



Milk and Honey Club



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Theme 14 - Joseph Part 3 – Joseph’s Family Reunion.



- Asks child(ren) to share some of the things they did from the last theme.
- God brings about the way for Joseph to be reunited with his family. Joseph’s brothers are reminded of their wrongdoing, but Joseph loves and forgives. The whole family come to live in Egypt.

Materials Needed

- Bible(s) suitable for children
- Colouring pens/pencils
- Cotton Wool
- Child Safe Scissors
- Thin Cardboard / Card

- Bible Booklet – Joseph’s Family Reunion - Options to print as A5 or A4 booklet to colour or already coloured
- picture of Joseph’s reunion with Jacob to colour and writing practise
- Gathering the lost sheep’ activity sheet
- Jacob’s family – counting and colouring

Topics:- God gathers His people. God gives grace to forgive. The truth will always come out.



Prayer:- Thank God for...

Ask God to help you to...

Ask God to help others by....



Bible Verses:-

Genesis chapters 42-46

Matthew chapter 6 verses 14 & 15

Matthew chapter 18 verses 11-14 & 21 & 22

Story:

Joseph’s Family Reunion

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Activities



1. Bible story – read ‘Joseph’s Family Reunion’ booklet with child(ren), using discussion questions for recall.
2. Child(ren) colour picture of Joseph’s reunion with Jacob in Egypt and practise writing words / letters.
3. ‘Gathering the lost sheep’ activity – Explain how God loves to gather His people like a shepherd gathers his sheep together (see Matthew 18 verses 11-14). Child(ren) to make shepherd and sheep with materials provided, and act out the parable.

Discussion Questions

For example:

- What did Joseph do to make sure his brothers would come back to Egypt? (Page 1 of booklet)
- What did Joseph’s brothers think was happening to them? (Page 2 of booklet)
- What trick did Joseph do to get his brothers to bring Benjamin to Egypt? (Page 3 of booklet)
- How did Joseph know that his brother’s were sorry for what they’d done to him? (Page 6 of booklet)
- Do you try to make things better when you fall out with someone, even if you think it’s their fault? Read what Jesus taught about forgiveness in Matthew chapter 6 verses 14 & 15 and Matthew chapter 18 verses 21 & 22

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Extra Activities for Theme 14

Suggested Activities:



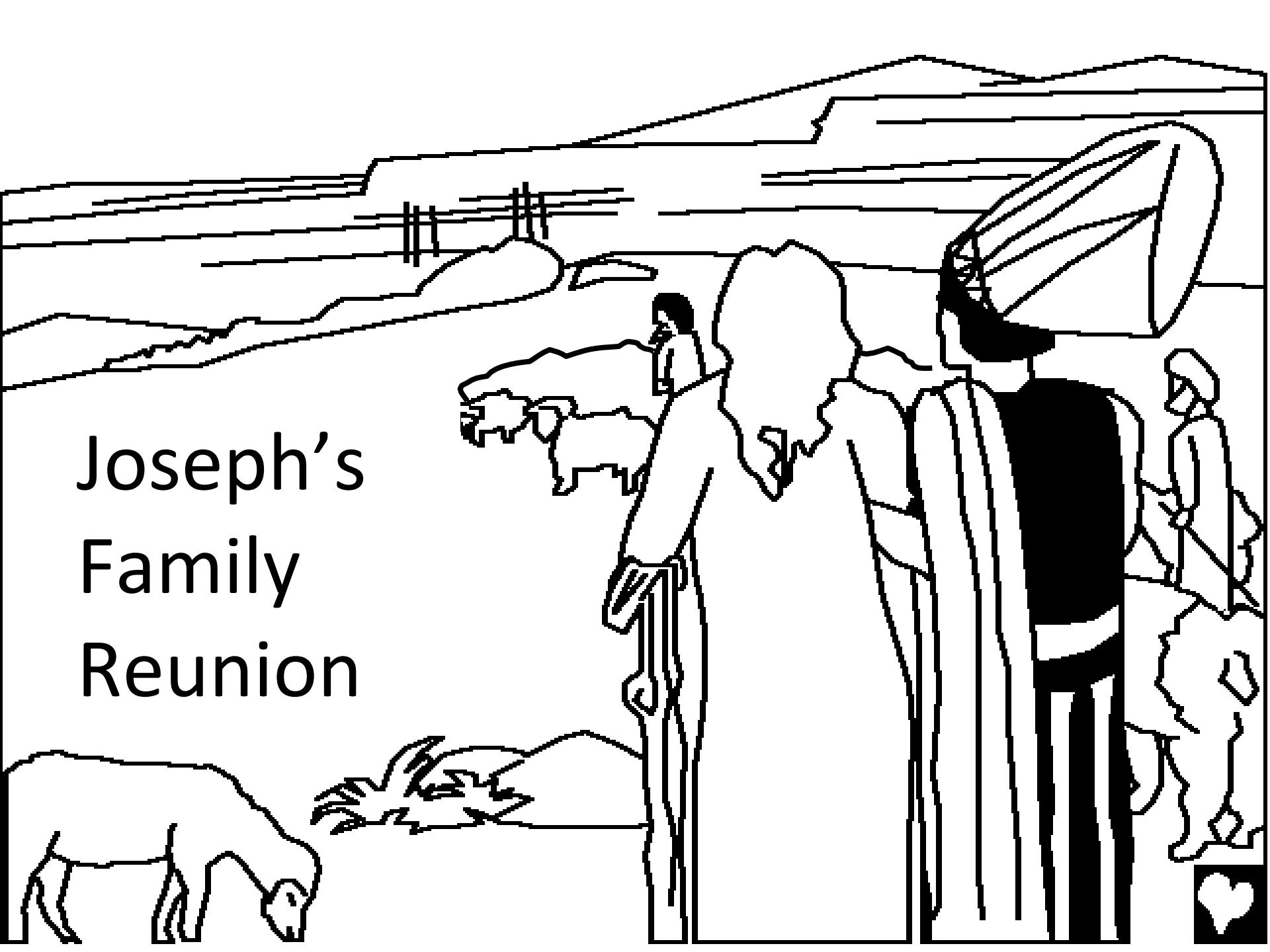
- Re-read booklet or chapters from children's bible, bit by bit with questions for discussion. Child(ren) can colour booklet.
- Talk to child(ren) about jealousy – what it is, and how it can make us do mean things to people. Talk about what will help us to stop feeling jealous, and what will help us to feel better, even when people treat us unfairly (including prayer and remembering how people like Joseph behaved, and was comforted and honoured by God, who was pleased with him.) Talk about forgiveness.
- Jacob's family – counting and colouring exercise. (see accompanying sheets)

Prayer Points



- Thank God that He loves us, and shows that love by making a way for us to be forgiven, when we own up to what we've done wrong and are sorry.
- Ask God to help us to remember that He will make everything fair in the end, even if people are not always fair, so we don't need to be jealous of anyone.
- Ask God to help us remember to quickly make up with people that we fall out with, and be quick to say sorry when we're told off, or have hurt someone.

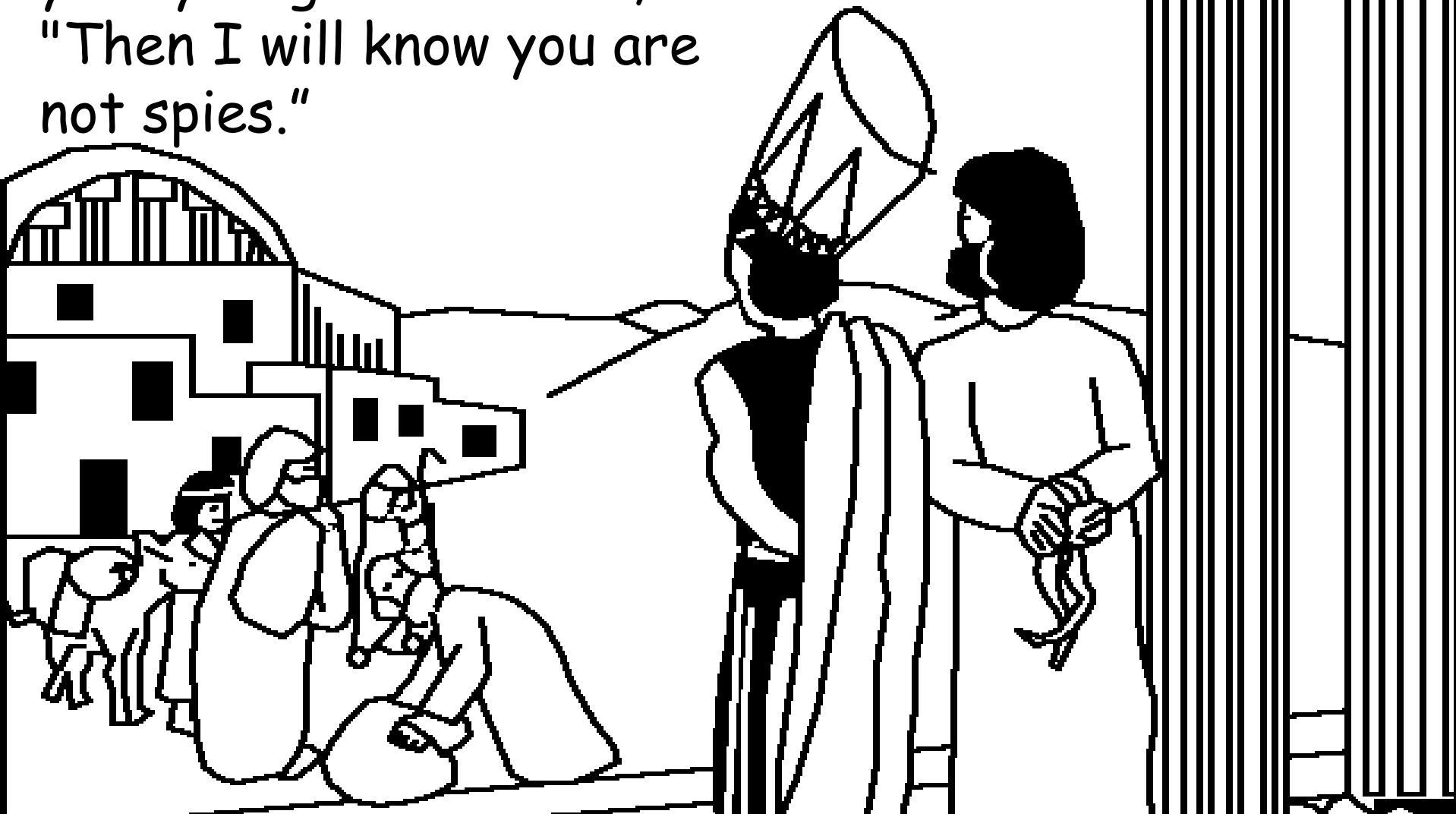
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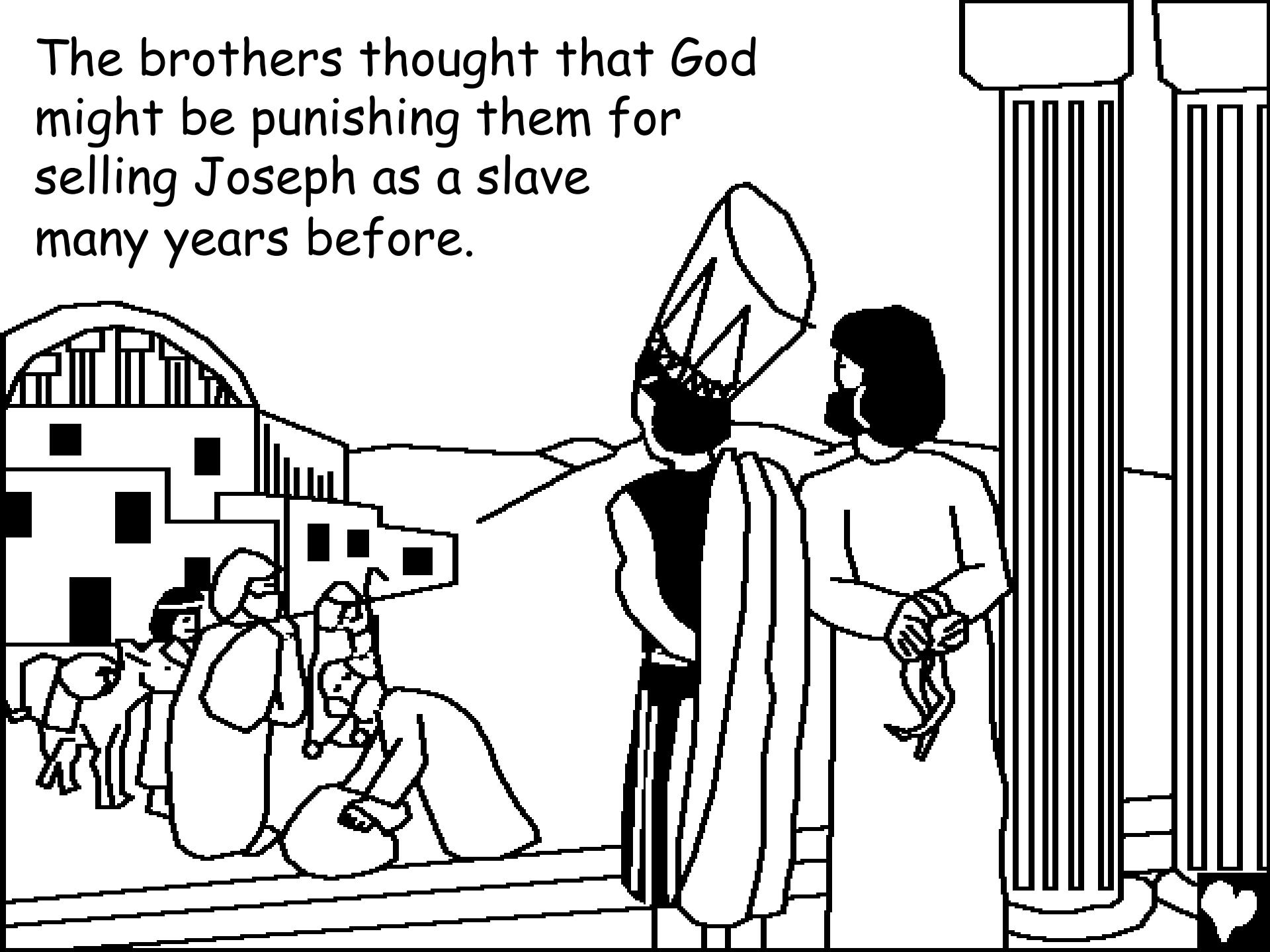
Joseph was very wise. He spoke roughly and kept his brother Simeon hostage.

"Take food, go home and return with your youngest brother," he ordered.

"Then I will know you are not spies."

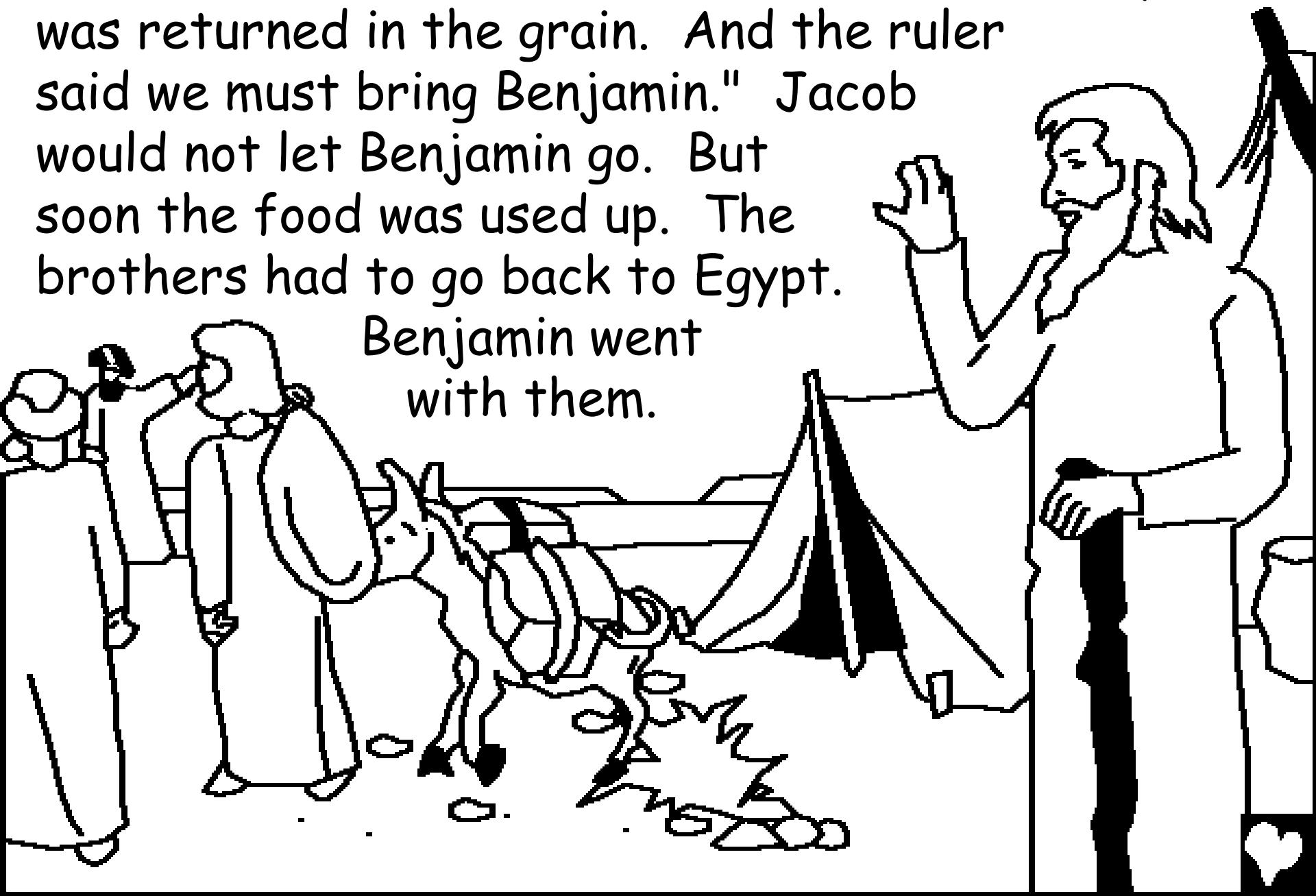


The brothers thought that God might be punishing them for selling Joseph as a slave many years before.



Jacob and his sons were confused. "Our money was returned in the grain. And the ruler said we must bring Benjamin." Jacob would not let Benjamin go. But soon the food was used up. The brothers had to go back to Egypt.

Benjamin went with them.



When Joseph saw Benjamin he ordered his servants to prepare a great feast. The brothers were invited. "Is your father alive and well?" Joseph asked. Perhaps he was thinking of how he could bring the whole family together.

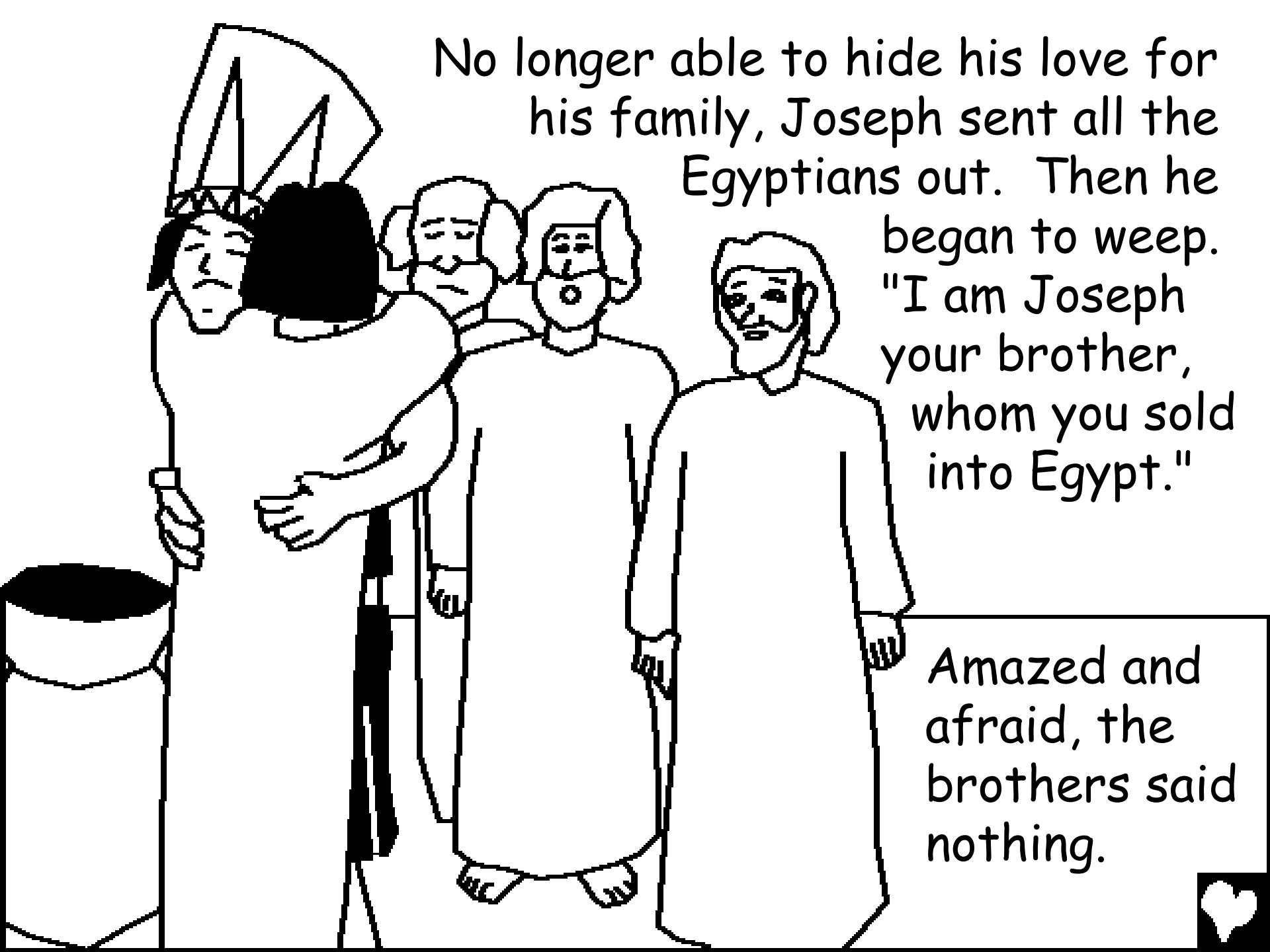


Joseph also wanted to know if his brothers were really sorry for their sin of many years before.

After the banquet he accused them of stealing. "To punish you, I will keep Benjamin as my slave,"

Joseph said. "My lord, take my life instead," begged Judah. Joseph knew that Judah, who had suggested selling Joseph, was truly changed.





No longer able to hide his love for his family, Joseph sent all the Egyptians out. Then he began to weep. "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt."

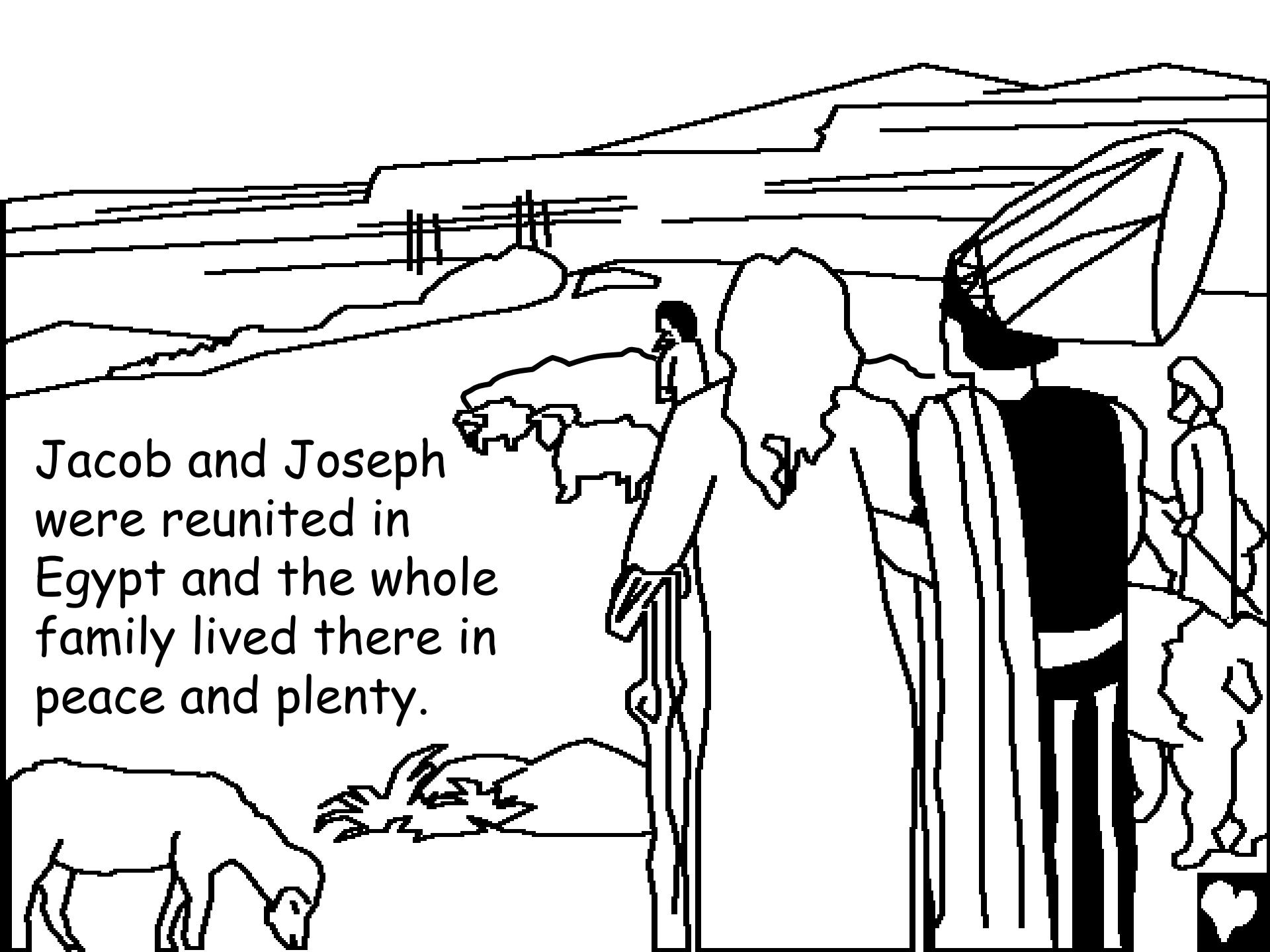
Amazed and afraid, the brothers said nothing.



Joseph encouraged his brothers.

"God made me lord in Egypt so I could save your lives in this famine. Go, bring my father. I will look after you."





Jacob and Joseph
were reunited in
Egypt and the whole
family lived there in
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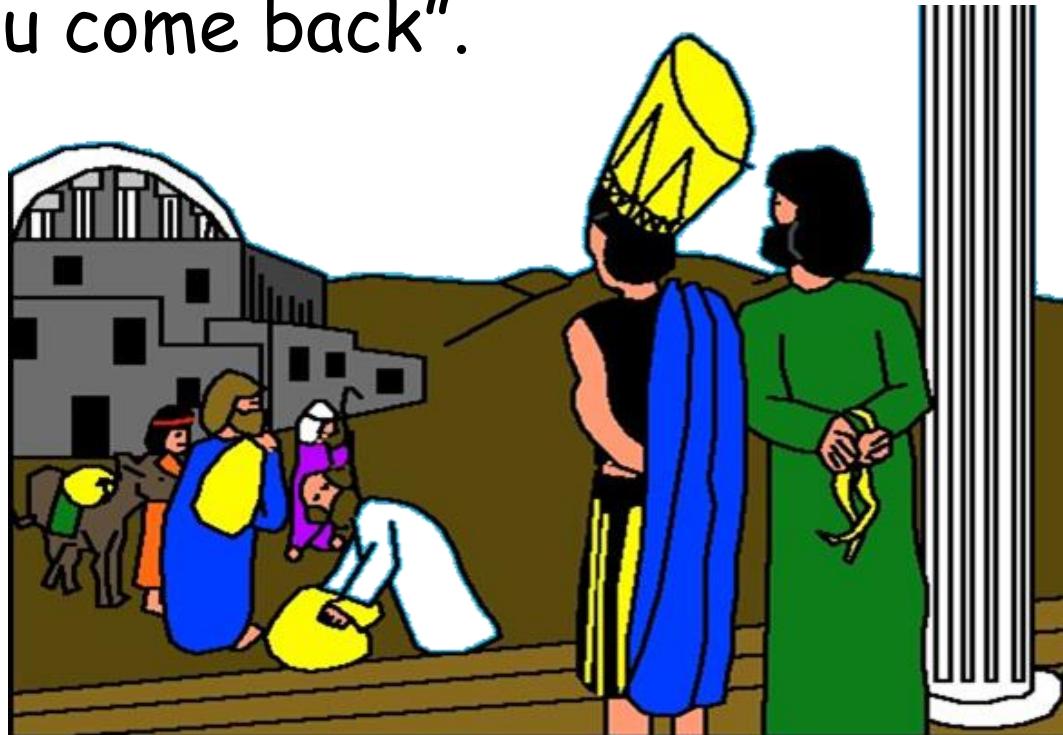
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Joseph's Family Reunion



Joseph didn't tell his brothers who he was. He pretended to think they were spies. He told them, "Buy food, go home and return with your youngest brother, then I will know you are not spies. I will keep one of you here until you come back".



The brothers thought that God might be punishing them for selling Joseph as a slave many years before.



When the brothers left, they found their money had been put back in their bags of food. Their father Jacob did not want little brother Benjamin to go to Egypt. But soon the food was used up. The brothers had to go back to Egypt. Benjamin went with them.



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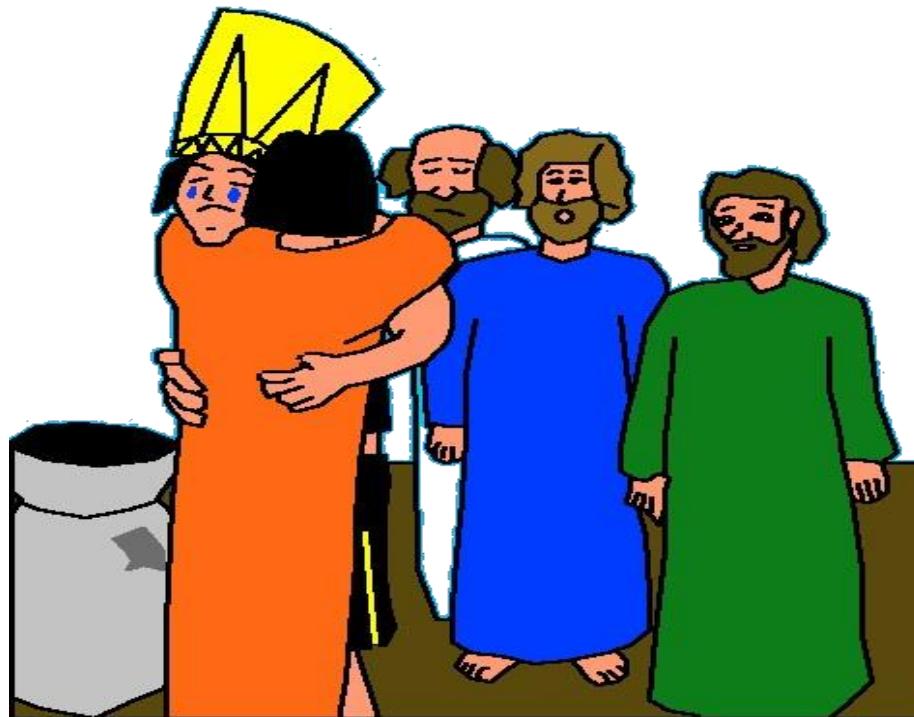
After the feast he said they had stolen his silver cup.

"To punish you, I will keep Benjamin as my slave," Joseph said.

His brother Judah begged him "My lord, take my life instead." Then Joseph knew that Judah was truly a changed man.



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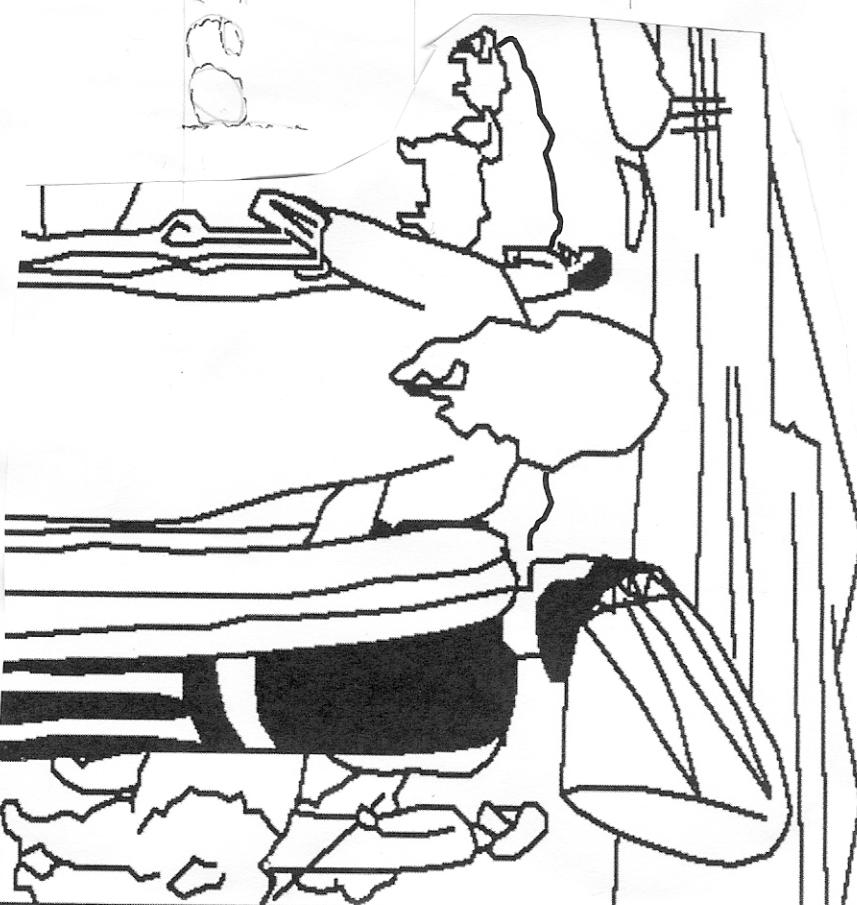


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Jacob and his son Joseph came together again in Egypt and the whole family lived there in peace and plenty.

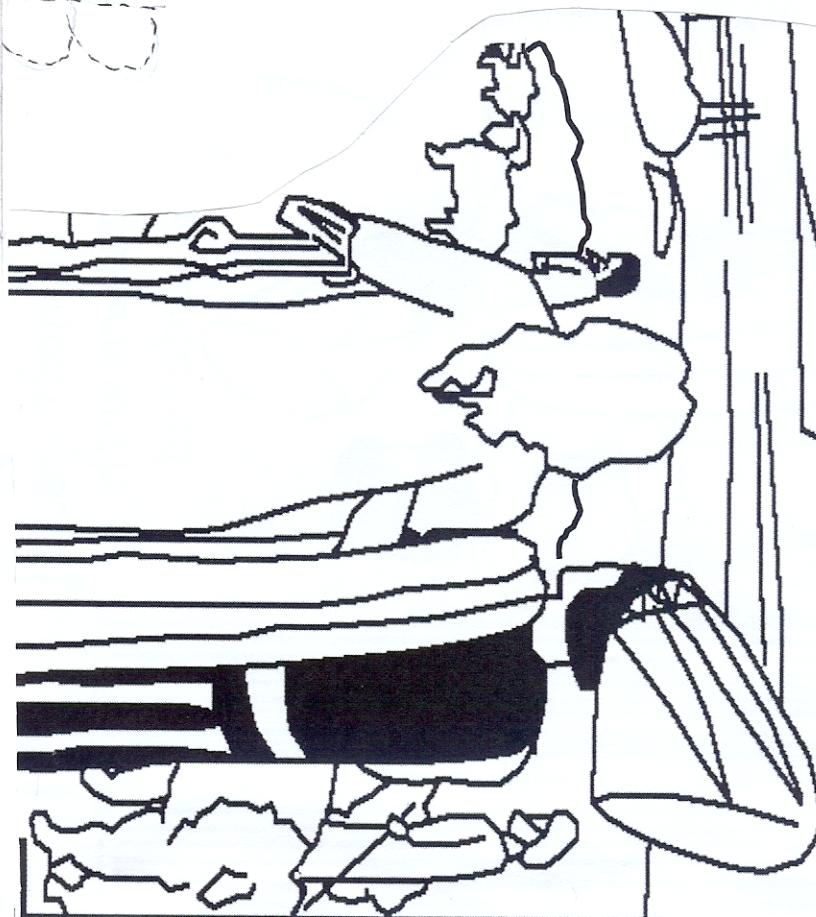
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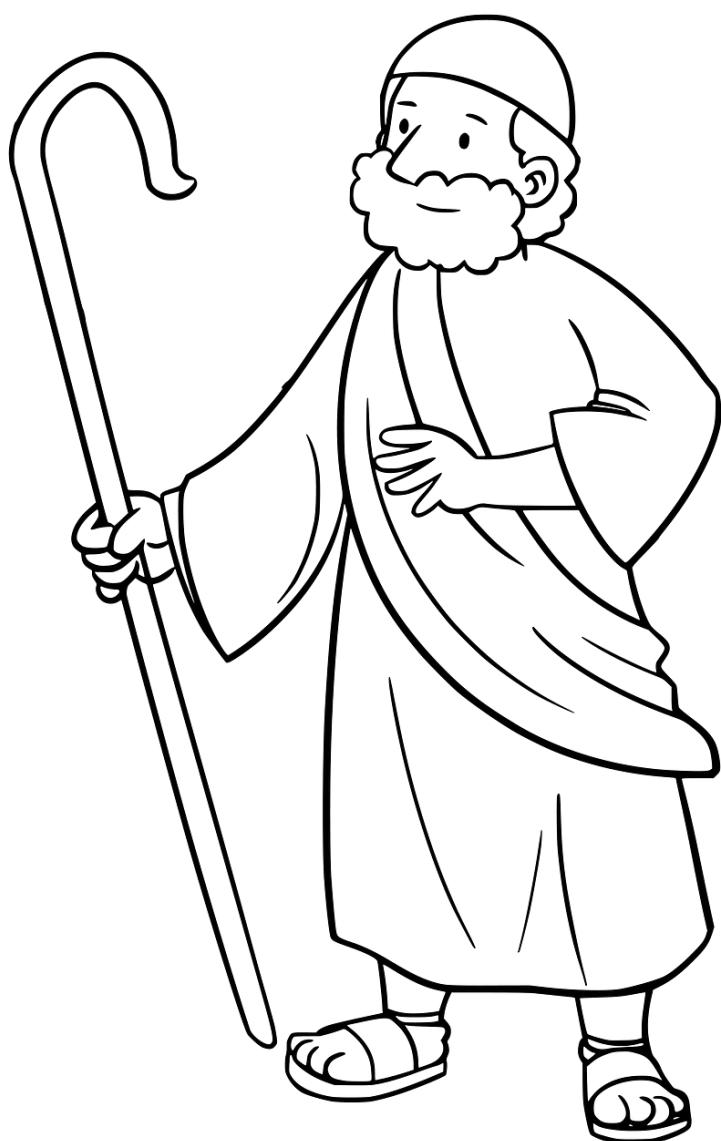
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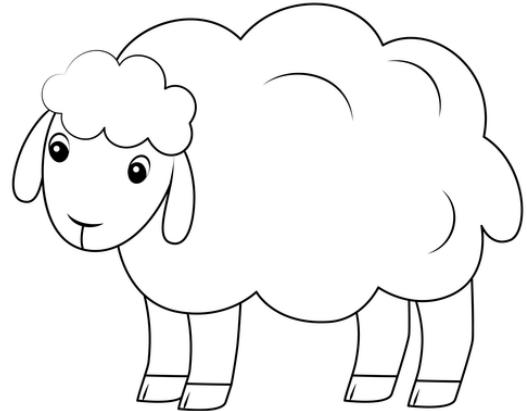
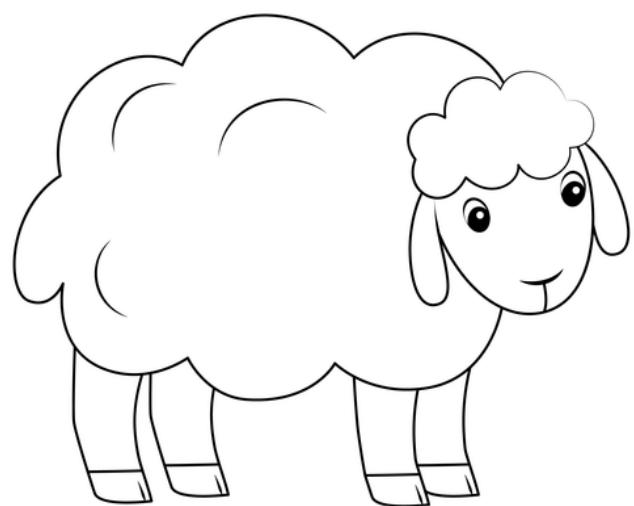
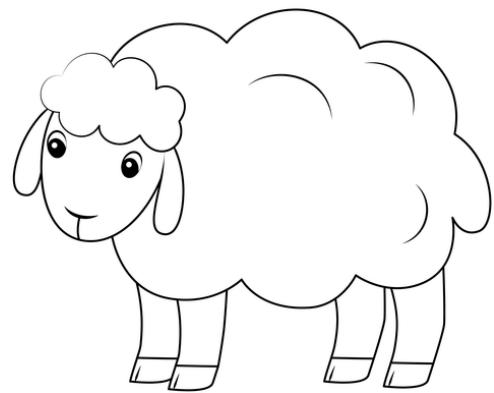
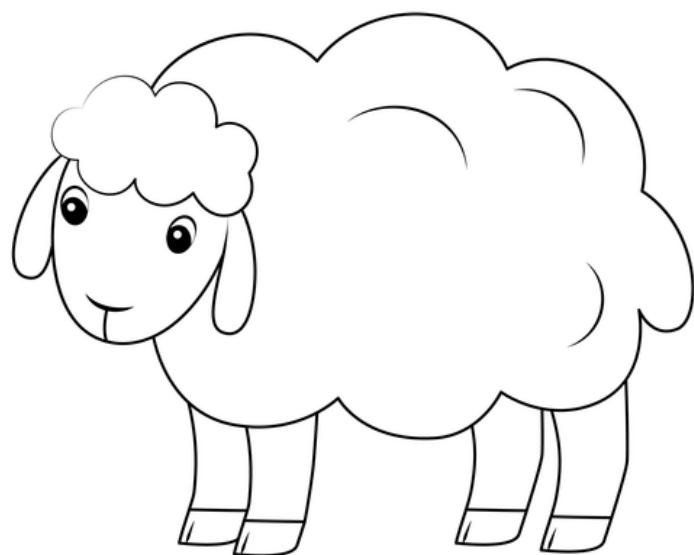
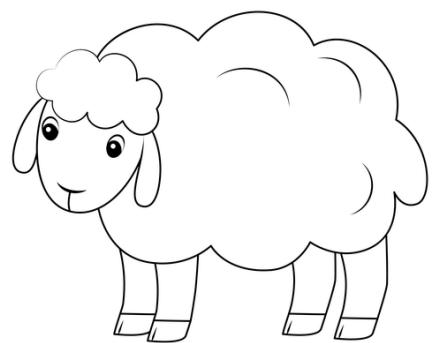
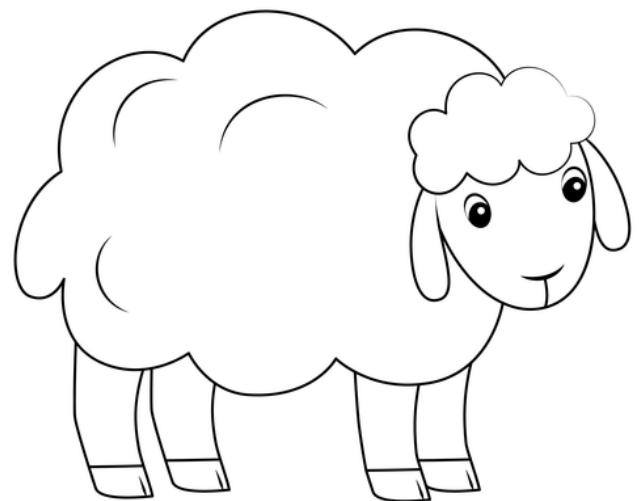
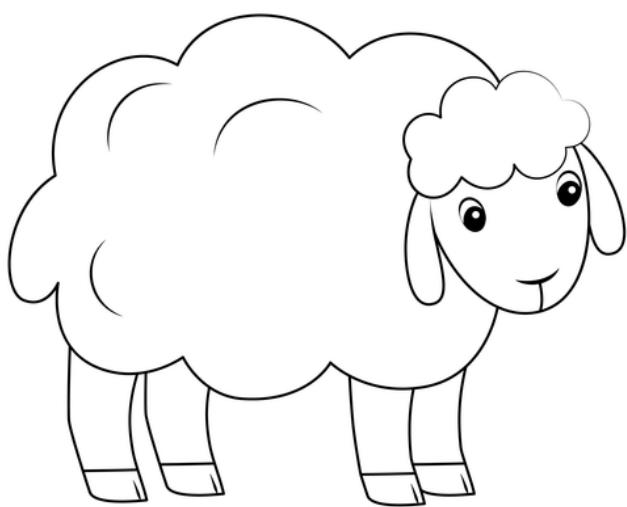
From Egypt



Gathering Lost Sheep

1. Cut out sheep and stick on to sheep-shaped cards.
2. Stick on cotton wool 'fleece'
3. Cut out shepherd and stick on shepherd-shaped card.
- 4a. Act-out the parable of the Good Shepherd from Matthew 18
And / or
- 4b. Hide the sheep and use clues to help child/children be shepherds to find lost sheep.





Jacob's Family

1. How many sons did Jacob have?

With Leah	6	 Reuben	 Simeon	 Levi	 Judah	 Issachar	 Zebulun
With Rachel	2	 Joseph	 Benjamin				
With Rachel's Maid Bilhah	2	 Dan	 Naphtali				
With Leah's Maid Zilpah	2	 Gad	 Asher				

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$$6 + (3 \times 2) =$$

(Read Genesis chapter 35 verses 22-26)

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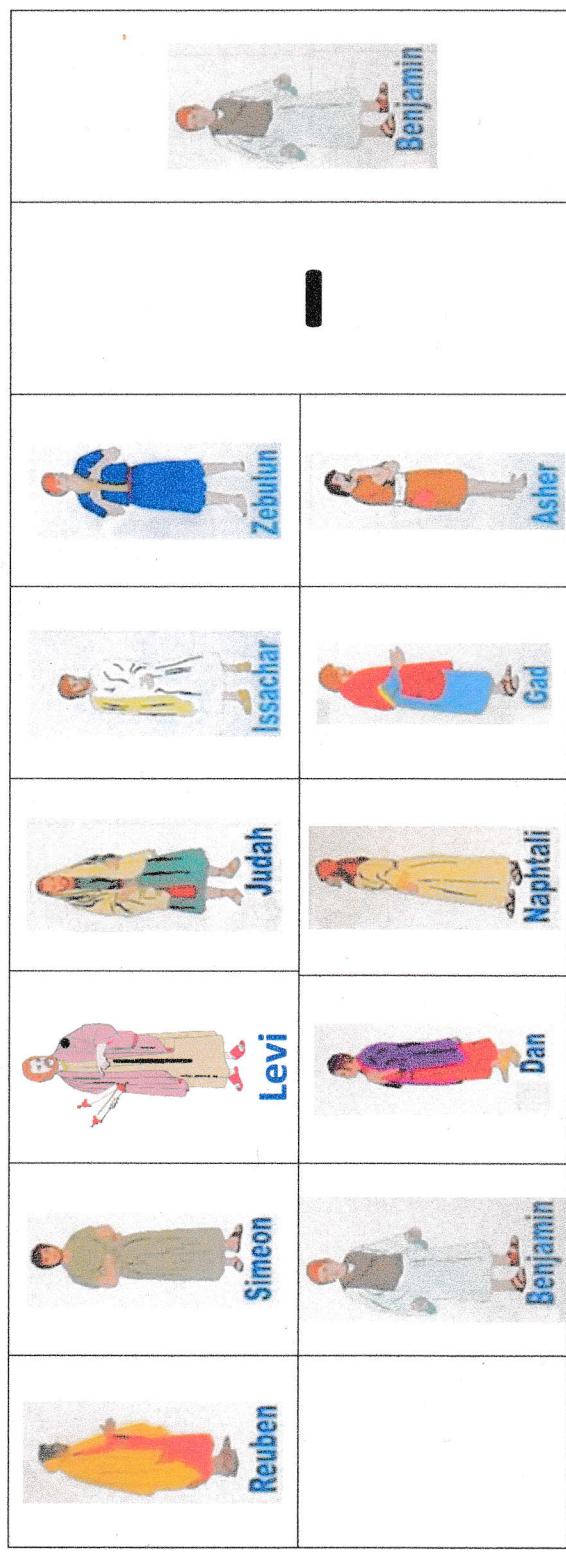
2. How many brothers did Joseph have?



$$12 - 1 =$$

Jacob's Family

3. How many sons did Jacob send to get food in Egypt?



$$11 - 1 =$$

(Read Genesis chapter 42 verses 3 & 4)

Jacob's Family

4. How many sons went back home from Egypt to Jacob and Benjamin?



$$11 - 2 =$$

(Read Genesis chapter 42 verses 18-19, 24-26)