



Joseph's Cup Found

Level B

Genesis 43:1-5, 11-13, 15-17, 26-34; 44: 1-7, 12-14

Ages 7-10

Life Focus: The Lord sees everything I do.

Memory Verse: [The steward] searched...and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. Genesis 44:12

Story Summary: The famine continued, and Jacob and his family needed more grain. Judah reminded Jacob that Benjamin had to go to Egypt with them and took responsibility for his safekeeping. They returned to Egypt with gifts and double the money they needed. Joseph saw them and prepared a feast for them. The frightened brothers told the steward about the money in their sacks, and learned that there was no problem. The brothers bowed to Joseph when he arrived. Overcome by seeing Benjamin, Joseph wept. The brothers were seated by age at the feast, and Benjamin was served five times more food than anyone else. The next morning Joseph instructed that his cup should be secretly put in Benjamin's sack along with the grain. Shortly after the brothers left, Joseph's steward went after them and found the cup. The brothers returned to Joseph, bowing to the ground.

Lesson 5

Materials Needed

		Supplied with Lesson	Additional Materials
1. Getting Started (2-3 min)	Welcome Warm-up Activity	Welcome Warm-up Activity directions p. 68 song online at www.bitly.com/The12SonsOfJacob	computer or other viewing device; watch online or download; see p. 4 for downloading directions
2. Focus on the Word use all activities (5-7 min)	Read the Word Talk About It story discussion	Talk About It discussion guide p. 68 Teaching Pictures pp. 71-73	Bible or copy of Genesis 43; 44:1-14
3. Learn by Doing choose 1 or 2 activities (15-20 min)	Make make a cup like Joseph's cup	A Cup for Joseph directions p. 69 <i>Paper Cup Bases</i> p. 74 video demonstration for making cup from paper online at www.bitly.com/JosephsPaperGoblet	sheets of paper OR disposable paper or plastic cups, crayons or markers, scissors, double-sided tape, silver glitter computer or other viewing device; watch online or download; see p. 4 for downloading directions <i>optional:</i> plastic wine glasses with stems, stick-on "jewels"
	Game learn the names of Joseph's brothers by playing <i>Brothers Bingo</i>	Brothers Bingo directions p. 69 <i>Brothers Bingo Cards</i> pp. 75-76 <i>Brother Bingo Boards</i> pp. 77-86	markers to cover bingo squares, e.g. coins, plastic game markers or poker chips, or a pen or pencil to mark off squares
	Picture to Color	The Cup is Found in Benjamin's Sack p. 87	crayons, markers or colored pencils
4. Wrap It Up (2-3 min)	Memory Verse Introduce <i>Memory Verse</i> for the week	Memory Verse <i>Parent Note</i> p. 88	<i>optional:</i> tape or sticky notes and a pen

1. Getting Started

Welcome Warm-up Activity

The 12 Sons of Jacob song

Memorize the names of the brothers in Joseph's family by singing The 12 Sons of Jacob by Lori Odhner. An online, sing-along video is available at www.bitly.com/The12SonsOfJacob. See p. 4 for instructions on how to download the song to your computer or other listening device.

Listen through the song several times and then sing along. *Optional:* make learning fun by joining hands and singing as you walk in a circle. As the song finishes, turn in the opposite direction and sing again.

2. Focus on the Word

Read Genesis 43:1-5, 11-13, 15-17, 26-34; 44:1-7, 12-14
Show the **teaching pictures** on pp. 71-73 as you discuss the story.

Talk About It Joseph's family had run out of food since their last visit to Egypt. Imagine if your parents stopped going to the store to buy food. How long do you think it would take before your family ran out of food? What would dinner time be like?

Jacob decided to send his sons to Egypt for more food. He had waited a long time. He did not want to send Benjamin because he was worried that something might happen to him. The brothers knew that Benjamin had to go because Joseph had said he would not see them unless Benjamin was with them. Joseph had kept Simeon as a prisoner and would not release him until Benjamin came. Have you ever been worried about something you had to do? What was it like?

What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin? He cried. People sometimes cry when they are happy—as well as when they are sad. People can also cry when something happens that they hoped for but doubted would ever occur. Joseph cried because he was so happy to see his younger brother.

Joseph made a big feast for his brothers at his own house. How did he seat the brothers around the table? From oldest to youngest. This must have been a big surprise—how could a stranger have known their ages?

What did Joseph's steward hide in Benjamin's sack? Joseph's cup.

Who discovered the cup? Joseph sent his steward after his brothers soon after they had left and asked them why they had repaid evil for good by stealing the cup. The brothers said they had not taken the cup and quickly opened their sacks. The steward looked in all of the sacks from oldest to youngest before finding it in Benjamin's sack.

What did the brothers do to show their sadness? They tore their clothes—which was usually a sign that somebody had died. **What do you do when you are sad?**

Had Joseph's brothers done anything wrong? They did not take the cup, but they remembered treating Joseph badly a long time before and thought they were being punished for that.

The Lord knows everything we do, and He knows what is in our heart. If we make a mistake we can pray to the Lord. He will help us to be sorry so that we can try to do better the next time. This is how the Lord helps us get to heaven!

3. Learn by Doing

Choose one or two activities



A Cup for Joseph

Make a special cup like Joseph's. Joseph's silver cup represents true ideas from the Lord's Word. Just as Joseph put his cup into Benjamin's sack, the Lord plants true ideas in our minds as we read His Word. Choose from 3 options to make a cup.

Glitter Note: It is likely that children will want to "drink" from their finished cups. Avoid using tape, glue and glitter close to the top of the cup to prevent children from accidentally getting glitter in their mouths.

Handmade Paper Cup (See video demonstration online.)

1. Give each child a piece of paper, approx. 8 1/2 x 11 in (22 x 28 cm). Show the children how to overlap the ends of the longer sides of the paper to form a tube. Secure the tube using pre-cut tape.
2. Scrunch the paper into a goblet "stem".
3. **Teacher** slits the scrunched end, pushes slit end through the hole in the base, spreads out the slit ends to balance the cup and tapes in place.
4. Decorate the cup with glue and silver glitter. *Optional:* glue on fake gems.

Plastic Wineglass

1. **Before class:** Stick double-sided tape in a circle around the cup, avoiding the top. Set up a glitter tray.
2. **During class:** give each child a taped cup. Sprinkle silver glitter on the tape over a glitter tray.
3. Give each child a piece of aluminum foil to wrap around the base.

Decorated Paper or Plastic Cup

1. **Before class:** Stick double-sided tape in a circle around the cup, avoiding the top. Set up a glitter tray.
2. **During class:** give each child a taped cup. Sprinkle silver glitter on the tape over a glitter tray.
3. Decorate the cup with stickers.



Brothers Bingo!

Learn the names of Joseph's brothers and associate each name with its symbolic meaning by playing Brothers Bingo!

1. Give each child a *Brothers Bingo Board* and enough coins, poker chips, etc. to cover squares that have been called. Or give children pens or pencils to mark off the squares. *Optional:* make the game more interesting in a small group by giving each child two boards to complete simultaneously!
2. Start by placing a marker on the center square.
3. Shuffle the *Brothers Bingo Name Cards* and call the cards one by one. When you have finished going through the cards, shuffle and read again.
4. The player who places five markers in a row—vertically, horizontally or diagonally wins!
5. If there is interest, replay!



Materials for Each Child

sheet of paper, 1 copy of Cup Base (p. 74), tape, glue, silver glitter, scissors for the teacher
Optional: fake "gemstones", cardboard to stabilize the base.

Handmade Cup Video

See how to make this cup at www.bitly.com/JosephsPaperGoblet

OR

Download video to your computer or other device. See downloading directions on p. 4.

Do in Advance

Cut out base *optional:* glue on thin cardboard (e.g. cereal box), cut hole in center, cut tape pieces and stick to edge of table, set up glitter tray

Plastic Wineglass: plastic cup with stem, double sided tape, silver glitter, piece of aluminum foil large enough to cover stem

Decorated Paper or Plastic-Cup: paper cup, double-sided tape, silver glitter, stickers. *Optional:* plastic "gemstones", sequins, glue. **Do in Advance:** stick double-sided tape in a circle around the cup.

Materials

Brothers Bingo Name Cards pp. 75-76, **different** *Brothers Bingo Boards* pp. 77-86 for each child, enough coins, poker chips, tiddlywinks, or stickers to cover squares that have been called or pens or pencils to mark off spaces (*Note:* boards cannot be re-used if marked in this way)

Choice

Picture to Color: Joseph's Cup Is Found in Benjamin's Sack

Hand out copies of the picture and invite the children to color it.

Materials for each child

picture p. 87, crayons, markers, or colored pencils

4. Wrap It Up

Memory Verse

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Genesis 44:12

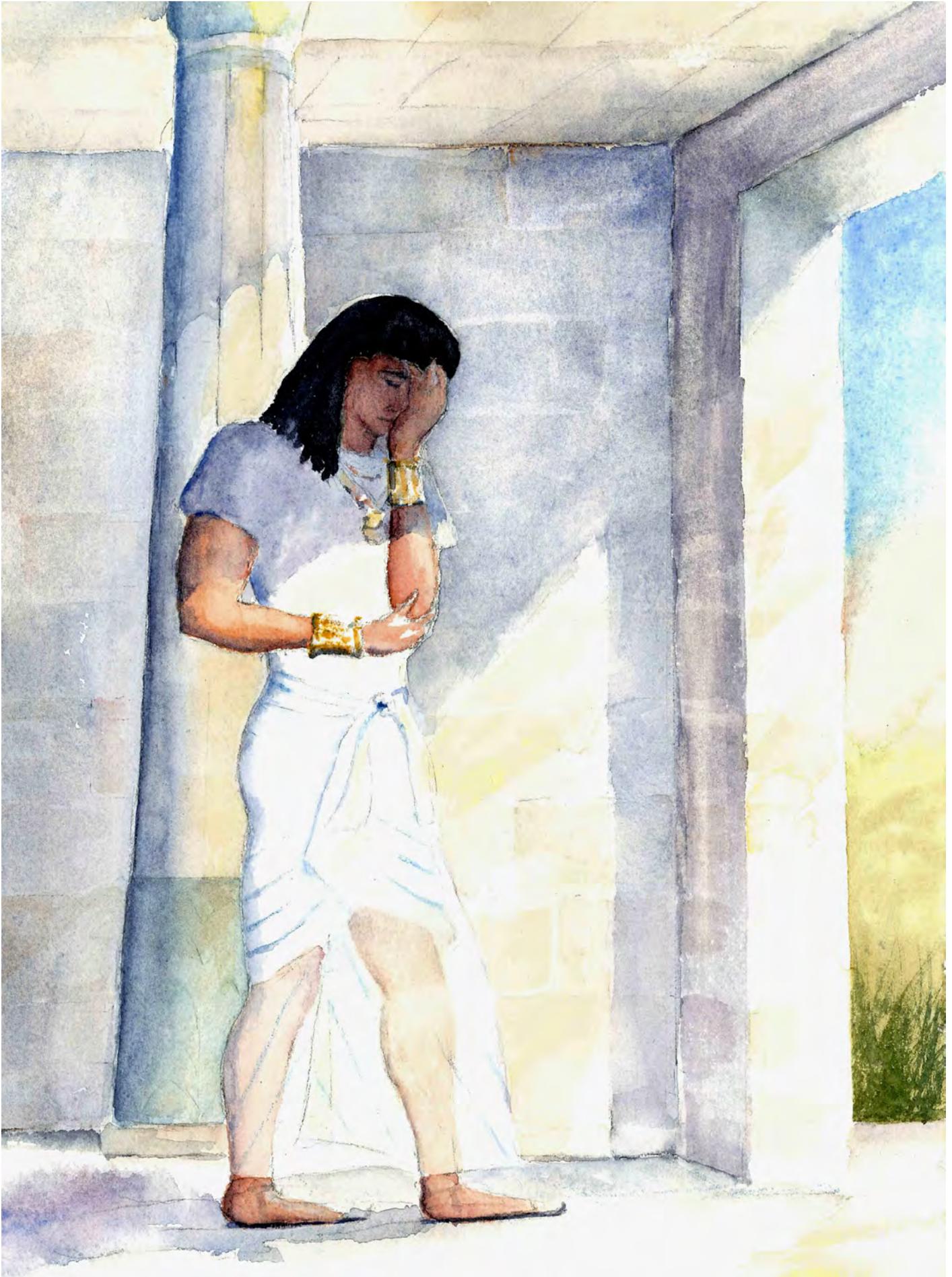
Read the *Memory Verse* aloud. Repeat it slowly several times. Invite the children to say it with you.

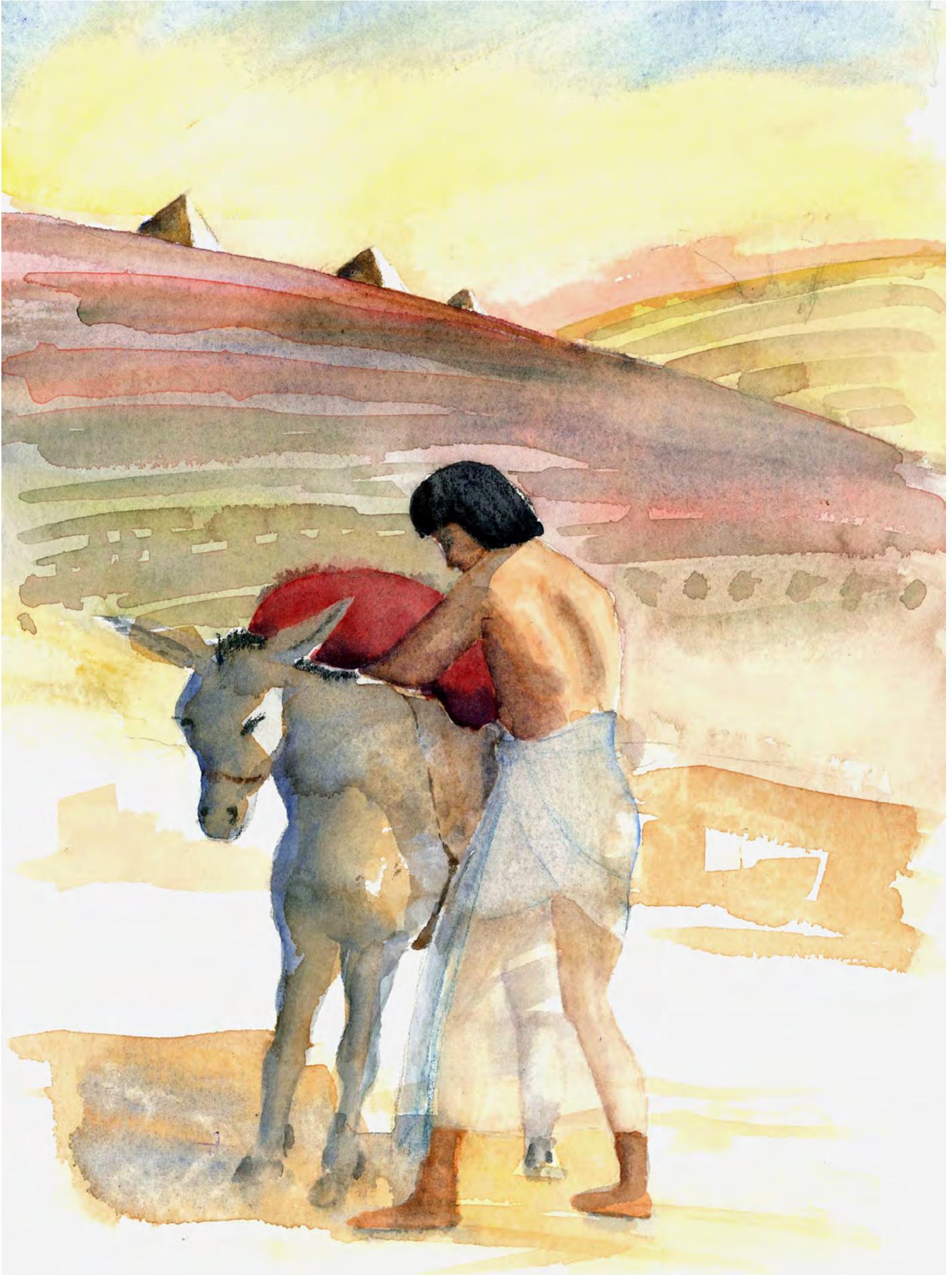
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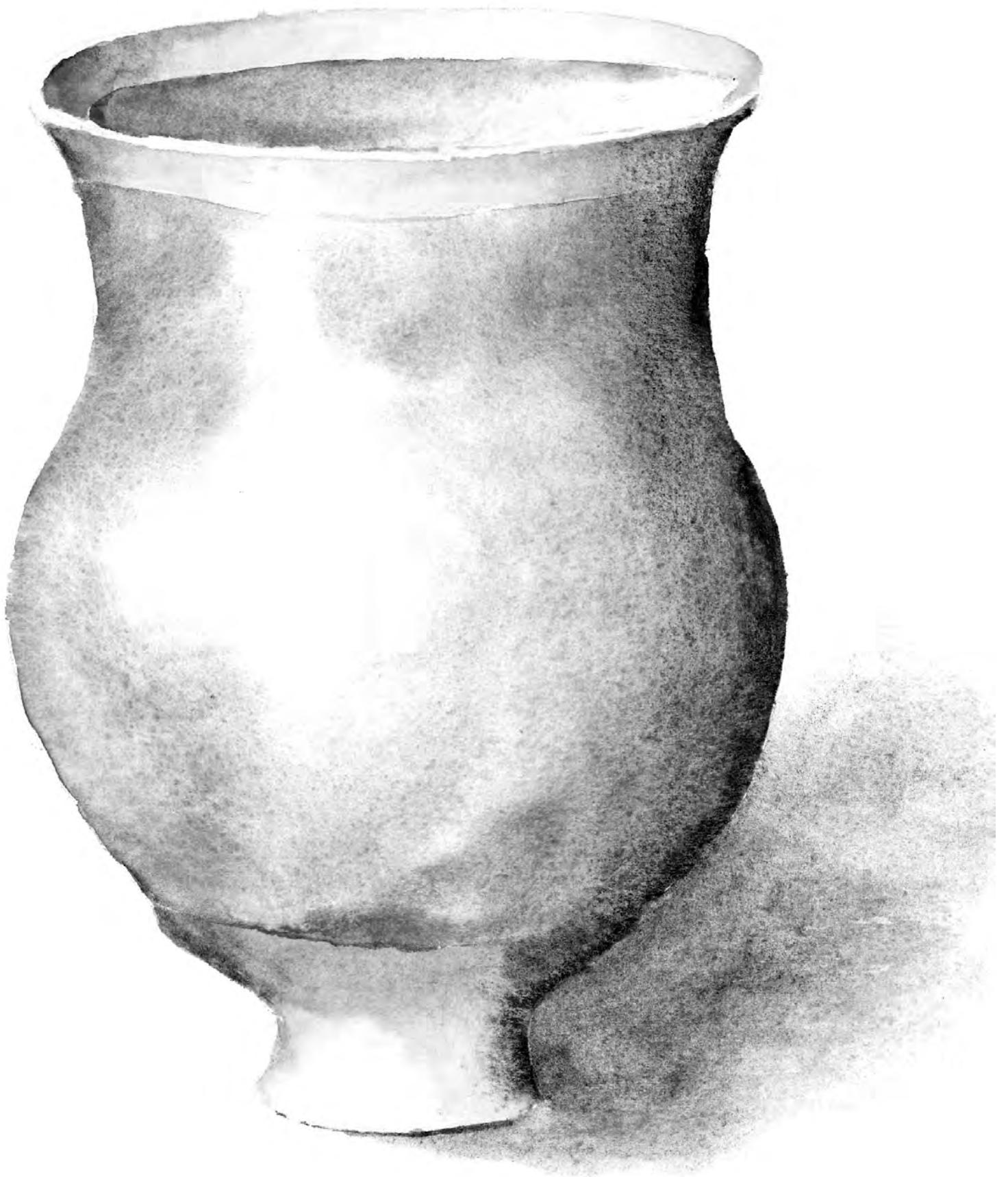
Joseph's family knew they were in trouble. They had almost no food left. Imagine if you opened your cupboards and refrigerator and saw that they were empty! How did they get help? They didn't have stores like the ones we are used to. *They went to buy grain in Egypt.*

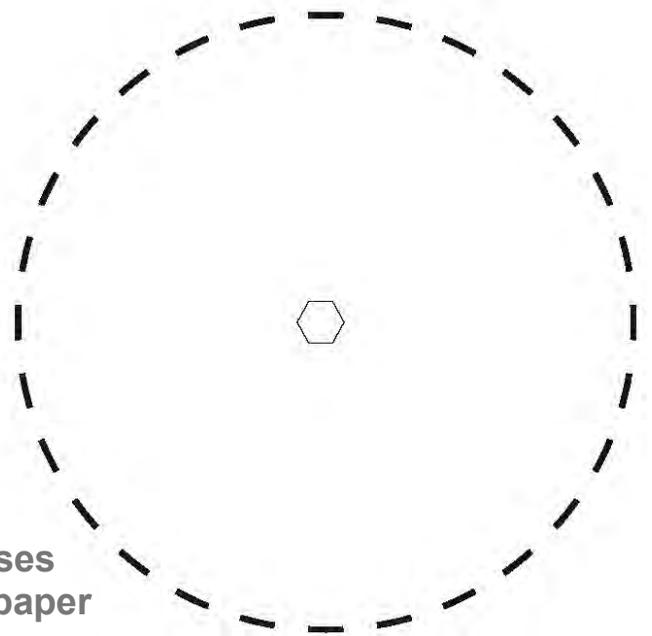
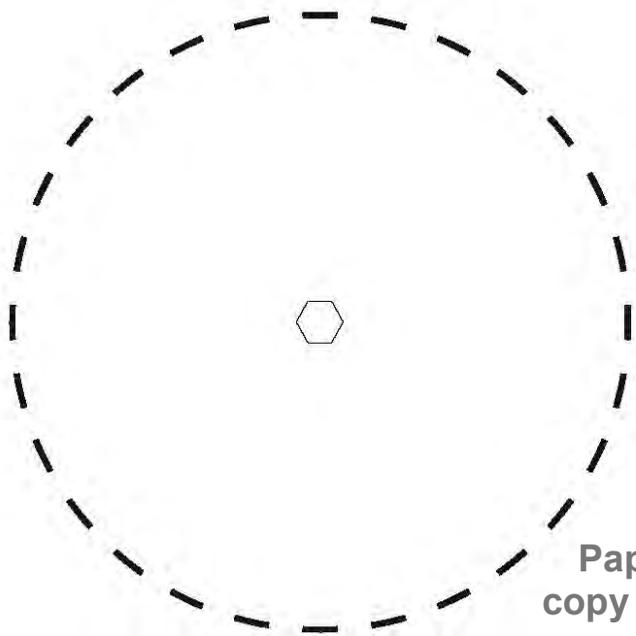
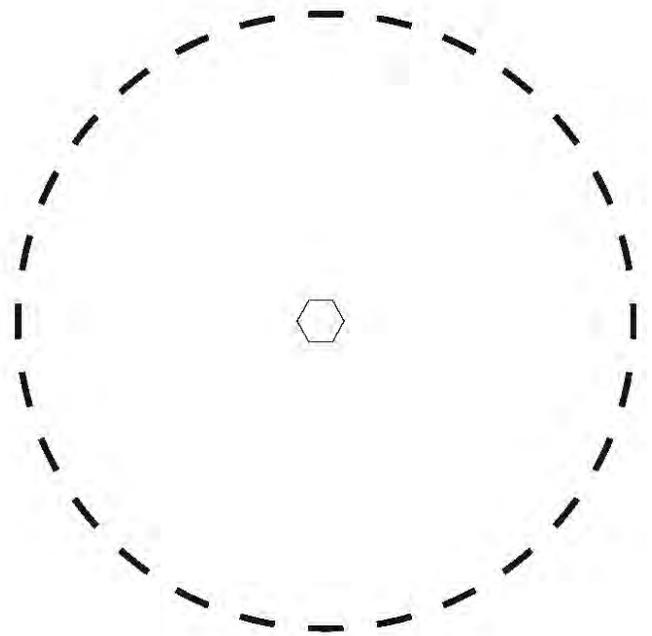
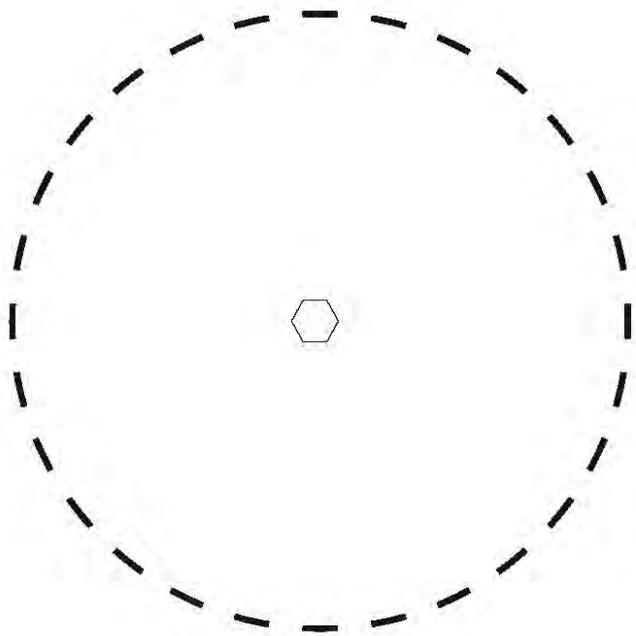
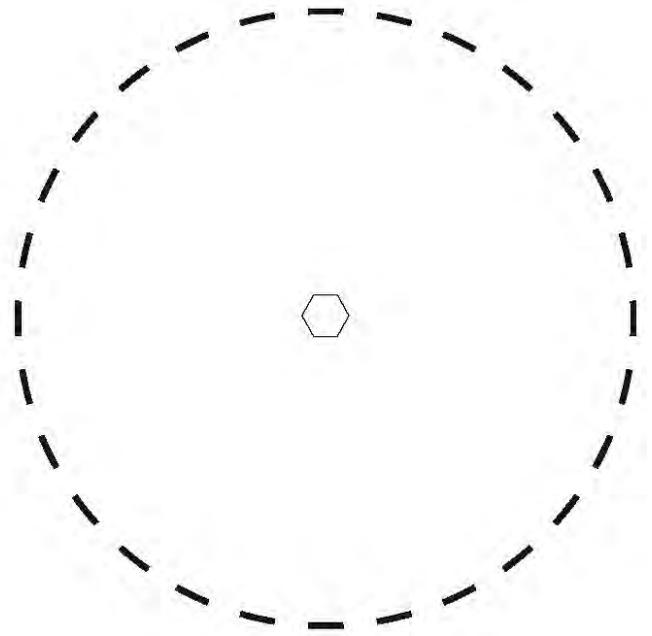
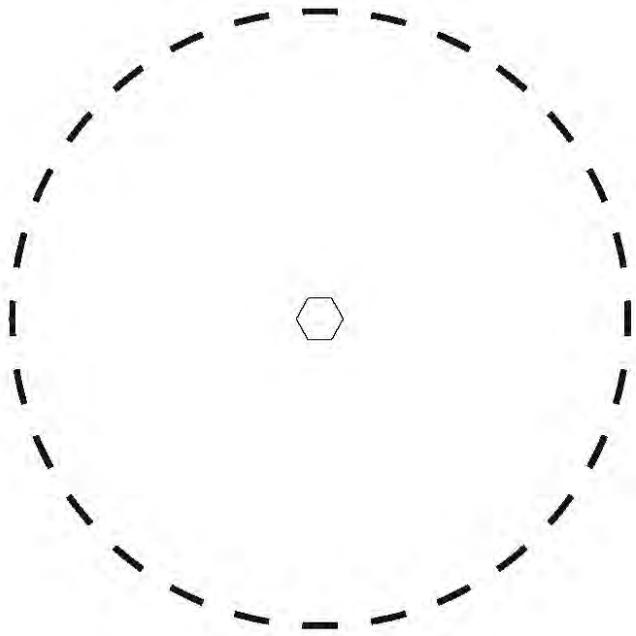
We may face many challenges in life—but the Lord is always with us, ready to help! He cares about the things we need each day, like food. He cares even more about helping us get to heaven because He knows that is how we can be truly happy. When we are in trouble and need help, no matter what problem we are having, we can pray to the Lord—and He will guide us to do the best we can!

Hand each child his or her projects and a *Parent Note* (p. 88) to take home.









Paper Cup Bases
copy on to stiff paper



Simeon



Levi



Judah

DAN



Naphtali





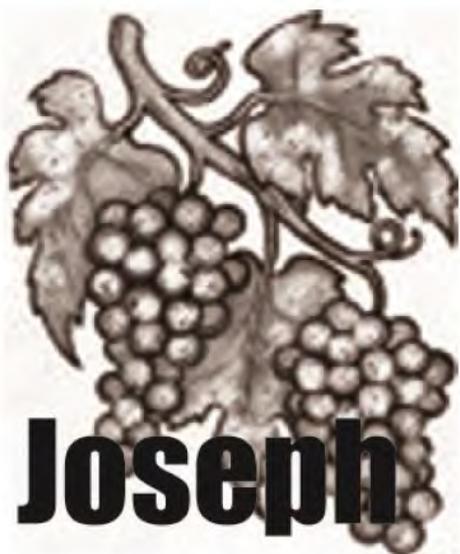
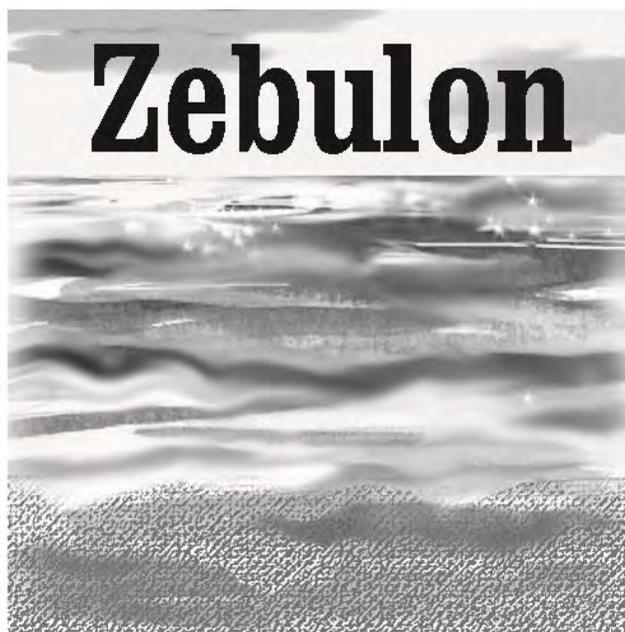
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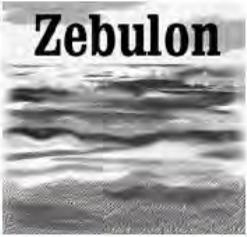
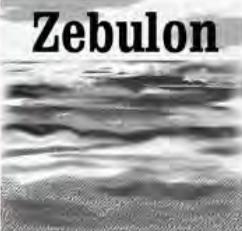
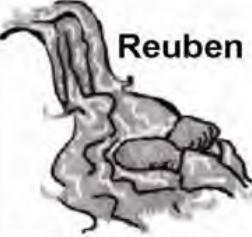
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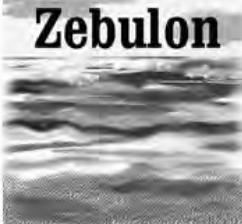
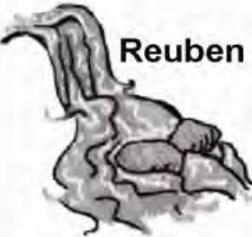
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Brothers Bingo Name Cards

Brothers Bingo

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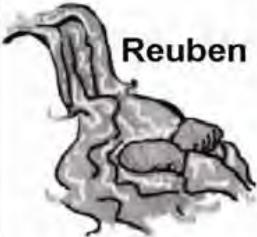
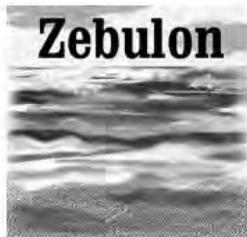
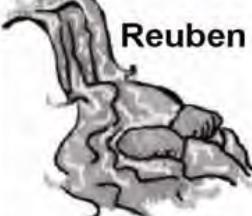
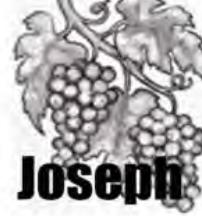
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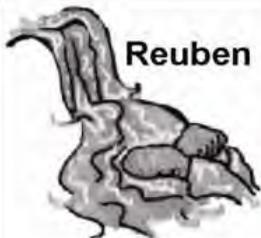
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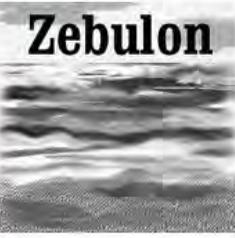
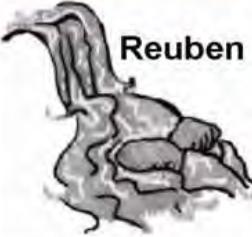
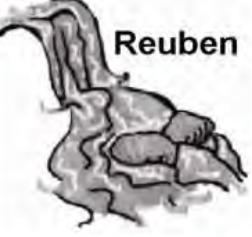
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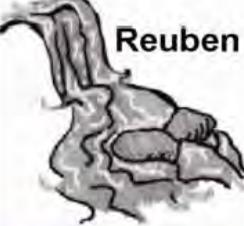
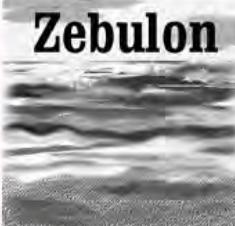
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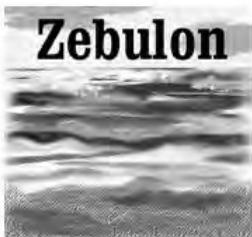
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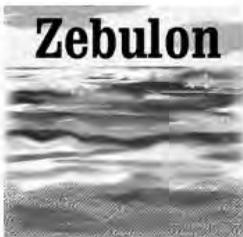
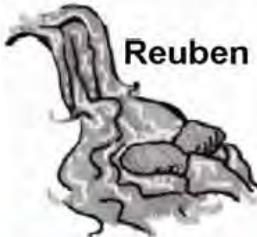
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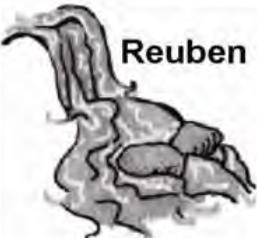
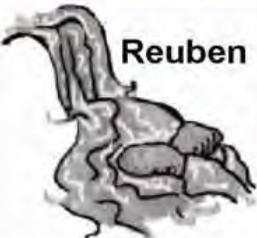
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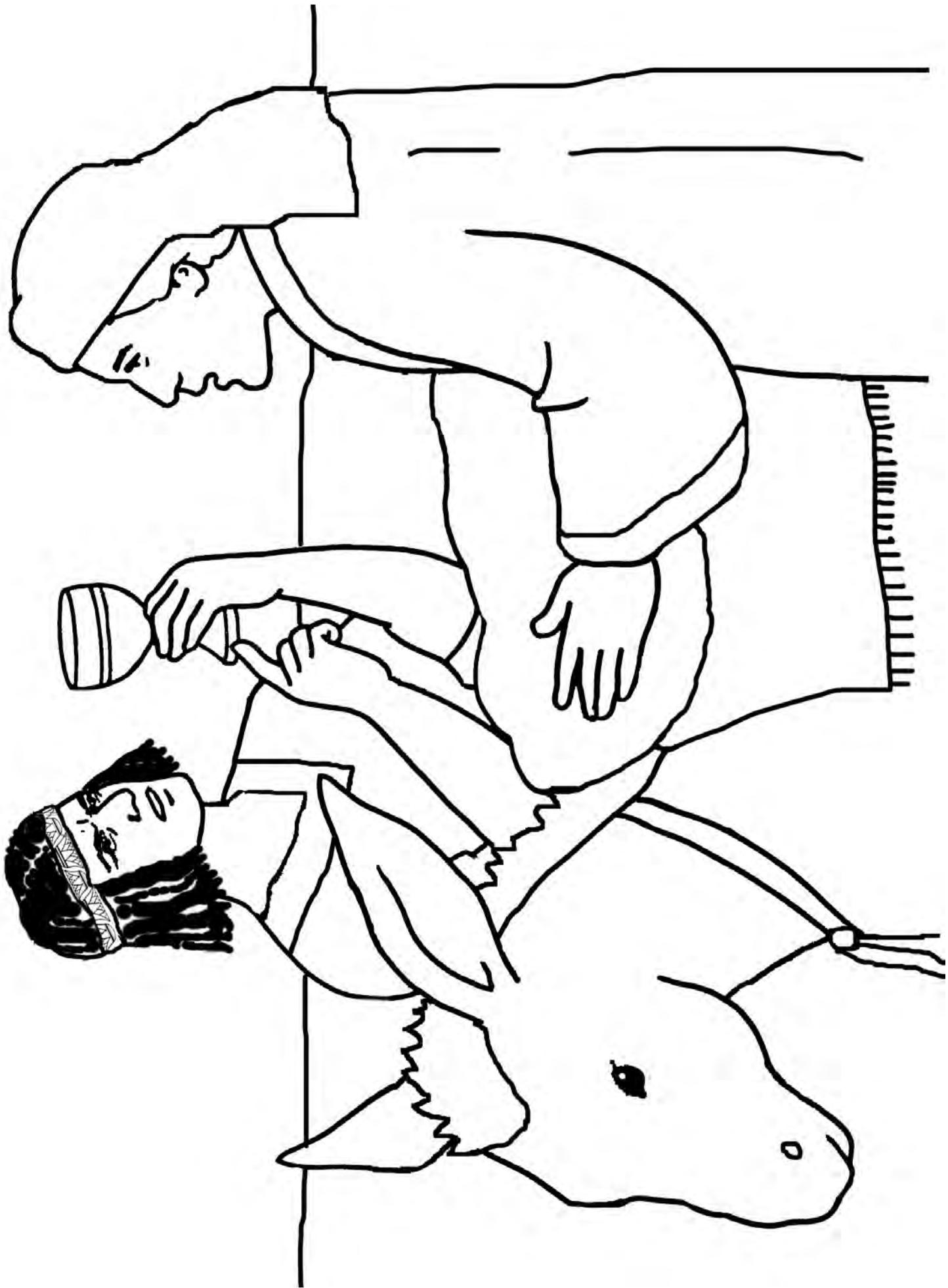
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Parent Notes

Make a copy for each child. Hand out as children leave.

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