

Bible Stories for Young Children

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JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS

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GENESIS 37:1–35

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.**



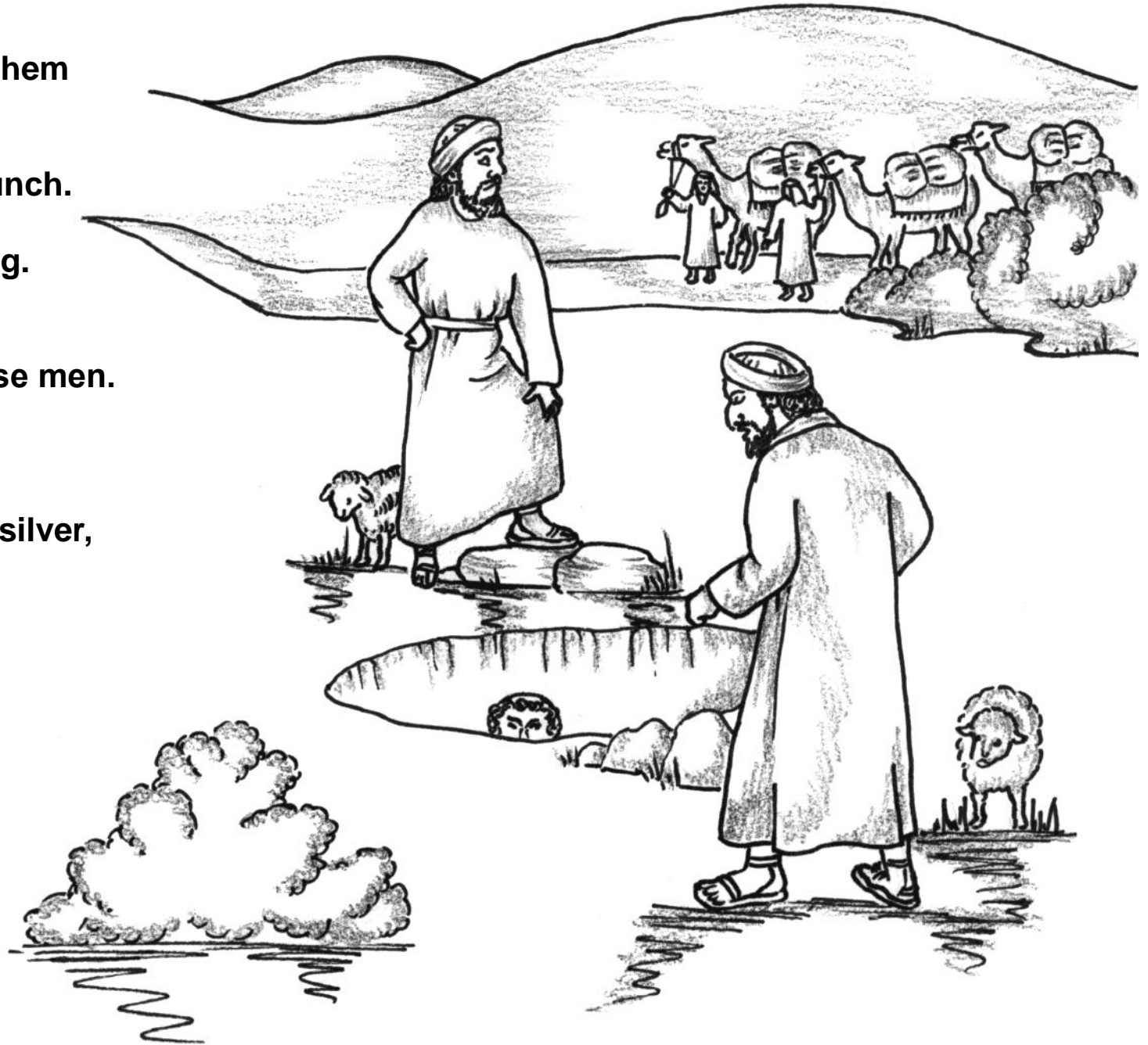
**So when Joseph got to them
they pulled off his coat,
threw him into the pit
and sat down and had lunch.**

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.**

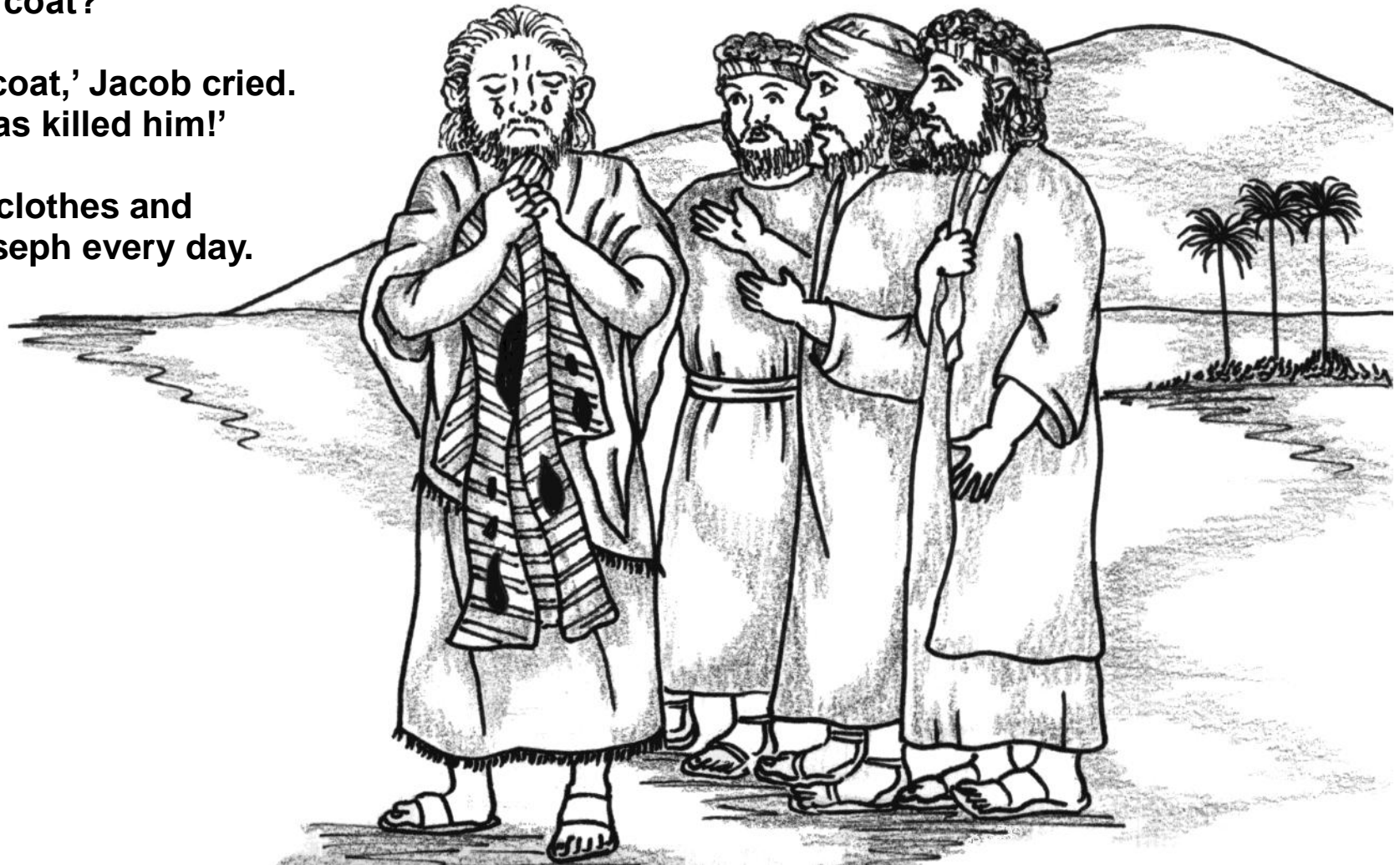
**What were they going
to tell their father?**



**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.

