

Bible Stories for Young Children

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JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BROTHERS***

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GENESIS 41:46 – 46:7; 46:28–34; 50:1–14

Acts 7:11–15; Hebrews 11:21

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**No rain had fallen for a long time
and many countries had no food.**

**Joseph's ten brothers
came to Egypt
because they heard
that food had been stored there.
They didn't know it was Joseph
they would have to see
to get some food.**

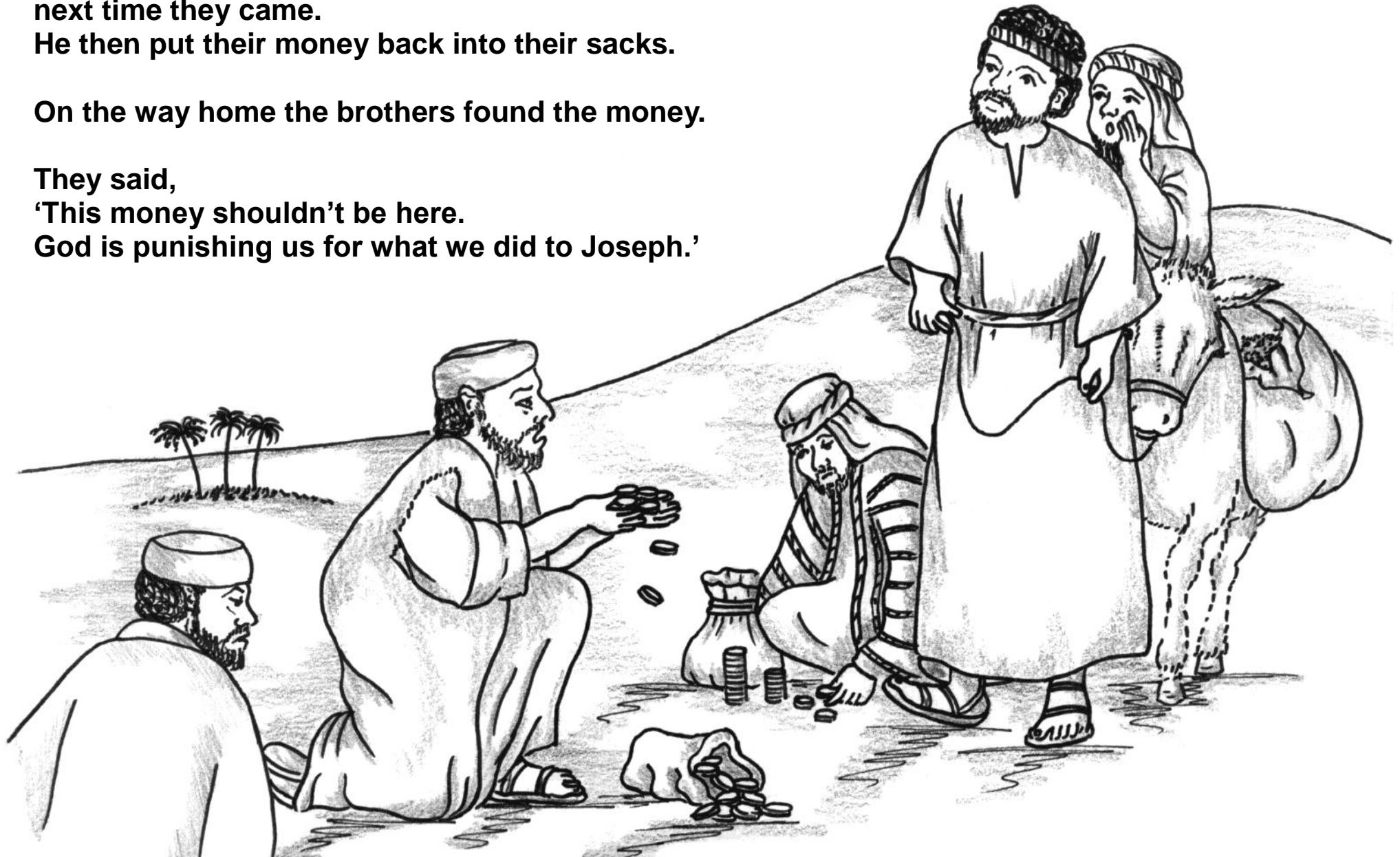
**He looked different
and he did not tell them
who he was.
Joseph knew who they were
and wanted to know
if they were sorry
for selling him as a slave.**



**He put Simeon in prison and
told them to bring Benjamin, his special brother,
next time they came.
He then put their money back into their sacks.**

On the way home the brothers found the money.

**They said,
'This money shouldn't be here.
God is punishing us for what we did to Joseph.'**

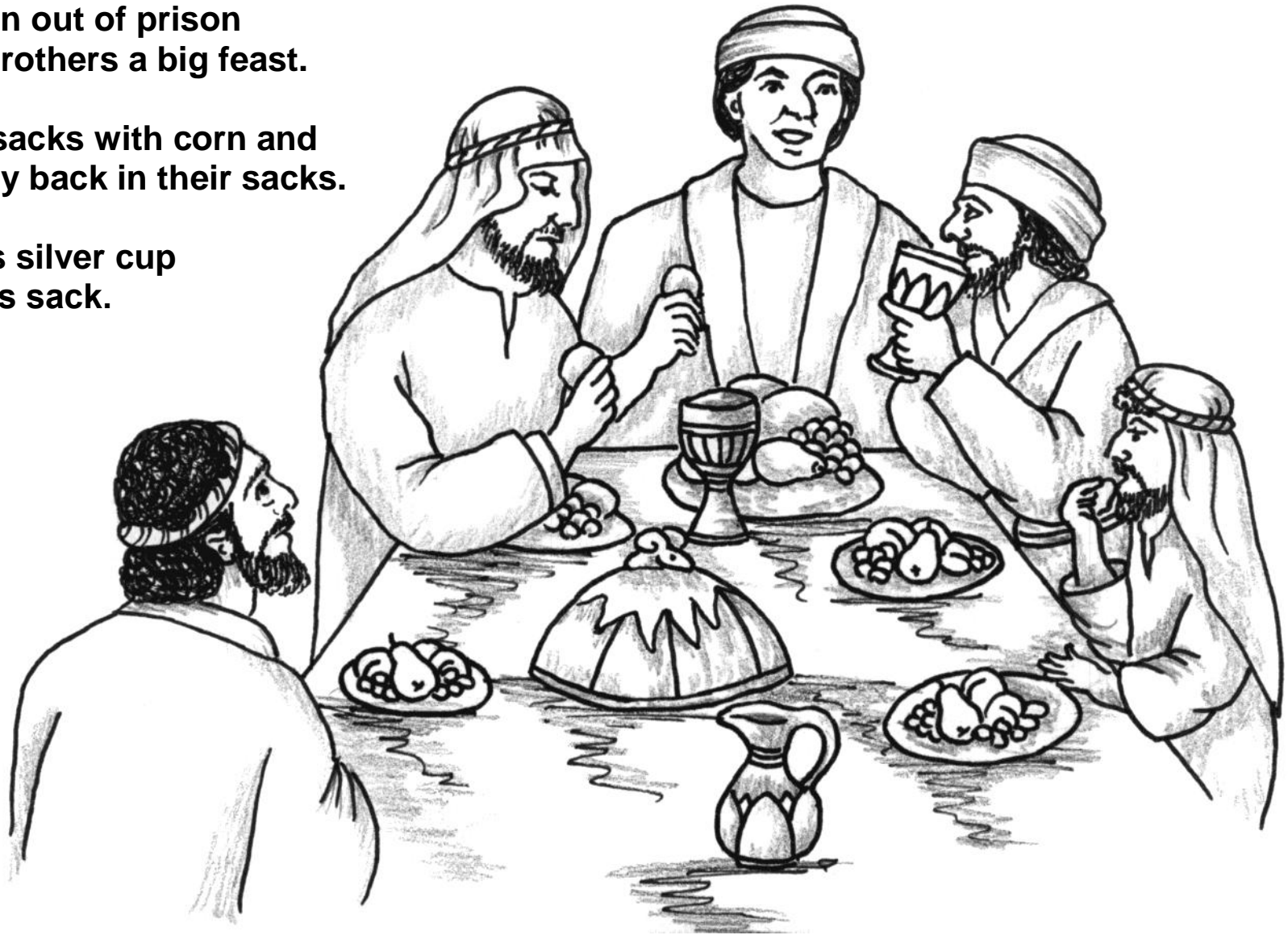


Later the brothers came to buy food again.
This time Benjamin was with them.
Joseph tested his brothers again.

He took Simeon out of prison
and gave his brothers a big feast.

He filled their sacks with corn and
put their money back in their sacks.

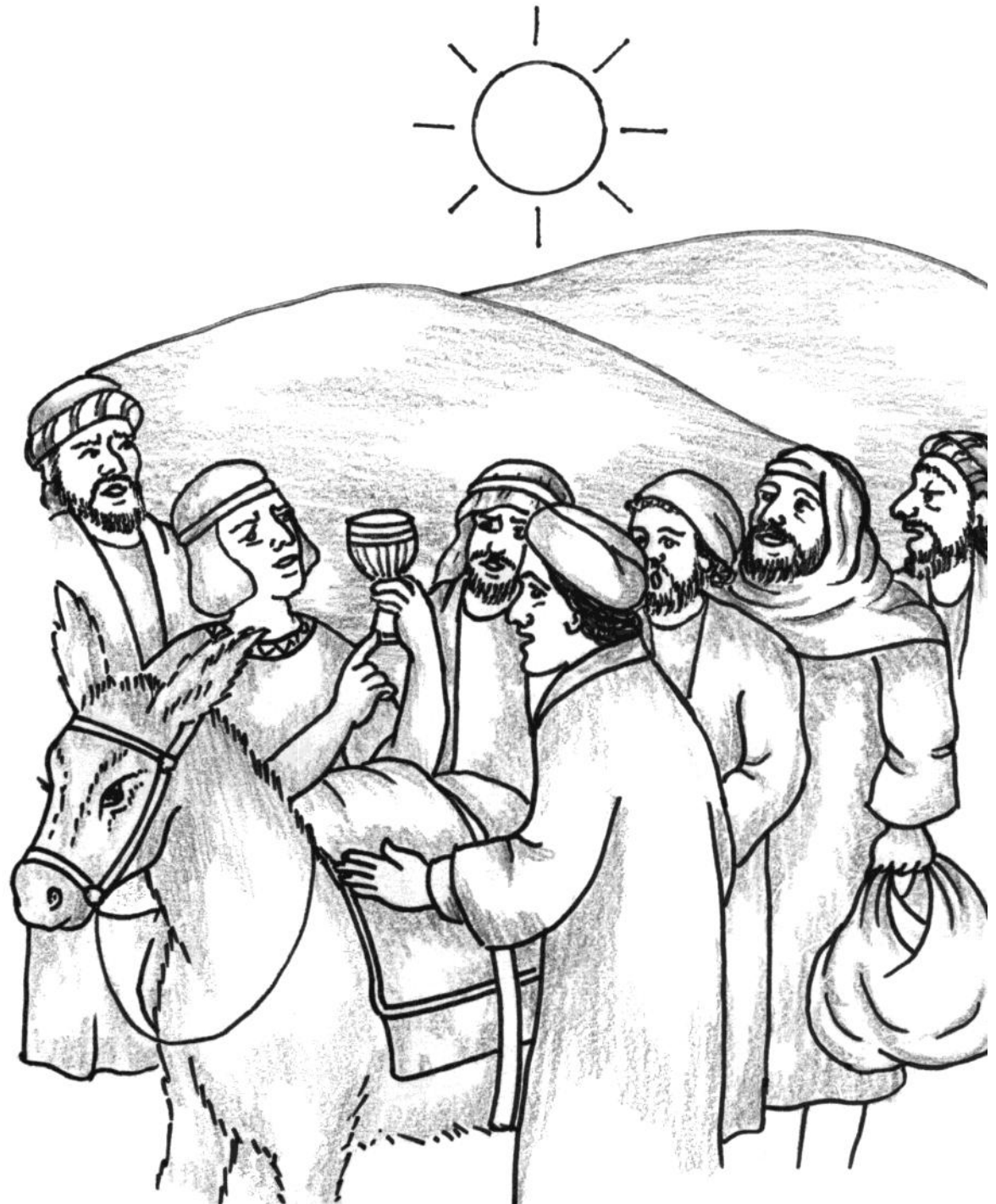
He also put his silver cup
into Benjamin's sack.



When the brothers
were on their way home,
a servant ran after them and said,
'Why have you stolen
the governor's silver cup!'

The brothers said,
'We haven't got it.
You have a look and see.
If you find it,
the man who has it shall die
and we will be your slaves.'

The servant looked in their sacks.
It was in Benjamin's sack.
The brothers cried
and went back to see Joseph.

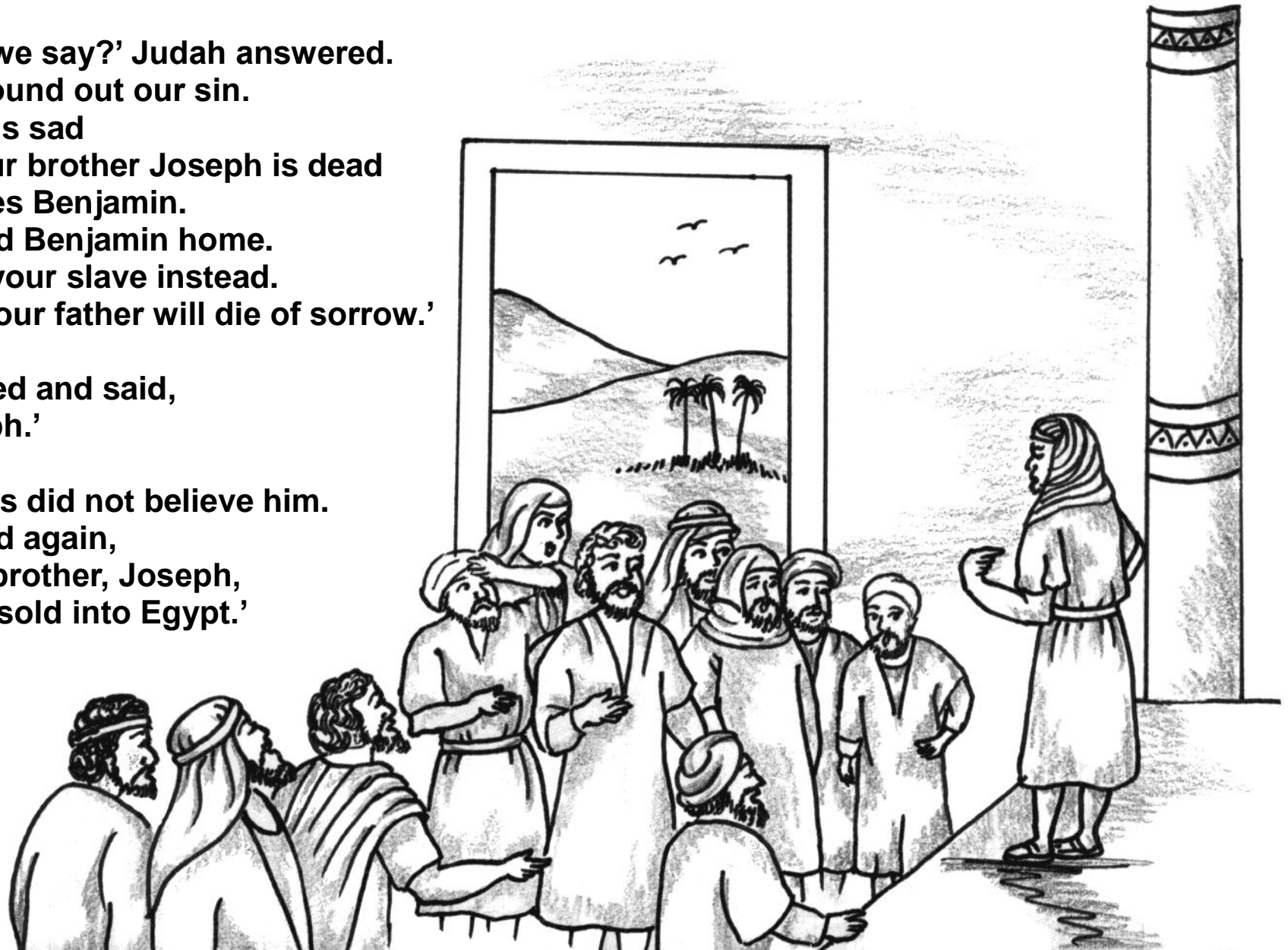


**Joseph asked,
'What have you done?'**

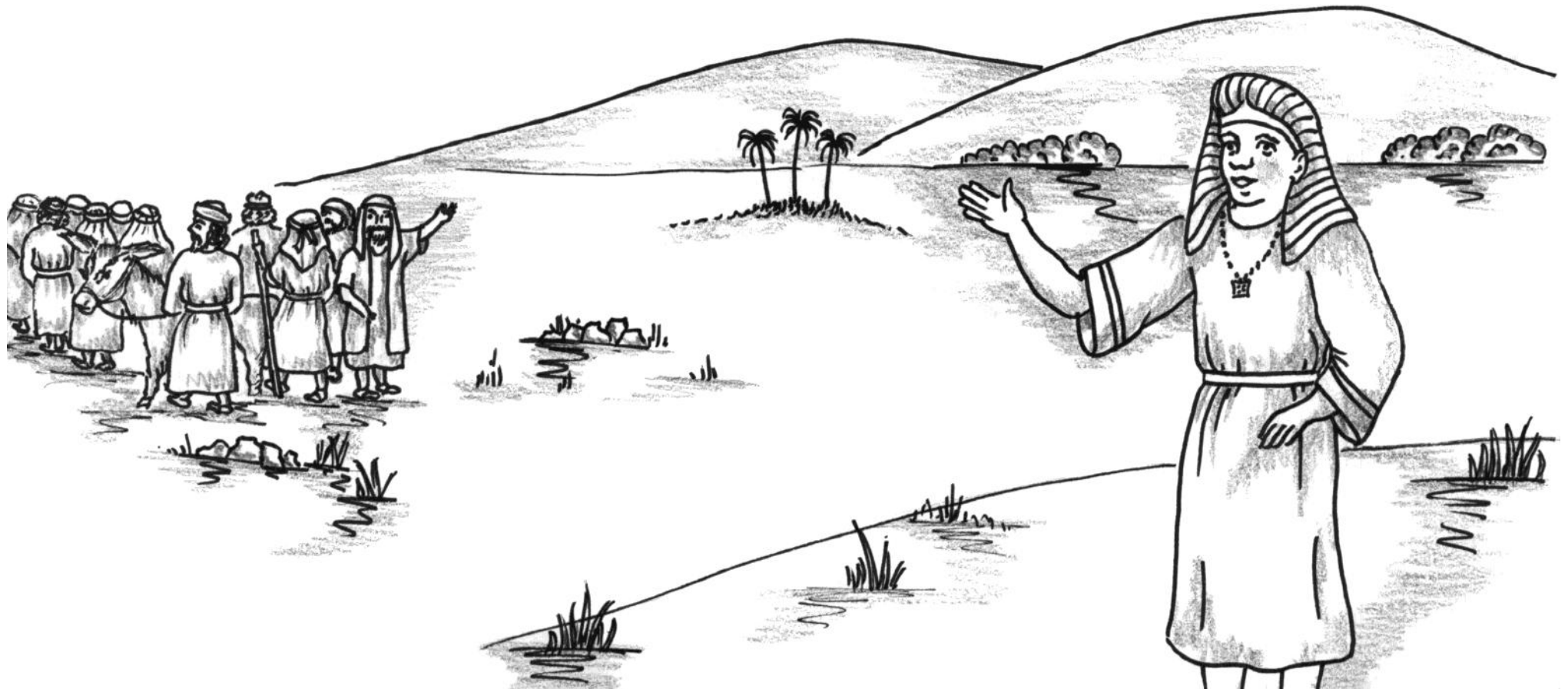
**'What can we say?' Judah answered.
'God has found out our sin.
Our father is sad
because our brother Joseph is dead
and he loves Benjamin.
Please send Benjamin home.
Let me be your slave instead.
Otherwise our father will die of sorrow.'**

**Joseph cried and said,
'I am Joseph.'**

**His brothers did not believe him.
Joseph said again,
'I am your brother, Joseph,
whom you sold into Egypt.'**



**'Do not be afraid because you sold me.
God sent me here
to keep you alive in this famine.
Go and bring my father
and your families to live here.
There will be five more years of famine.'**



**The brothers went home and said to their father,
'Joseph is alive.
He wants us to go and live with him.'**

**God spoke to Jacob and said,
'I am God.
Do not be afraid to go to Egypt.
I will go with you,
and I will bring you back to your land.'**

