

Dear Parent/Guardian

The first term of the 2020/2021 Sunday school year we looked into the book of Acts, throughout this we learnt about the first church, and the journey of Paul. Together we looked at how the disciples continued God's mission after Jesus' resurrection. We saw the amazing conversion of Saul to Paul. During the Daniel fast we looked at Galatians, which also referenced Abraham, and the book of Daniel.

During these times we were reminded of the incredible things God did for us all, and the vast history and build up to the event of Jesus on the cross, the event that redeemed us all.

For the rest of the year we will be going back to the start and will be discovering some of the many many incredible people that were involved in the lead up to the resurrection story. We will be going through the old testament and learn about one character each week.

Teaching videos, stories and worksheets, and zoom calls will continue throughout this meet and greet. During the school holiday we have chosen that although Sunday school sessions, whether physical or online, will not run. However, we will be releasing teaching videos and the weekly story and worksheet will be available. We felt that as there are so many stories to learn about this was the best course of action to help your children learn the most that they can.

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-The Children's Team

Joseph

Genesis 37-50

As well as his daughter Dinah, Jacob had 12 sons. Jacob had them with four different women, including Rachel, whom he loved the most. Rachel had given birth to only two of Jacob's sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Because Jacob loved Rachel the most, he also favoured Joseph and Benjamin. One day Jacob gave Joseph a special coat. A coat of many colours. This made Joseph's brothers very jealous.

One day when Joseph was 17 he had a dream. In the dream he saw 12 sheaf's, his stood upright and proud, whilst his brother's bowed down to him. Joseph had a big ego so this made him proud. Because of his pride he decided to tell his brothers the dream. This made his brother's hate him even more.

Joseph then had another dream that the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowed to him. Joseph again told his brother's about the dream, he also told his father. Joseph told them that it meant that his father, his mother, and all his brother's would bow down to him. This made his brothers even more angry at him, as well as Jacob.

So, one day Joseph's brothers made a plan to kill him. They took his coat off him and threw Joseph in a well. Then they saw some Ishmaelites and Midianites so decided to sell Joseph to them. The brother's dipped the coat him animal blood and told Jacob that Joseph had been attacked and killed by a wild animal. Joseph was taken to Egypt.

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Genesis 37-50

Whilst Jacob was mourning the death of his son, Joseph arrived in Egypt he was sold to a man named Potiphar. Potiphar was one of Pharaoh's officers, the Captain of the Royal Guard. Whilst Joseph was in Potiphar's house he became a successful man. Potiphar saw that God was with Joseph, and God caused everything Joseph did to prosper, do well. Joseph was promoted to overseer of Potiphar's house.

One day Potiphar's wife saw Joseph and decided she wanted him to be her boyfriend, even though she was already married. When she asked Joseph to be her boyfriend he said no, because he liked that no one had more authority than he did and he didn't want to lose that.

Potiphar's wife became angry and told Potiphar that Joseph had tried to force himself on her. Potiphar became angry and threw Joseph in jail for what he had been accused of doing.

Whilst Joseph was in prison God blessed him again and made him a favorite amongst the prison wardens.

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One day, whilst Joseph was still in prison, Pharoah, the leader of Egypt had two of his special servants thrown in prison. His cupbearer and Baker. They were put in the same prison as Joseph. While they were in prison they both had a dream. They told Joseph, and God gave him the ability to interpret the dreams.

Three days later one of Pharoah's cupbearer was released. Joseph asked him to remember him and to tell Pharoah about him. But when Pharoah's cupbearer was released, he forgot about Joseph.

2 years later Pharoah had a dream. He asked all his magicians and wise men to tell him the dream, but none could. Then the cupbearer remembered about Joseph and told Pharoah. So Pharoah sent for Joseph and told him his dream. God showed Joseph that the dream meant that Egypt would have seven years of good harvest and plenty of food, and then seven years of bad harvest and drought. Joseph told Pharoah that he should appoint someone to store up some of the food from the seven years of good food to keep for when there would be seven years with less food. Pharoah was so impressed with Joseph's idea that he put Joseph in charge of this. He put Joseph second in charge of Egypt.

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Genesis 37-50

After seven years of good harvest, Egypt was then hit with seven years of bad harvest, Even the area's surrounding Egypt had run out of food. This included Jacob and the rest of Joseph's family.

Jacob heard about the food in Egypt and sent his sons to get some for them. When they arrived in Egypt they bowed before Joseph. Joseph recognized them, but they didn't recognize Joseph. Because of this Joseph decided to test his brothers.

He sent them to get their youngest brother, Benjamin. When he returned they had a feast. When they were about to leave Joseph had one of his servants put a silver cup in Benjamin's bag. When the cup was found everyone was shocked to find it was in Benjamin's bag. The brother's begged Joseph to spare Benjamin and allow him to return to Jacob, because he would die if he lost another son.

When Joseph saw his brothers love for each other he told them who he really was and that he forgave them for selling him. Because it had led to him becoming such a success.

Joseph told them to return home and tell Jacob, then move to Egypt. When they got there Jacob brought his 66 descendants.

17 years later Jacob died.

Joseph died when he was 110 and buried in a tomb in Egypt.

ACTIVITY:

Ask your parents to take you on a walk. When you are there gather some long grass and make a sheaf. See if it stands up on it's own like Joseph's did.

You may need your parents help for this.

Draw a picture of yourself, then draw your parents or guardians as the sun and moon bowing before you. Then draw a star to represent your brothers, sisters, or aunts, uncles, and cousins.