

READ IT

This Rotation's Bible story is

Joseph and His Brothers

from Genesis 37:1-28.

God is always with us.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Joseph
- Coat
- Jacob
- Dreams
- Canaan

In both the Old and New Testaments, God often speaks to people through dreams. Some dreams tell of good times, some of bad times. Other dreamers include Pharaoh, Solomon, Mordecai, and Joseph, the husband of Mary.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 48-53

Spark Bible pages 42-43

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for always sticking with us—in good and bad times you are there. Help each of us to know this well. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What is the best gift you ever received?
- 2 What do you dream about?
- 3 When is God with you? How do you know?
- 4 How can our family be a blessing to other families that we know?



Eye Spark

Look for stars with someone each evening and tell them, "God is always with you."



Ear Spark

When you hear someone crying, know that God hears them, too.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

The story of Joseph and his brothers has been made into a musical called "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." See if you can find a live performance or a music or video recording of it to watch or listen to. It includes a scene about Joseph's dreams.

For younger kids

Gather coats in your house or neighborhood that your family or neighbors aren't using and donate them so they can be used by others.

For older kids

Find a blank family tree diagram that you like on the internet or in a book, or create one of your own. Spend some time filling in your family tree and telling family stories.

TRY IT

Art

Family members are unique. Make refrigerator magnets representing each of your family members. Include name, hobbies, and favorites like food and music. Remember that you're all different and all important!

Computer Lab

Use a digital camera to take a series of family pictures. Take a happy one, a sad one, an angry one, and then mix up lots of different emotions. Look at them on your computer, and talk about how families don't always get along but should always forgive.

Creative Drama

Put on a Joseph puppet show! Use Spark Bibles or Spark Story Bibles for a script. Find creative items in your home to use as puppets. Stuffed animals, dolls, or even colorful socks could work. Use the back of a long piece of furniture as a puppet stage.

Video

Make an instructional video for emotions. Give each of your family members two or three emotions. Say, "Here is how to look angry!" or "Here is how to look sad." Talk about what it might be like to show so many different emotions as an actor in a movie.

Bible Skills and Games

Share the story of Joseph and His Brothers with your family members. Talk briefly about ways your family gets along and ways your family does not get along. Pray together for God's grace, ask for forgiveness of one another, and commit yourselves to understanding and kindness.

Cooking

Have a "Family Meeting" meal. Help each other cook dinner and sit down to the meal with a prayer. While you eat, talk about family issues. Make everything an okay subject, but no yelling! Work out the issues, and forgive each other!

Music

Sing the song below to the tune of BINGO. Then substitute each family member's name for "Joe," reminding that person that God is always with us in the ups and downs.

Keep on dreaming, Joe
Keep on dreaming, Joe
Keep on dreaming, Joe
God loves you in the ups and downs

Science

Our bodies feel stress when they are angry and sad. Make an anger plan with your family. It can include things like take 10 slow breaths, flex and relax your fingers, lie down on the floor and stretch your body as tall as it will go. Anything goes as long as it's relaxing!