

***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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***JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS***

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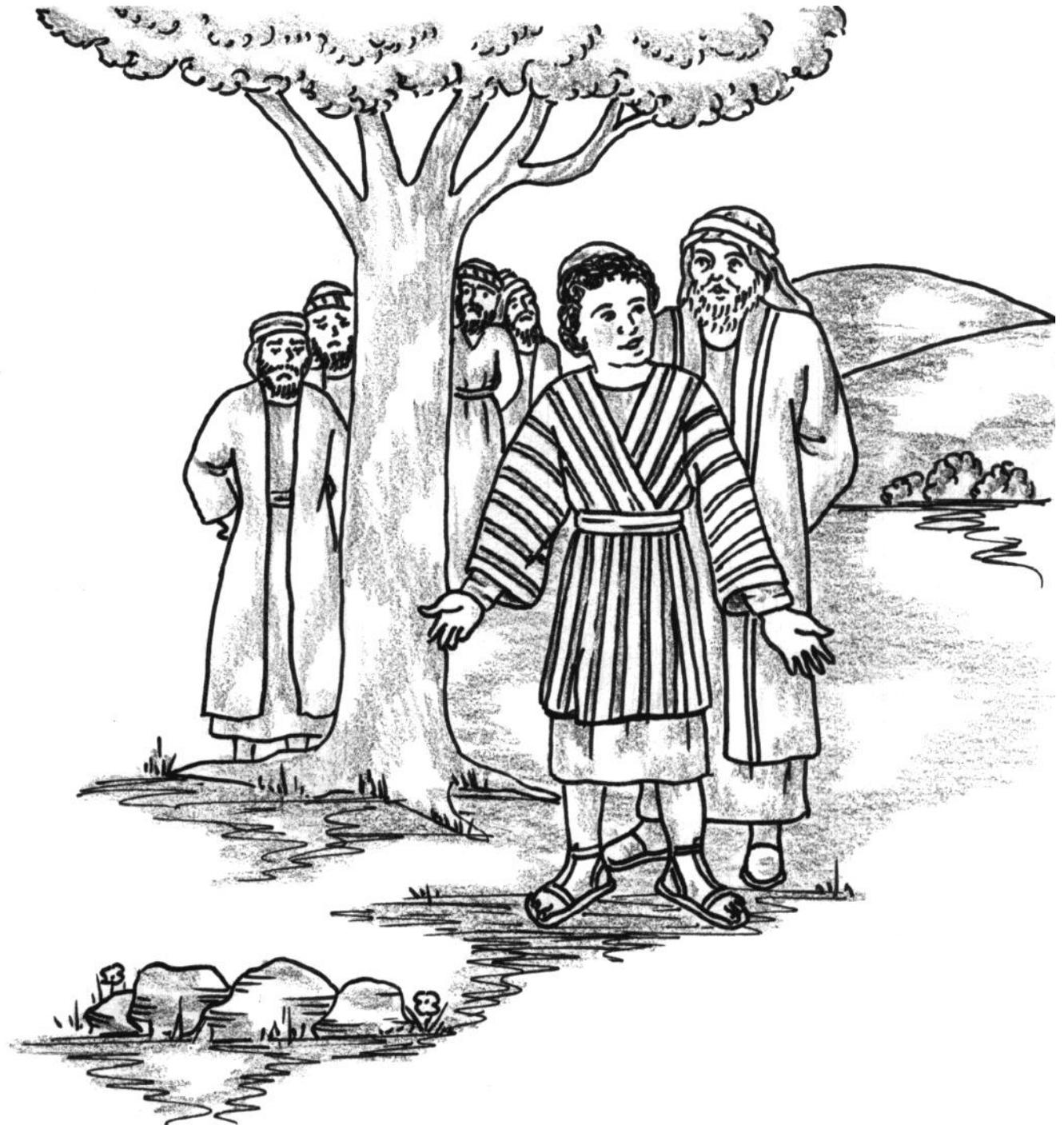
Acts 7:9

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**Jacob had twelve sons.  
One of them was Joseph.  
Jacob loved Joseph  
and gave him a special coat.**

**His brothers hated him  
when they saw that their father  
loved Joseph more than them.**



**Joseph told his brothers his dream:  
‘We were tying wheat into bundles.  
My bundle stood up straight.  
Your bundles bowed down to mine,’ he said.**

**His brothers became angry and asked,  
‘Are you going to be in charge of us?’**

**In another dream Joseph saw the sun,  
moon and eleven stars bowing down to him.  
He told his brothers  
and they hated him even more.**



**One day Joseph was sent to see if his brothers and the sheep were all right.**

**His brothers saw him coming and said,  
'Here comes the dreamer!  
Let's kill him  
and throw him into a pit.  
We'll see what happens  
to his dreams!'**

**But Reuben, the eldest brother, said,  
'Don't kill him,  
just put him into this pit.  
No one will find him there.'**

**Reuben was planning to  
save him later.**



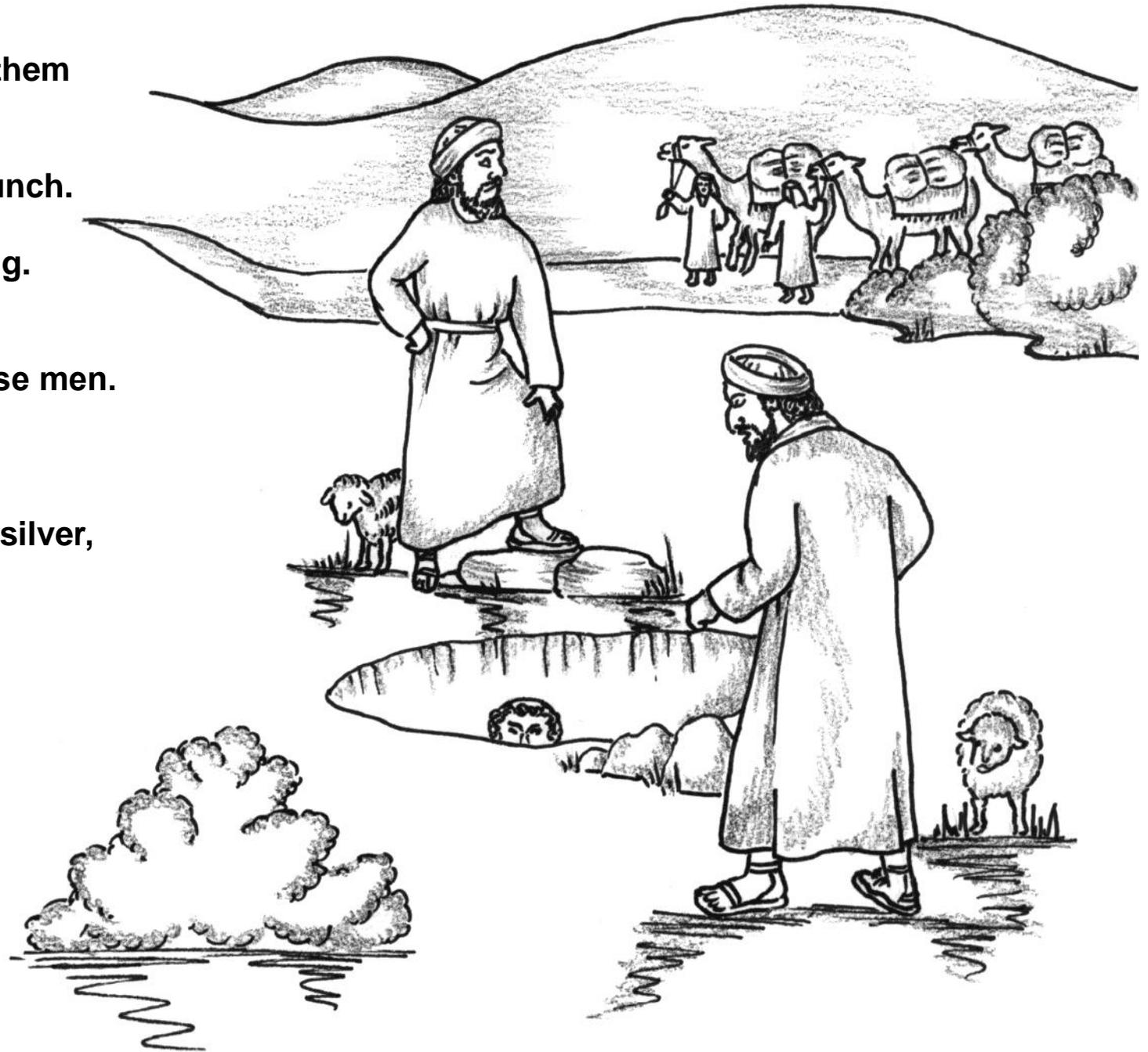
**So when Joseph got to them they pulled off his coat, threw him into the pit and sat down and had lunch.**

**Some traders came along.**

**Judah said,  
'Let's sell Joseph to these men.  
That will be better than  
killing him.'**

**So, for twenty pieces of silver,  
they sold Joseph.**

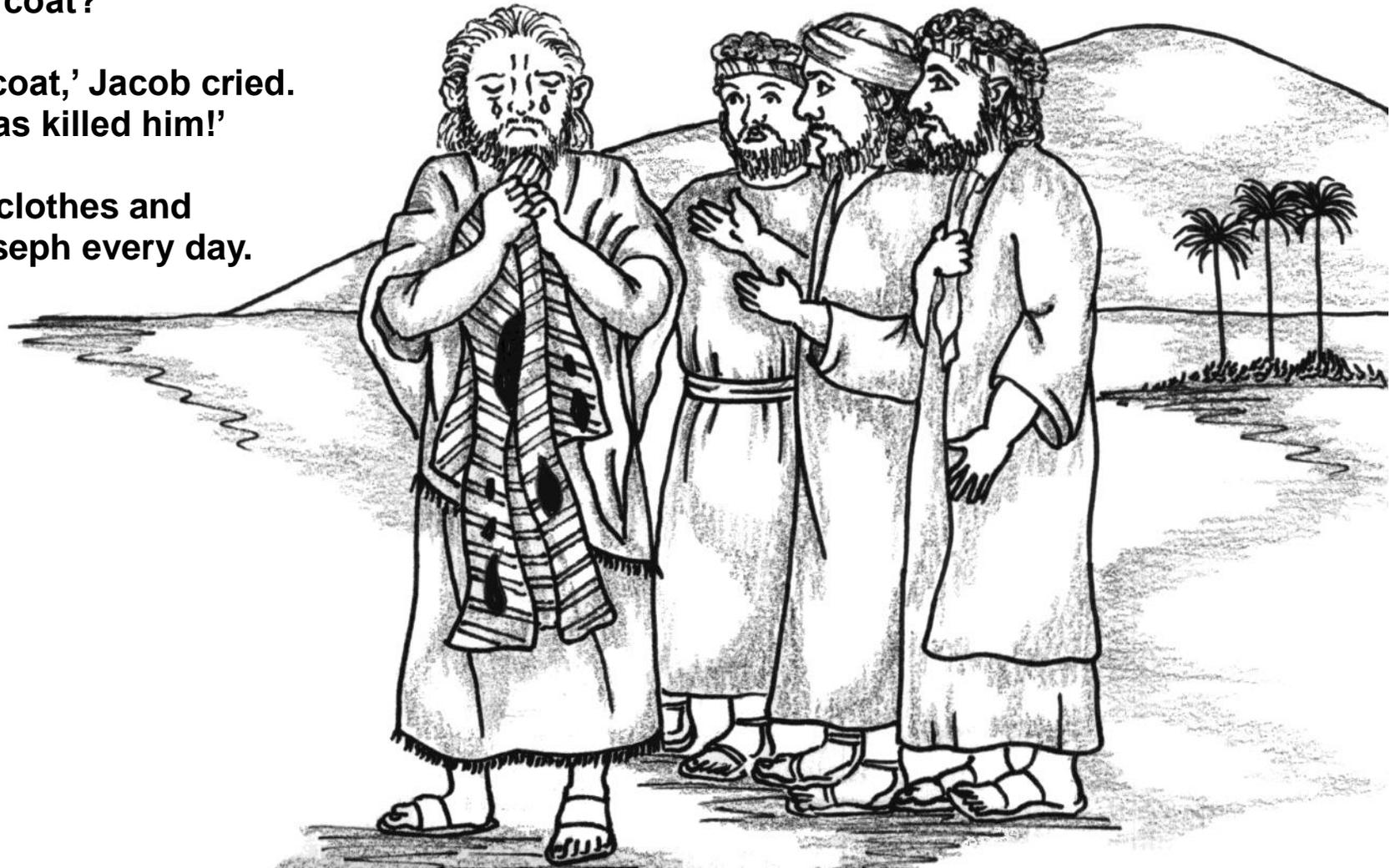
**What were they going  
to tell their father?**



**They killed a goat  
and put blood on Joseph's special coat.  
They took it home  
and showed it to their father, saying,  
'Look.  
We found this.  
Is it your son's coat?'**

**'It is my son's coat,' Jacob cried.  
'A wild beast has killed him!'**

**Jacob tore his clothes and  
he cried for Joseph every day.**



**He did not know  
that Joseph had been sold as a slave.  
He did not know  
that Joseph was in Egypt.  
He did not know  
that God wanted Joseph in Egypt.  
God was with Joseph.**

