

UNIT 2

TRUST WHEN BETRAYED

DISCOVERY DESTINATION

Surrounded by God's Protection

KEY VERSES

"Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened. Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

-Genesis 37:27-28 (NKJV)

LAUNCH • UNIT 2

PRAYER OF PROMISE

Prepare your heart for the Word by trusting in God's protection.

Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,
For my soul takes refuge in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings
I will take refuge
Until destruction passes by.
–Psalm 57:1

OVERVIEW

In Unit 2, we will learn through the life of Joseph that God will protect even when believers are betrayed or forgotten.

- **BACKGROUND STUDY**

Literary Style: Narrative

- **GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION**

Joseph with the Merchants

- **IN GOD WE TRUST**

God's Protection: Gladys May Aylward

- **PROMISE OF GOD**

God Is Our Protector: 2 Thessalonians 3:3

- **TEACHING OF JESUS**

Forgive When Hated: Luke 6:27–36

- **PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

Matthew 5:44



**NAVIGATE
MEMORY PASSAGE**
Genesis 37:27–28



**EXPLORE
MEMORY PASSAGE**
Luke 6:27–28



KEY VERSES
Genesis 37:27–28

STUDY PASSAGE
Genesis 37



Keywords



Word Studies



Themes



Name Meanings



NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Genesis 37:27-28

- ➦ Open your Memory Logbook to a new page. Write Genesis 37:27-28 at the top of the page as the title. Write out the verses and read them aloud as you do.

Begin your study with the *Prayer of Promise* located on the *Launch* page. Prayer prepares our hearts to know the Word of God.



Read or listen to the study passage, Genesis 37, and mark **Joseph** in red. Joseph is the main person we are learning about. It is also important to notice the people in Joseph's life. Mark **Reuben**, **Judah**, and **brothers** in red.

After marking keywords, we can observe the passage by asking questions. Observation questions begin with *Who*, *What*, *When*, *Where*, *Why*, or *How*.

1. *How* did Joseph's brothers feel about him?



They hated him so much that they plotted/conspired to kill him. Use the **Study Toolbox** to answer the following questions.

2. *What* is the Hebrew word for *plotted/conspired*? _____

3. *What* is the meaning of the word?

A person who acts treacherously is someone who cannot be trusted. Most of the time our brothers and sisters are people we can trust. Joseph could not trust his brothers. They betrayed him.

betray to hurt someone who trusts you

4. *Who* did God use to rescue Joseph from being killed? _____



KEYWORDS

Joseph (*red*)
Reuben (*red*)
Judah (*red*)
brothers (*red*)



WORD STUDIES

plotted/conspired • nakal

Language: Hebrew
Meaning: to act treacherously



NAME MEANINGS

Joseph: increase; addition

Reuben: who sees the son; the vision of the son



EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Luke 6:27-28

Joseph's brothers betrayed him because they hated him. Reread the study passage to see why they hated him.



Mark the keywords **tunic/robe/coat** in red and **dream** in blue.



KEYWORDS

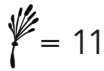
tunic/robe/coat (red)
dream (blue)

1. In Genesis 37:4, how did the brothers feel when Jacob gave Joseph the coat?

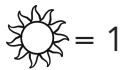
2. In Genesis 37:5, how did the brothers feel when Joseph told them about his dreams?

The coat showed the brothers that Joseph was Jacob's favorite son. The dreams showed the brothers that one day Joseph would rule over them.

3. Hidden in the picture is a coat and other objects from Joseph's dreams. Find all the objects and color them.



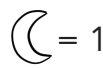
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NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Genesis 37:27-28

- ✚ Open your Memory Logbook to a new page. Write Genesis 37:27-28 at the top of the page as the title. Write out the verses. Trace over the words with your two favorite colors.

BACKGROUND STUDY • Literary Style: Narrative

The Bible contains different types of writings. They include law, history, wisdom, poetry, gospels, letters, and narratives. Moses wrote Genesis in a narrative form. A narrative form of writing tells a story. It has a beginning, middle, and end. People and their actions are the main focus. The *Trust* study passages are Genesis 37-50, which is a narrative of the life of Joseph from age seventeen until his death. **Color the pictures of the beginning, middle, and end of Joseph's narrative.**





EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 2

Read & Observe | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Luke 6:27-28

Read Genesis 37 and underline the words that describe the brothers' feelings or actions toward Joseph that caused them to betray him. **Use the Braille Cipher (see p. 104) to discover the main feelings and actions from each section of this chapter.**

1. _____ (vv. 1-4)



2. _____ (vv. 5-11)



3. _____ (vv. 12-24)



4. _____ (vv. 25-28)



5. _____ (vv. 29-36)



Joseph was an obedient son to his father, but that did not save him from suffering. The brothers hated him so much that they made a plan to kill him. God allowed Joseph to be thrown into the pit to protect him from death. Joseph trusted God when he was betrayed and God protected him.

theme the main idea of the passage that emerges after careful observation



Read the theme for Genesis 37. The underlined words below come from the Unit 2 title and Discovery Destination.

God is our protector and we can trust Him when we are betrayed.



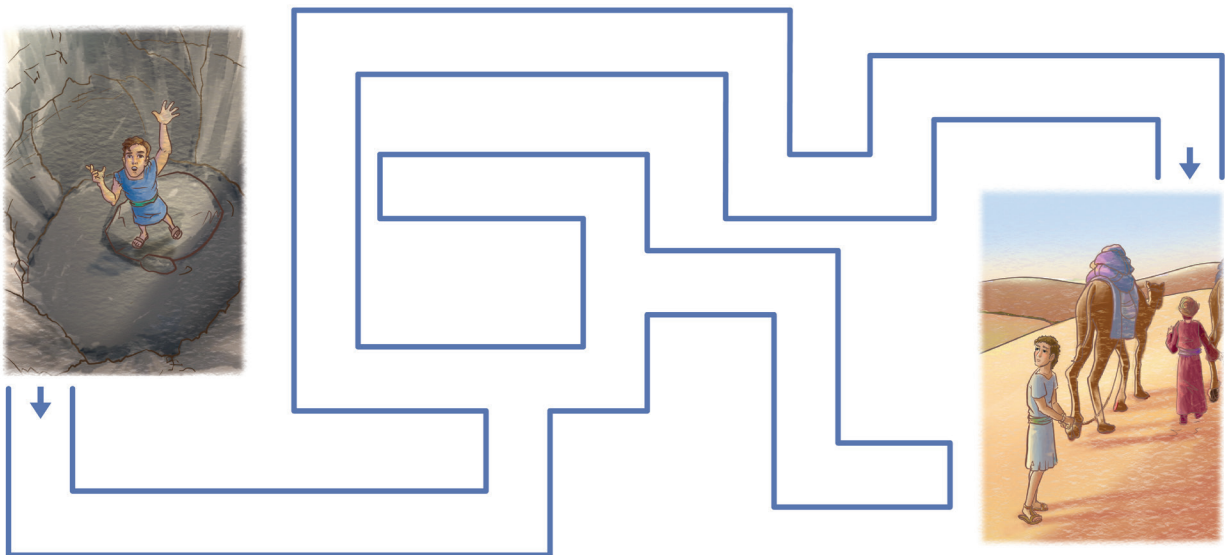
NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Genesis 37:27-28

- ✚ Open your Memory Logbook to a new page. Write Genesis 37:27-28 at the top of the page as the title. Write out the verses. Trace over the verses with your two least favorite colors.

God's Plan of Redemption: Joseph with the Merchants

In Genesis 37, Joseph's brothers threw him into a pit because of their hatred for and jealousy of him. Soon after, a group of merchants from Egypt passed by. Judah convinced the other brothers to sell Joseph as a slave to the merchants. God allowed the brothers to do these things to protect Joseph's life. During the famine, everyone went to Egypt to get food. This was all part of God's plan for redemption. **Move Joseph from the pit to the merchants.**



1. Read the cross-reference about Joseph in Acts 7:9-10. Who was Joseph with?

- a. God
- b. Abraham
- c. Isaac
- d. Jacob

2. Who did God use to rescue Joseph from the pit? _____

God used Judah to protect Joseph's life. Judah was sinful and disobedient. Joseph followed God and was obedient. The Bible tells us in Matthew 1 that Judah, *not* Joseph, was in the royal line of Christ. Jesus Christ was God's plan for our redemption, and God used an imperfect, sinful family to bring Jesus to earth. This teaches us that nothing we do can keep God from completing His great plan.



EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 3

Interpret | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Luke 6:27-28

God used dreams at times to speak to people. Often, dreams would have objects or symbols that showed what was going to happen. In Genesis 37, Joseph had two dreams that he shared with his father and brothers. **Read each dream. Then label the parts either "Joseph" or "brothers" based on what each part represents.**

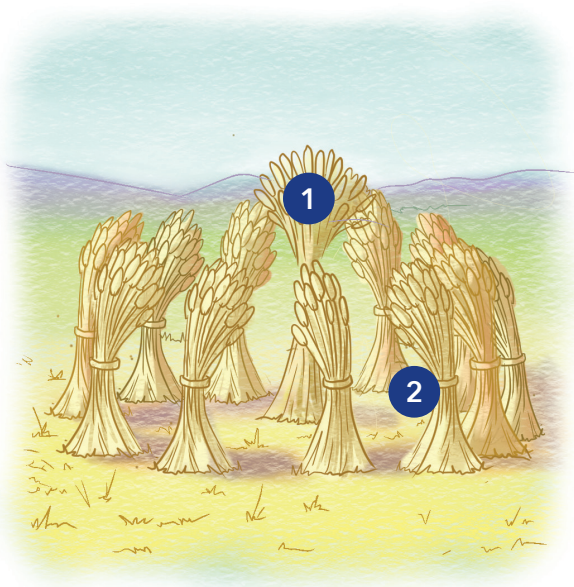
WORD STUDIES

kept/observed • *shamar*

Language: Hebrew

Meaning: guard, to protect

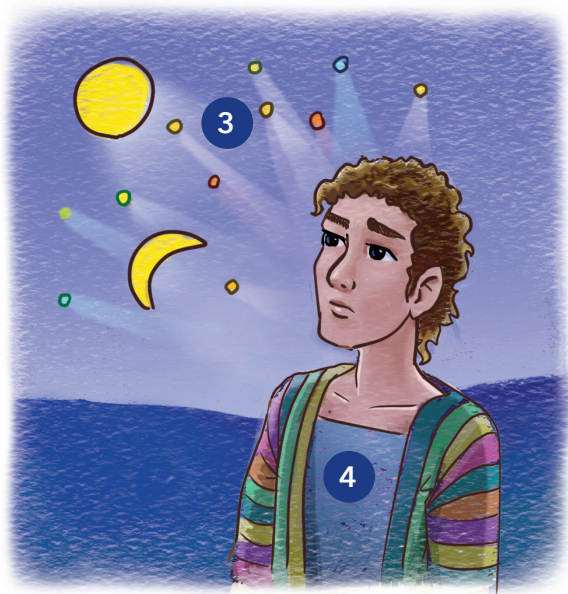
Dream One (Gen. 37:5-8)



1. _____

2. _____

Dream Two (Gen. 37:9-11)



3. _____

4. _____



Both dreams showed that in the future Joseph would rule over his brothers. This was another reason for the brothers to hate him and be jealous of him. Jacob, Joseph's father, scolded him, but he also kept/observed the things in his mind that Joseph said. Use the **Study Toolbox** to answer the question below.

5. What does it mean that Jacob *kept/observed* these things in his mind?

- a. He was careful to guard his thoughts about the dreams.
- b. He did not care about the dreams.
- c. He was angry at Joseph.
- d. He shared his thoughts about the dreams with everyone.



NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 4

Apply | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Genesis 37:27-28

- ➦ **Open your Memory Logbook to a new page. Write Genesis 37:27-28 at the top of the page as the title. Write out the verses. Trace over the verses with your best friend's favorite color.**

Stories about missionaries encourage us to trust God. Examples of their faith and confidence in God can inspire us to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14).

IN GOD WE TRUST • God's Protection: Gladys May Aylward

February 24, 1902 (London, England)–January 3, 1970 (Taiwan)

Born into poverty, Gladys May Aylward dropped out of school at the age of fourteen because studies were too difficult for her. She went to work as a maid for a wealthy family and had the opportunity to read about China from her employer's library. At the age of eighteen, Aylward became a believer and longed to go to China as a missionary. She was rejected as a missionary candidate for Christ because she had no experience in missions and the Chinese language would be difficult to learn at her age.

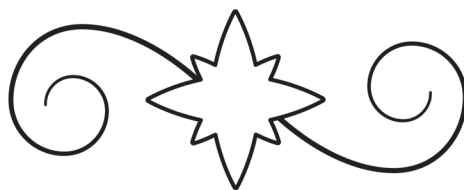


Aylward worked to save her own money and was invited by missionary Jeannie Lawson to go to China. She traveled to China on a train in the middle of winter during wartime. As civilians detrained, soldiers embarked. Known as "the Little Woman" because she was only 4 feet 10 inches tall, Gladys needed God's help and was surrounded by His protection

- when helping bring peace to rioting prisoners,
- during China's war with Japan when a reward was offered for her capture, and
- while walking twelve days with one hundred orphans in a war-torn country.

Promise of God: God Is Our Protector, 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Gladys Aylward trusted the promise from 2 Thessalonians 3:3, “But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one” (ESV).





EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 4

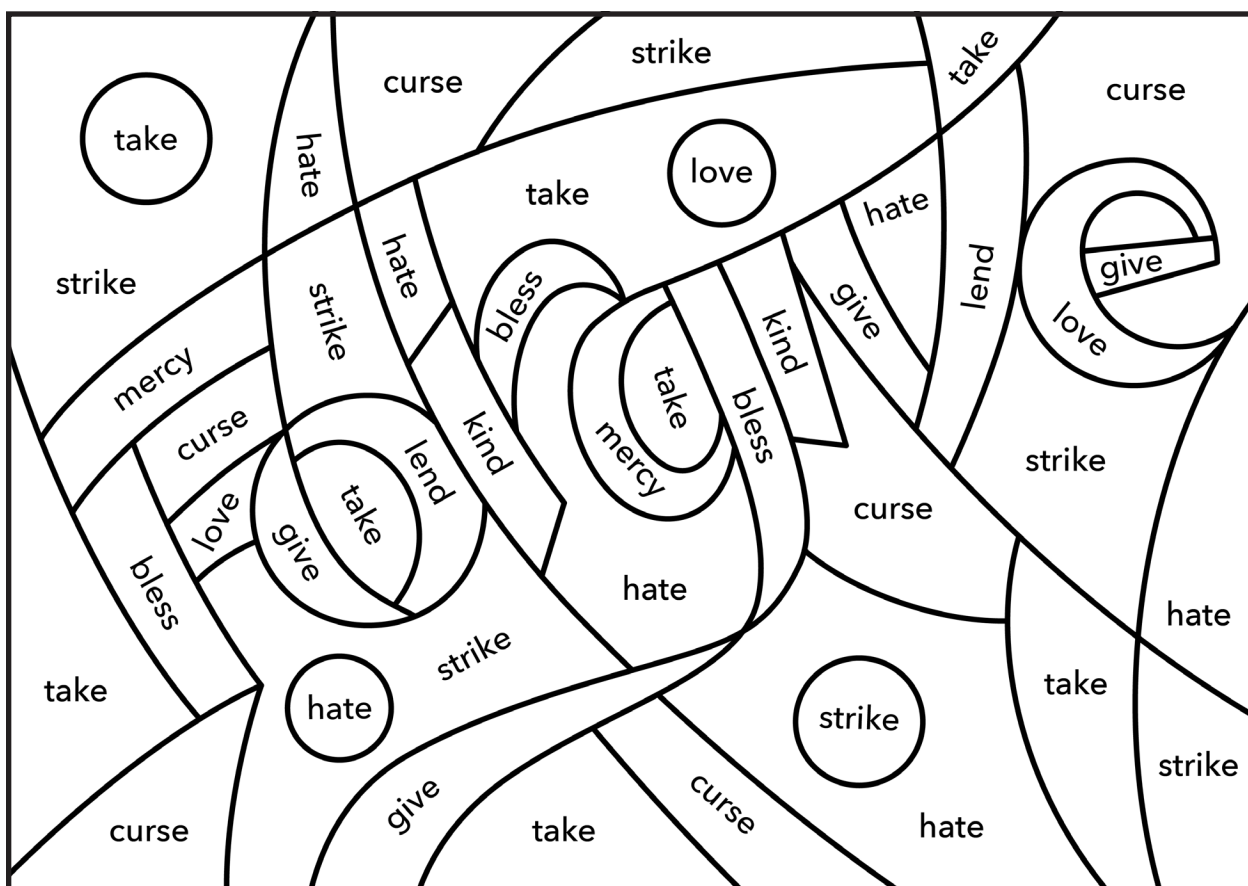
Apply | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Luke 6:27-28

The theme of this study is *trust* because God and His Word are trustworthy (Ps. 119:160). A subtheme is forgiving others through God's power.

Teaching of Jesus: Forgive When Hated, Luke 6:27-37

Read or listen to Luke 6:27-37. What does Jesus say to do when you are hated as Joseph was hated by his brothers?

Find and color in purple the actions that Jesus asks us to have toward our enemies. Color the actions Jesus does not want us to have in red. The word revealed will answer the question.



KNOW GOD'S WORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Have you ever felt that someone hated you? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

If so, were you able to forgive them? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

Prayer of Forgiveness: Matthew 5:44

We can forgive those who are hateful to us, just as Christ forgave. Jesus teaches us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

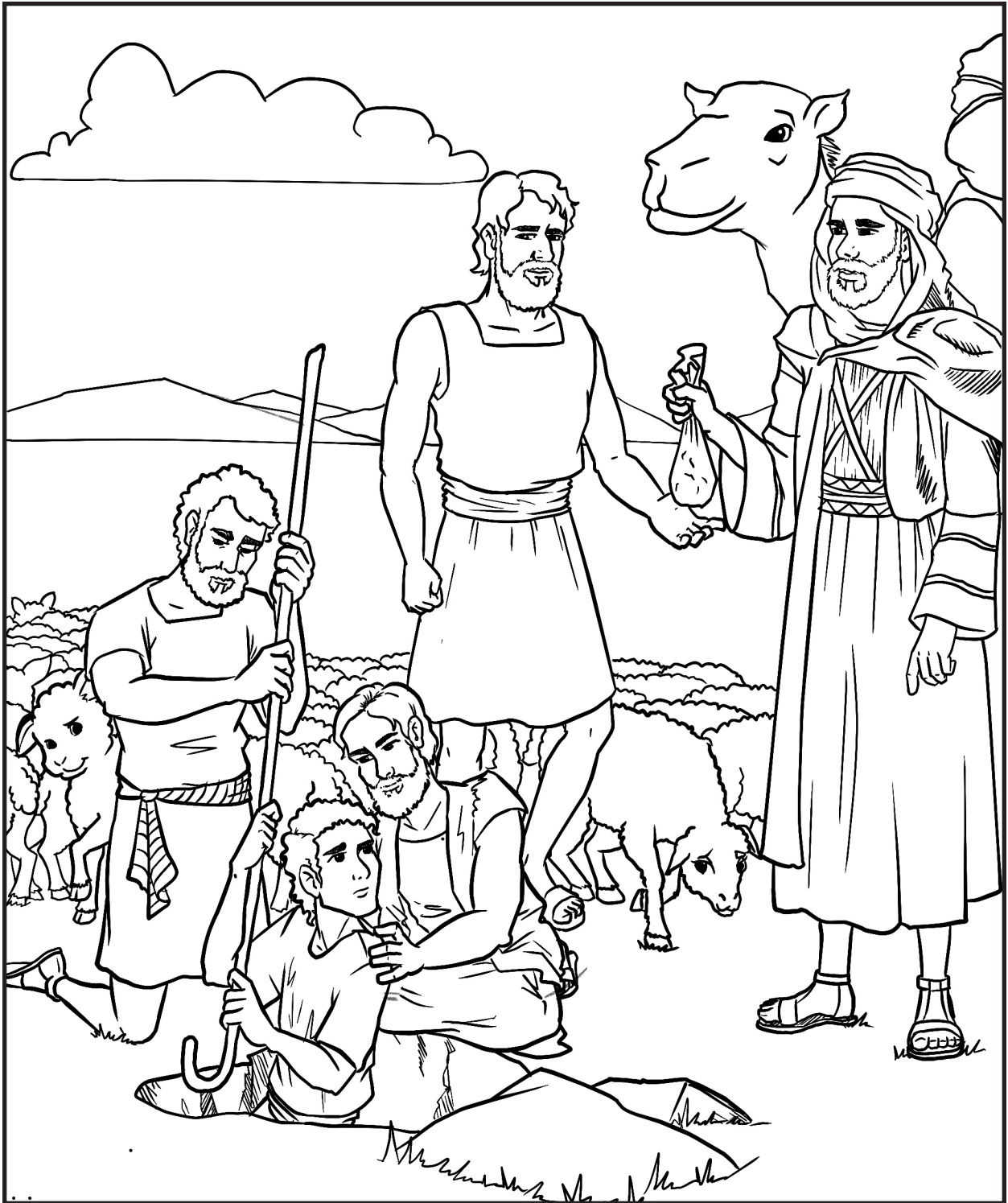


NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Genesis 37:27-28

- Open your Memory Logbook to a new page. Write Genesis 37:27-28 at the top of the page as the title. Write the verses from memory, and then use a Bible to check your words.

Joseph was betrayed while surrounded by God's protection. **Color the picture.**





EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 5

Review | Study Passage: Genesis 37 | Memory Passage: Luke 6:27-28

Fill in the following *Explore* review sheet to help you remember what you have learned. See the *Explore* review for Unit 1 to remind you how to complete this activity.

1. **Discovery Destination:** _____

2. **Key Verses:** _____

3. **Memory Passages:** _____

4. **Study Passage:** _____

5. **Promise of God:**

Characteristic of God: _____

Reference: _____

6. **Teaching of Jesus:**

Teaching Title: _____

Reference: _____

7. **Definitions:**

_____ : to hurt someone who trusts you

_____ : the main idea of the passage that emerges after careful observation



KEYWORDS



WORD STUDIES

plotted/conspired: to act treacherously

kept/observed: guard, to protect



NAME MEANINGS

increase; addition

who sees the son; the vision of the son