

The Sons of Jacob

GENESIS CHAPTER 37

ONE DAY, WHILE THEY WERE WITH THEIR FATHER'S FLOCK IN THE LAND OF CANAAN, JACOB'S SONS DID SOMETHING BAD.

JOSEPH, THE SECOND-YOUNGEST BOY, WENT HOME AND TOLD HIS FATHER WHAT JOSEPH'S OLDER BROTHERS HAD DONE.

YOU WERE VERY **COURAGEOUS** TO COME AND TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED. I AM **VERY PROUD** OF YOU, JOSEPH. HERE, I HAD THIS SPECIAL **GARMENT** MADE JUST FOR YOU.

HE NEVER MADE A SPECIAL GARMENT FOR **ME!**

I **HATE** HIM!

FATHER LOVES **JOSEPH** MORE THAN HE LOVES **US!**

LOOK AT **THAT!**

I'M **SICK** OF JOSEPH.

SOMETIME LATER, JOSEPH HAD A DREAM.

WE WERE GATHERING BUNDLES OF WHEAT IN THE FIELD, AND MY BUNDLE SUDDENLY STOOD UP!

THEN YOUR WHEAT BUNDLES FORMED A CIRCLE AROUND MY BUNDLE AND BOWED DOWN TO IT!

DOES THIS MEAN YOU ARE GOING TO RULE OVER US?

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

JOSEPH HAD ANOTHER DREAM.

... AND THE SUN, THE MOON, AND 11 STARS WERE BOWING DOWN TO ME.

I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!

EVERY DREAM OF HIS IS ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT HE IS!

JOSEPH, ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT YOUR MOTHER AND I AND YOUR BROTHERS WILL BOW DOWN TO YOU?

MAYBE JEHOVAH IS USING THIS DREAM TO TELL US SOMETHING ...

THEN ...

JOSEPH, I SENT YOUR OLDER BROTHERS TO TAKE CARE OF MY SHEEP. PLEASE **FIND THEM** AND SEE WHETHER YOUR BROTHERS AND MY SHEEP ARE SAFE AND SOUND.

OF COURSE, FATHER.

LOOK! HERE COMES THAT DREAMER.

LET'S **KILL HIM** AND THROW HIM INTO A PIT.

BUT WHAT WILL WE TELL OUR FATHER?

WE'LL SAY THAT A **VICIOUS WILD BEAST** KILLED HIM.

THROW HIM INTO A PIT, BUT DON'T HURT HIM.

REUBEN, JACOB'S OLDEST SON, SPOKE UP.

WE **SHOULDN'T** KILL HIM.

HA! THAT WILL BE THE **END** OF JOSEPH'S DREAMS.

LATER, I'LL **RESCUE** HIM AND BRING HIM HOME.

WHILE REUBEN WAS AWAY, JOSEPH'S OTHER BROTHERS SOLD HIM.

LOOK! **TRADERS** ON THEIR WAY TO EGYPT!

LET'S **SELL** JOSEPH AS A **SLAVE**, AND HE WILL BE AS GOOD AS DEAD!

REUBEN RETURNED TO HIS BROTHERS
AND SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

WHAT AM I
GOING TO TELL
FATHER?

THE CHILD IS
GONE! WHAT
DID YOU DO?

DON'T
WORRY, REUBEN.
WE'LL MAKE UP A
STORY . . .

. . . THEN WE
FOUND THIS
GARMENT.

IT IS JOSEPH'S
GARMENT! A VICIOUS
WILD BEAST MUST
HAVE KILLED HIM!

JOSEPH
IS DEAD!

BUT JOSEPH WASN'T DEAD . . .

WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT THE SONS OF JACOB?

WHY DID JOSEPH TELL HIS FATHER THAT JOSEPH'S
OLDER BROTHERS HAD ACTED BADLY?

CLUE: LEVITICUS 5:1.

WHY DID JOSEPH'S OLDER BROTHERS HATE HIM
AND LIE TO THEIR FATHER?

CLUE: JAMES 3:14.

HOW SHOULD YOU REACT WHEN YOUR BROTHER,
SISTER, OR FRIEND GETS SOMETHING THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE?

CLUE: ROMANS 12:15; 1 PETER 1:22.

IN THE NEXT ILLUSTRATED STORY, FIND OUT
WHAT HAPPENED TO JOSEPH IN EGYPT.