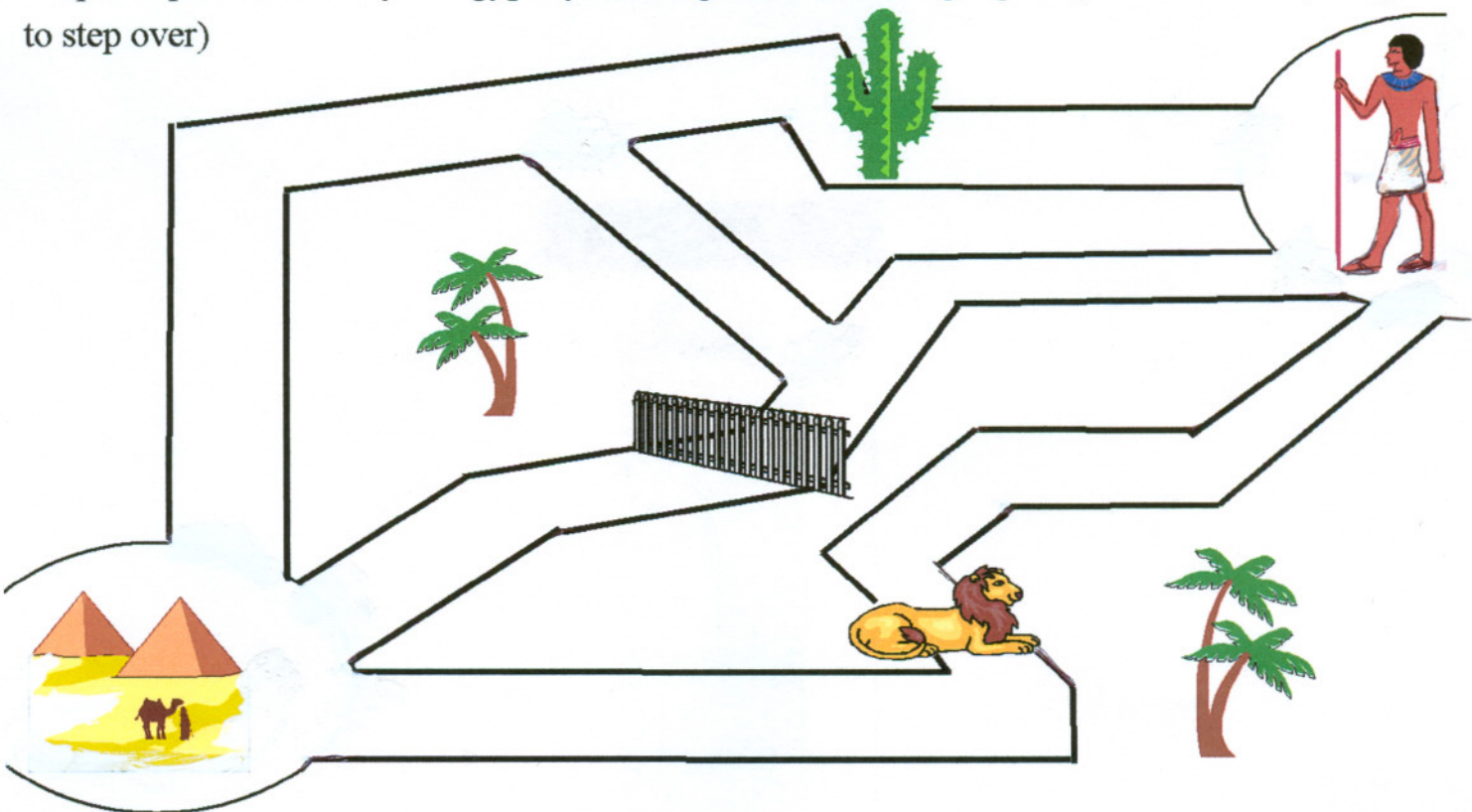
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There are two camels in this picture who look different, can you find them? Color some pretty blankets for the camels to wear on their humps.



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Help Joseph find his way to Egypt by drawing a line on the right path (one without anything to step over)



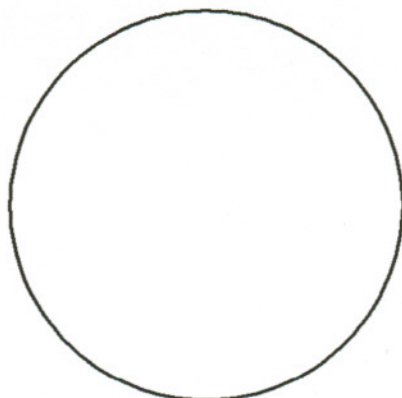
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Joseph was taken to Egypt to live. Egyptian people thought cats very very important. Can you draw a picture of a cat?

Start with a big circle, put a small circle on top of it and two pointy ears on top of the little circle. Next put in a smile and two eyes



Last of all make a nice squiggly tail



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Joseph prayed often to God. This child is saying a prayer to God before going to bed. Draw a bed for him to sleep in and color the picture

