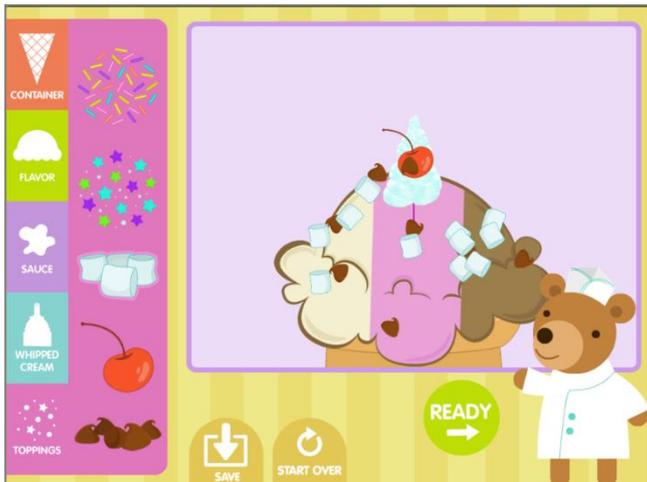


CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2020

Getting Started



Here's the link to a game you can play online to design your own ice cream,

https://www.abcya.com/games/make_an_ice_cream.

You will need to choose your container, flavour, sauce, and toppings. What will you choose?

Today's Bible story is from the Old Testament and is about a man named Joseph. This short clip will tell you the whole story of Joseph,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ7wLTBnF84>

In the part of the story we are reading today, Joseph had a choice, not about ice cream, he had to choose whether to punish his brothers for what they had done to him, or to forgive them. When we forgive someone, it means we **choose** not to pay someone back when they hurt us.

The Story - Joseph Tells His Brothers Who He Is

For the first seven years, Joseph was in charge of gathering extra food for the people of Egypt. That way, when hardly any crops grew, there would still be plenty to eat. Then the seven bad years began, and people in other countries had no food at all. Even Joseph's family did not have enough to eat. So, Joseph's father sent his sons to Egypt to buy some food.



When the brothers arrived in Egypt they went to Joseph and bowed down to him. They did not know he was their brother, but Joseph knew. Joseph sold them some food. Sometime later they returned to buy more food. Just as Joseph had dreamed they bowed down to him again.

Finally, Joseph told them, 'I am your brother' His brothers were afraid! But Joseph told them not to be afraid. 'God meant it for good. He had a special plan for me' he said. They all hugged. Joseph's brothers rushed home. They told their father what had happened. Jacob was so happy to hear that Joseph was alive. The whole family moved to Egypt.

Thinking About It

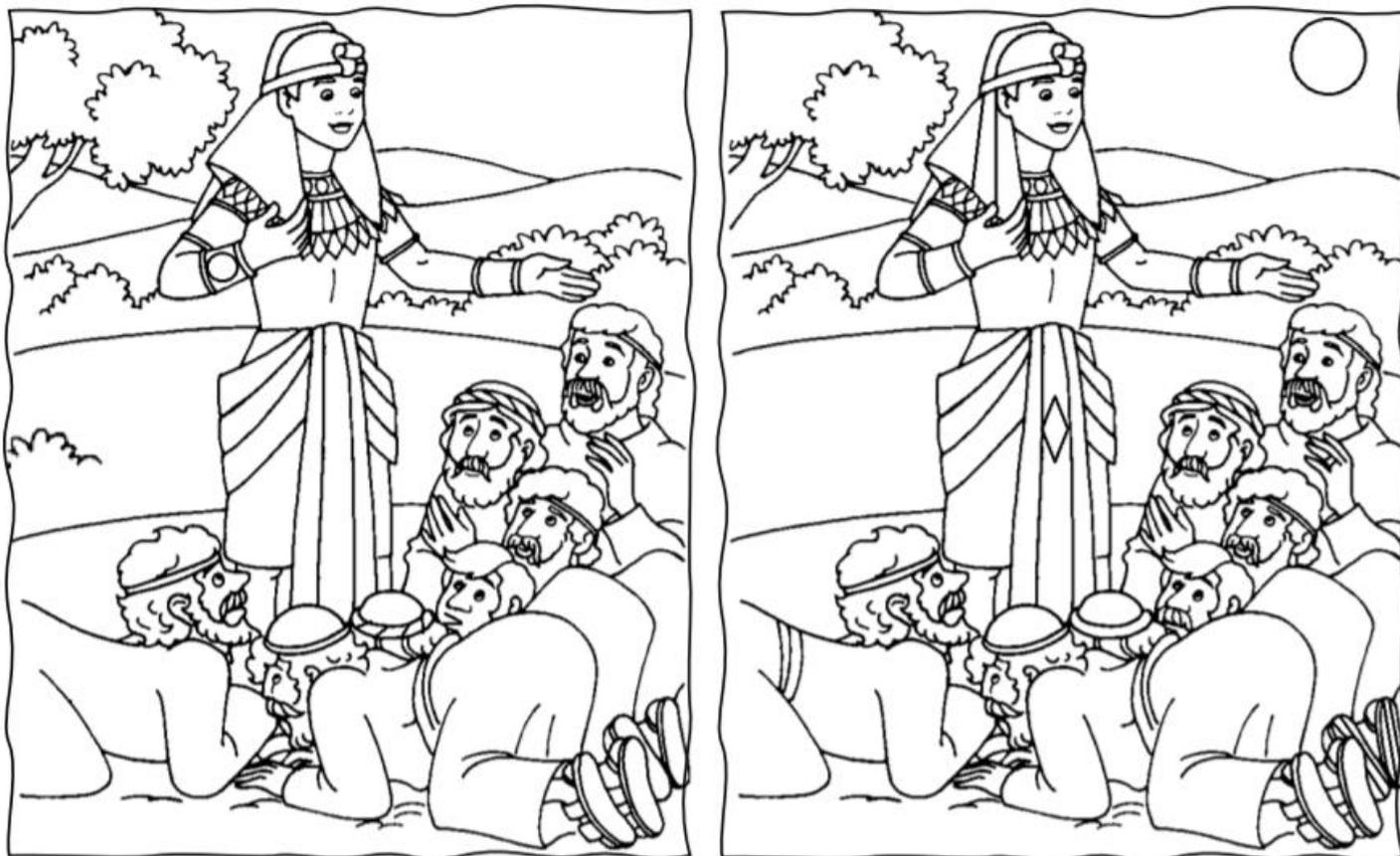
In today's story the brothers were afraid of Joseph – what a change from the jealous brothers who threw him in a pit and sold him as a slave. Joseph's dream of them all bowing down before him had come true.

Joseph was in the perfect position to get his own back on his brothers for throwing him into the pit and then selling him as a slave. He knows that it is only because God has been with him and guided him that he has got

to where he is. But Joseph chose to forgive his brothers and be reunited with them, not because he had become a loving, forgiving person but because he had a vision that was more important to him than getting even with his brothers. He knew that God was using him to keep his family (and everyone in Egypt) alive through a famine.

Activities

Joseph wanted to be sure that his brothers had changed. Can you find the 12 differences between these two pictures?



God gave Joseph a dream, but he had to wait and trust in God's timing before the dream came true. Here is a quick game to play. One person has a clock or phone timer, this person tells everybody when to begin. Everybody else must stand up, they must sit down when they think a minute has passed – they are not allowed to cheat by looking at a watch or clock. Once everybody has sat down the person watching the timer should say who was closest.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the story of Joseph's dreams coming true! Thank you that even though we may go through difficult times we can trust in your promises and plans for our lives. Help us to be like Joseph and see the tough times as opportunities to grow. We pray for families in the world who are struggling or facing difficult times that they would know your care and provision. Amen