

Adventures with GOD!

JOSEPH, THE HATED BROTHER (A.2.FALL.8)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 37:12-36
Key Verse	1 Samuel 2:9a
Key Concept	Sometimes God uses difficult experiences and situations to carry out his plans in my life.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Recall one of the dreams Joseph had. 2. Explain something Joseph's brothers did against him. 3. Identify incorrect attitudes among brothers.

LIFE APPLICATION

Joseph's story continues. His brothers were very jealous of the special treatment his father gave him and also for all the things that Joseph dreamed. All this contributed to his brothers treated him badly, and he told him to stay away from his family. But much later, God used Joseph and the whole situation to help in the welfare of his brothers and his father. During this week the children will think about how to improve their negative attitudes with family or friends.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Craft	Sheets, crayons	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Illustration, bible	10 minutes
Craft	Cardboard, pencils, markers, yarn, glue	15 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Craft: Children can add another piece to their booklets. The symbol is the figure of the moon and stars. The illustration is found in the Introduction to the session.

Bible Exploration: The emphasis is that God knows our steps and guides us even though we are going through difficult times. You must tell the dreams of Joseph. It would be great if you can make illustrations of him “Dreams “for children interested in hearing the story.

Craft: There are two or three craft options that can be used for this lesson. Choose the most help to highlight the lessons of history. Note that these are suggestions and you have the final decision. You should be aware that by doing crafts children do not feel frustrated at not being able to do them. Also take into account the cost of the materials to be used. Use the illustrations as models. If you like to make copies or draw their own pictures in large sizes.

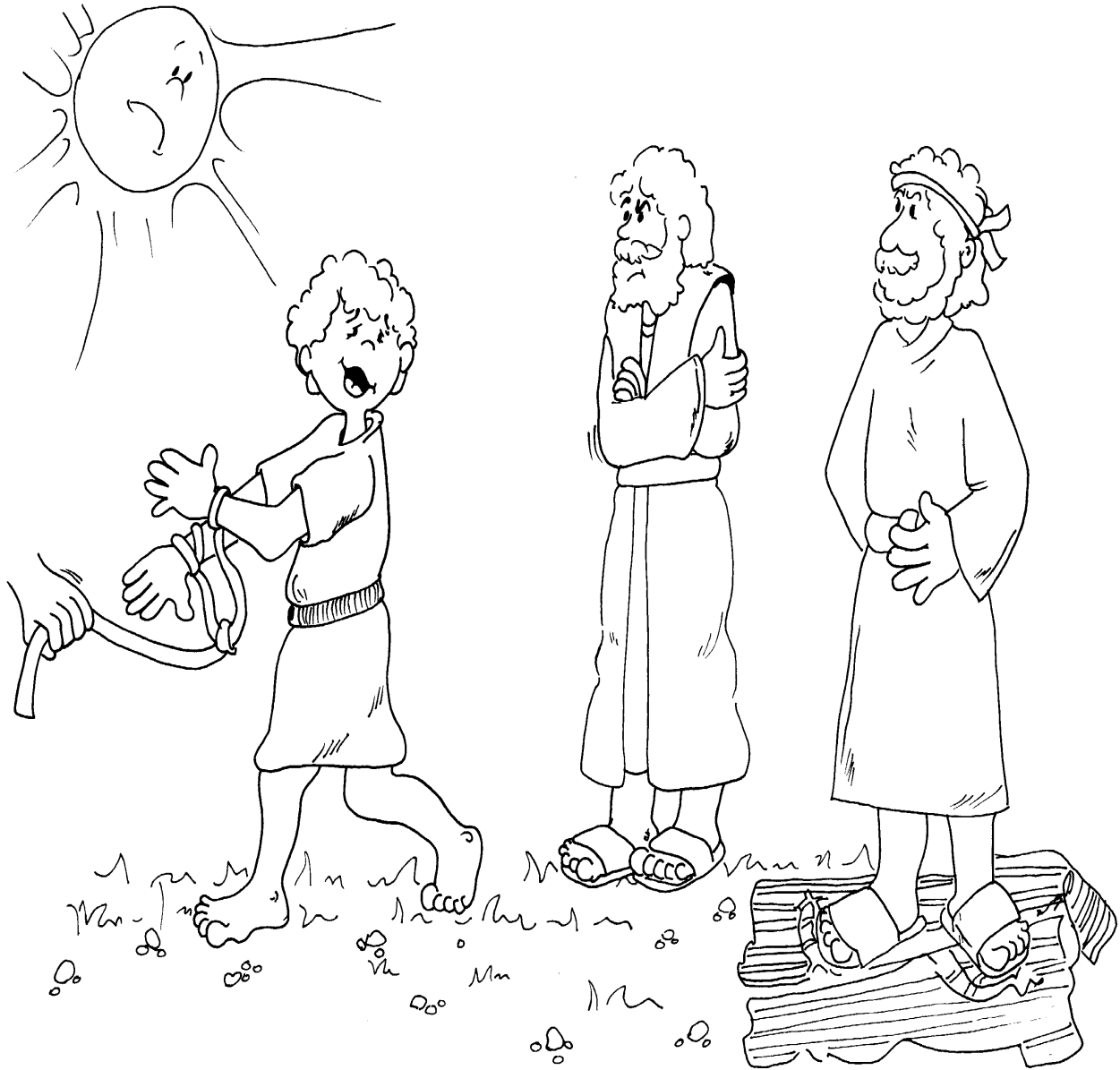
Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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ILLUSTRATION



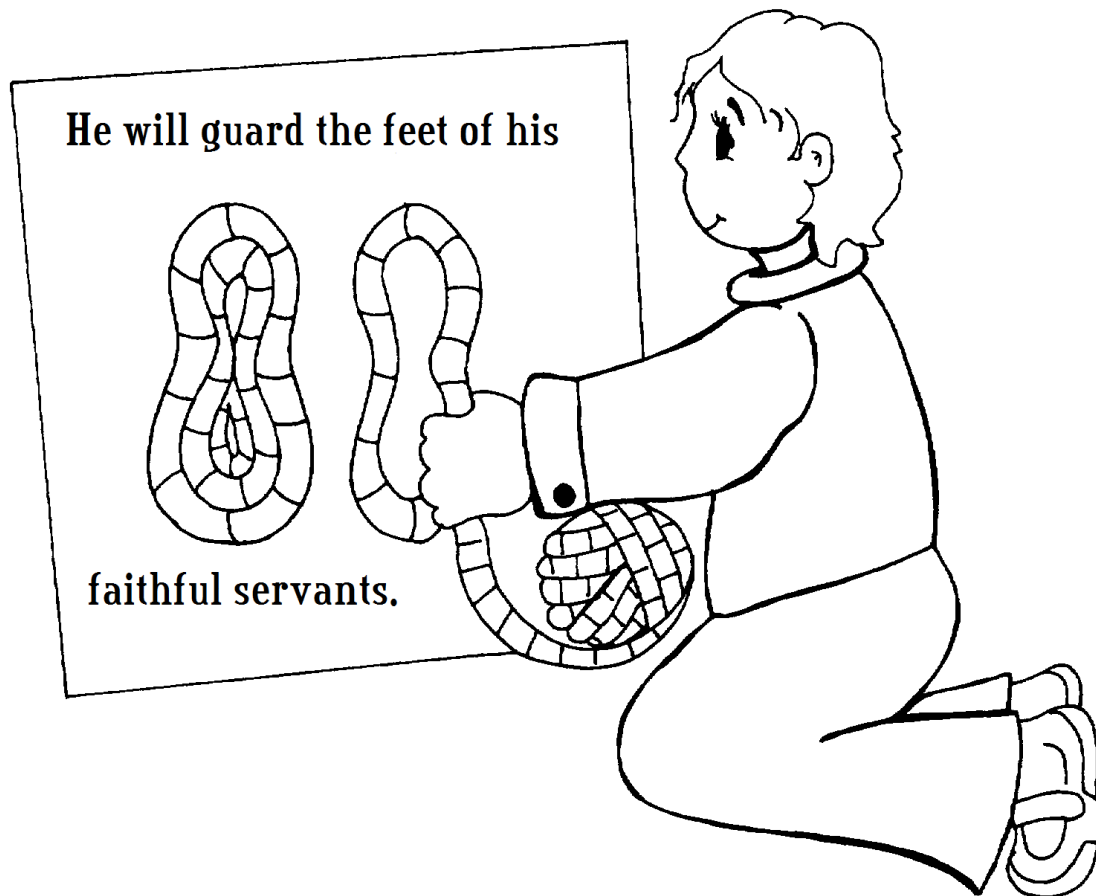
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CRAFT

The Lord will guard the feet of his faithful servants

Materials: cardboard pencils markers yarn
glue (rubber)

- Preparation:
1. Cut each child a piece of cardboard (30 x 30 cm.)
 2. Ask everyone to stand on the board and draw the shape of their feet with a marker.
 3. Give each child a long piece of yarn and glue. Help them make a line of glue inside the line of the foot, and they should line up the yarn over the glue to make a mosaic.
 4. Write a verse on the illustration (below) in each children's cartoons.

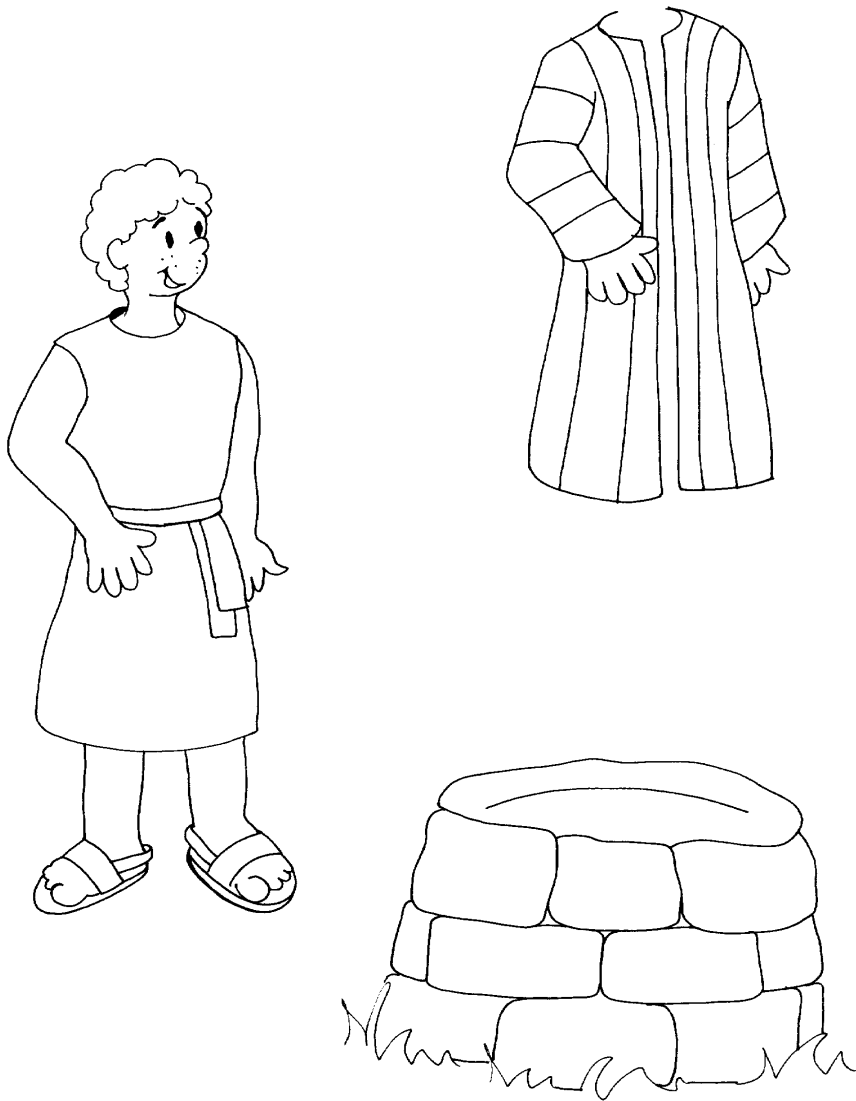


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CRAFT

Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. They were sad because his father had given him a coat of beautiful colors. His brothers took off the robe and put him in an old well. God was with Joseph. God was guiding the feet of Joseph and cared for him.

Color the picture.



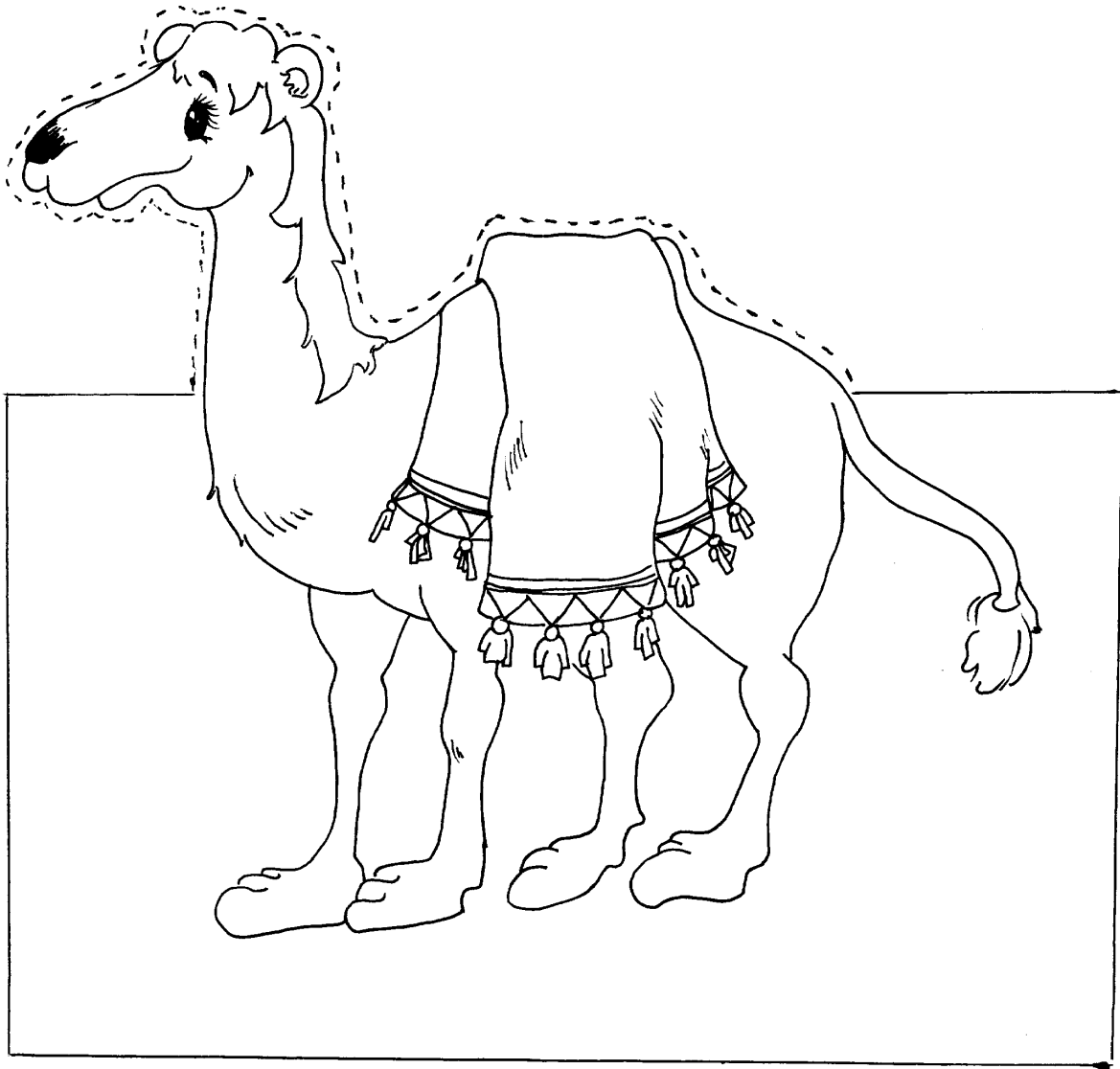
"... It was God who sent me here, not you ..."
(Genesis 45:8 a)

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CRAFT

CAMEL

Make a copy for each child. If possible give them the cut out and have them paste on a piece of cardboard, leaving the top of the camel in the air (see illustration). Have the children color the camel (under the blanket) and give them a small piece of cloth to stick on the figure of the blanket on the camel. While working, you can explain that the camel is an animal that is used in Egypt (the land where Joseph lived) as transportation. Camels are animals that can walk in the desert without difficulty.

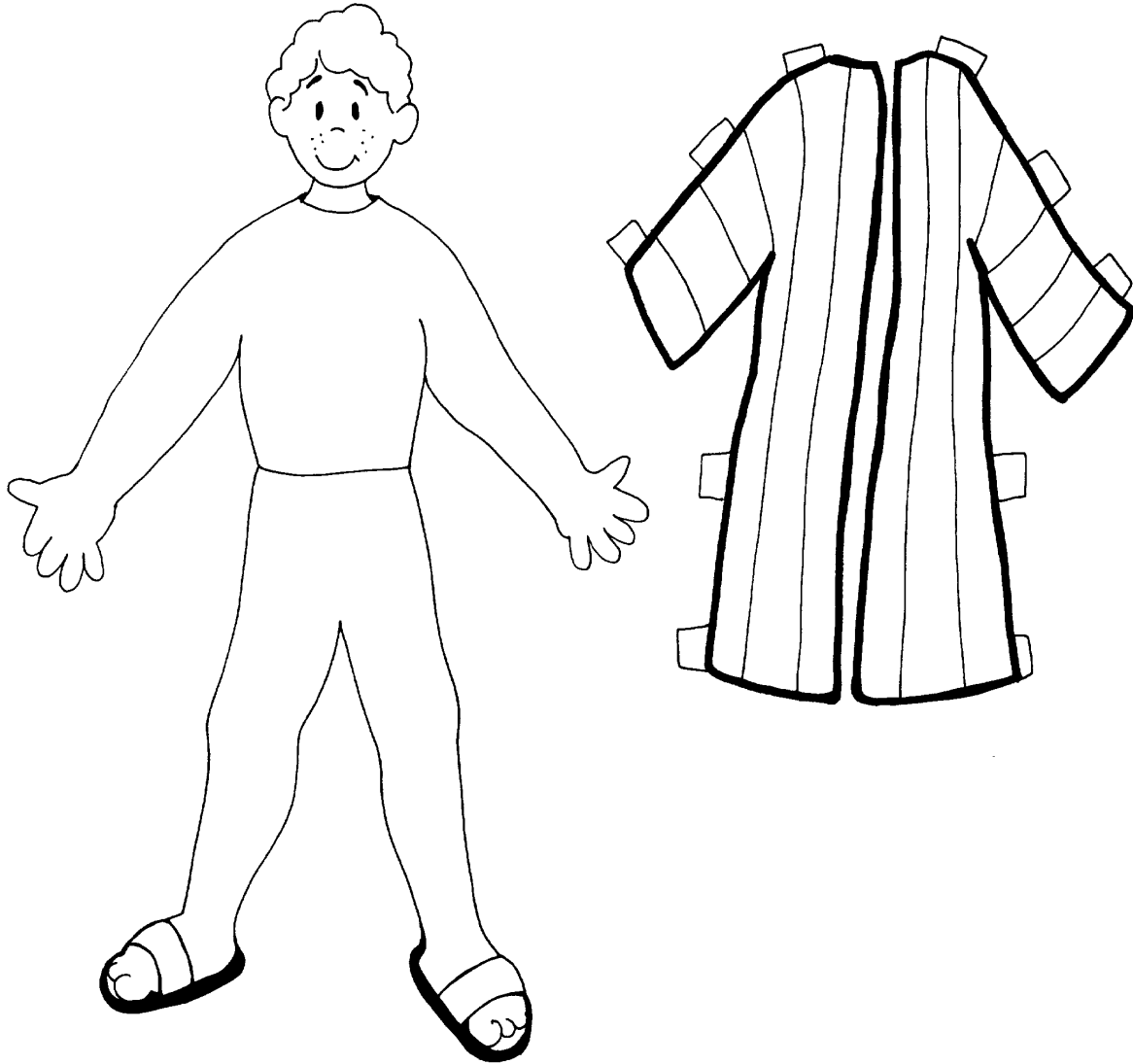


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CRAFT

JOSEPH DOLL

Draw or make a copy for each child. Help them cut out the shapes. Note that the coat should be trimmed carefully to keep tabs so they can dress Joseph coat of many colors.

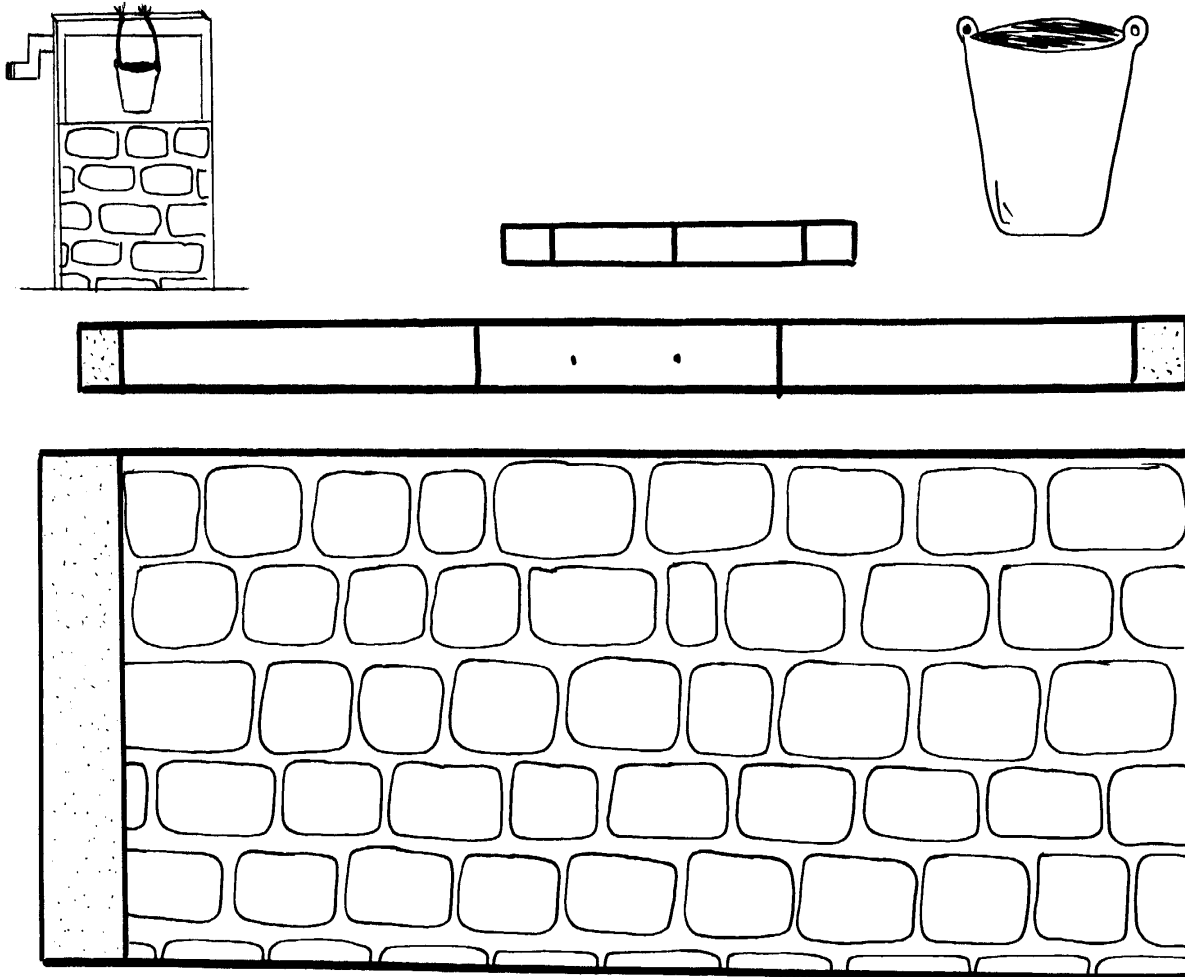


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CRAFT WELL

Materials: crayons glue (rubber) scissors thread

- Preparation:
1. Copy for each child.
 2. Color parts of the well. Trim the well.
 3. Help cut and bend to shape figures.
 4. They should stick with the side that point to the other sides to shape.
 5. Make holes in both and also in the ears of the bucket and help put thread in the gaps.



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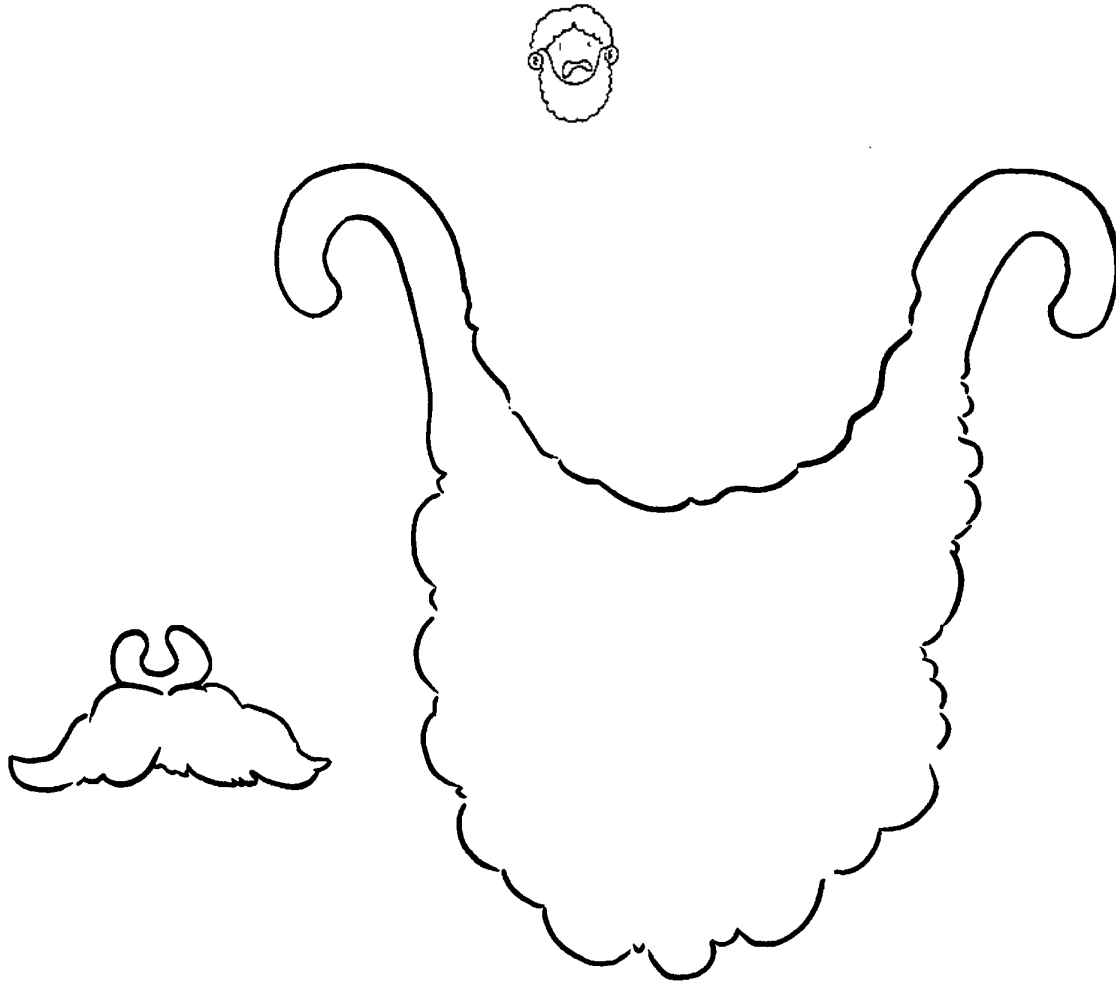
CRAFT

JACOB THE MASK

Jacob wept for many days after he heard that his son Joseph had died. You can make a mask using parts of Jacob.

Materials: crayons, scissors, glue patterns (rubber)

Preparation: 1. Use the model to draw a beard face the size of children's face. Cut them and give them trimmed with elastic so they can where the beard.
2. Help paste on a piece of cotton to make a mustache.
3. Help cut and staple thin elastic on the sides for behind their heads.
4. It would be nice to use this costume to dramatize history.



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