

JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS

Part 1

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chs. 37:1-36, 39:1-20

Jacob had 12 sons but his favourite was Joseph, his beloved Rachel's son. He even gave him special clothes to wear...

His older brothers hated him.



Daddy's little pet

I dreamed the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to my star



Really?

He means us, doesn't he?



Not if we can help it!

Joseph visited his brothers as they looked after their flocks of sheep.



Let's kill him!

Put him down this dry well for now



Then some Ishmaelite slave traders came by



We'll sell Joseph instead!

What will we tell Father?



Put some goat blood on Joseph's fancy coat.

So they tricked Jacob



An animal must have killed him.

In Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's Royal Guard



Potiphar was very pleased with Joseph's hard work and put him in charge of his household, but..



Potiphar's wife made up bad stories about Joseph..

so Joseph was put in prison



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It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapters 39:20-41:44

Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave and he had ended up in Egypt. Then he was wrongly accused and was sent to prison.



Joseph was trusted to look after the other prisoners.

Then Pharaoh's butler and baker were sent to the prison. One night they had strange dreams.



... I made juice from the grapes and gave it to Pharaoh..

.. all the bread in my baskets was eaten by birds.



God knows what your dreams mean - you will be pardoned . . . but you won't.



The two men left the prison.

Don't forget me!

But they did



Two years later Pharaoh had a dream



None of his advisors could explain it...

..then his butler remembered Joseph.



So Joseph was cleaned up and sent to Pharaoh

and then the seven thin cows ate the seven fat cows but they were still thin.



God says there will be seven bumper years, then seven years of famine.



You must choose someone trustworthy to store the spare food in the good years



Pharaoh was so impressed he gave Joseph the job!

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Part 3

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A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt, now in charge of the stored food as famine spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

