

Sparklers @ Home Week 21.

Joseph helps his family Genesis 42:1-13; 45:1-13

Hi Sparklers,

This week we see God's plan for Jacob's son Joseph and his family finally beginning to work out for all of them. Joseph has become the right person in the right place at the right time. We can celebrate that God looks after us in these times too.

Activity One – Dressing up

Get out some dressing up clothes, hats, costumes, wigs, sunglasses etc.

Try on the different items.

Sometimes it's difficult to recognise people when they are dressed differently, as we are used to them in normal clothes.

(Adult). Perhaps dress up differently yourself and ask them if you look different.

In the story we are going to hear today Joseph met lots of people he knew very well, but they did not recognise him. He was wearing different clothes! (and it was a long time since they had last seen him).

Bible Story.

Joseph's brothers were hungry. Have you ever been hungry? They had no food left to eat. Their father told them to go to Egypt: "There's still food in Egypt. Here's some money. Go buy some food".

The brothers took some empty sacks, hoping that they would be able to buy some corn in Egypt. If they couldn't buy any, they didn't know what would happen to them and their families.

The brothers travelled all the way to Egypt. Lots of people had come to buy food. The brother asked how they could buy food. "Go and see the important man in the place where the corn is stored", they were told. So, they went to see the important man in charge of selling the food.

When they saw the important man, they bowed down. They didn't know his name or who he was. It was Joseph, their brother, but they didn't recognise him. They had not seen him for many years. He was wearing Egyptian clothes.

“Sir!” the brothers said, as they bowed to the important man who was really their brother, Joseph.

“We’ve come a long way to get some food. Please sell us food for our family.” The brothers didn’t recognise Joseph, but he recognised them! He knew who they were, and he remembered that they had been unkind to him.

What do you think Joseph might do next?

Joseph’s brothers had been unkind to him, but he didn’t want to be unkind to them. He was very happy to see them! He knew that God has helped him and looked after him all along. Now God had brought his brothers to Egypt so that he could be with his family again. “I will help you”, Joseph said. “You can have some corn.” The brothers paid their money and filled their sacks with corn.

They were very pleased to have some food to take home. But they still didn’t know who the important man was. They would find that out next time they came to Egypt.

Activity sheet

Print out the activity sheet at the back of this pack.

You can see the brothers getting the corn. Can you draw the ‘Important man that sold them the food, their brother Joseph’?

Activity Two – Joseph before and after.

Print out the sheet with 2 pictures of Joseph on it.

Can you colour in the pictures?

The first picture is a picture of Joseph when he was known by his brothers. The second picture he is dressed in Egyptian clothes. Can you see why they didn’t recognise him dressed differently?

Prayer Time

Draw a picture of when you were really happy about something.

Below the picture write “Thank you, God for the good times.”

Now let’s pray:

Thank you that you look after us in good times.

Thank you, God, for good times.

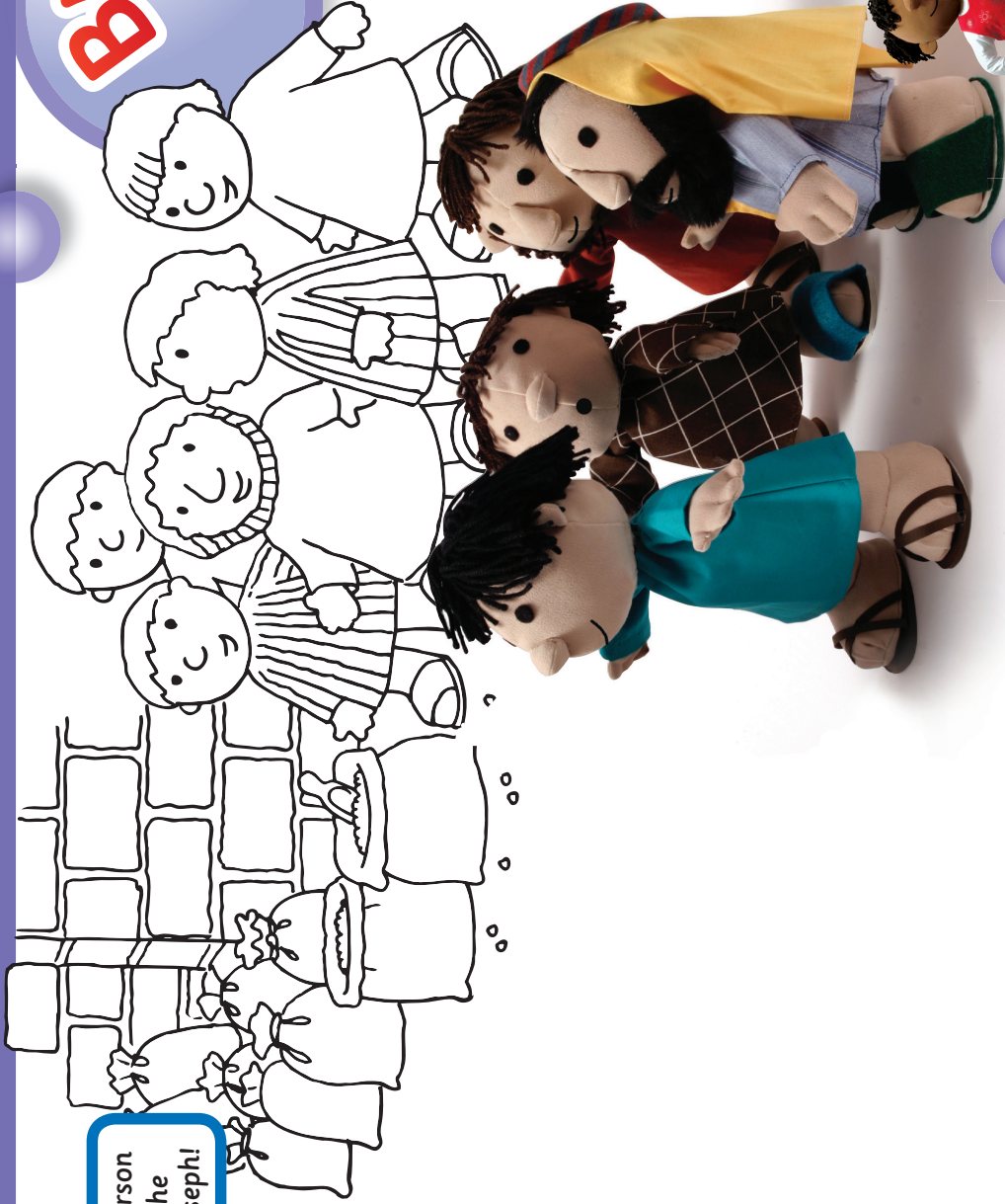
Thank you for (*talk about the picture you have drawn*)

Thank you, God, for good times. Amen.

9 Bubbles

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Draw the person who sells the food. It's Joseph!



Today's aim is to remember that God is looking after us when things go well.

Genesis 42: 1–13; 45:1–13

Joseph's brothers do not expect to ever see him again.

They do not recognise him as the person who sells them food. Joseph does not tell them who he is at first. But when they visit again, he tells them, "I am Joseph."

The Bible story can be found on **Bonus Sheet B**.

Who do the brothers think it is?
Who do you think it was?

