

Summer Bible Story Activities

Joseph

Where to find the story of Joseph

- Genesis 37:1-28 and Genesis 42-45
- *The Spark Story Bible: Family Edition* pages 50-55
- *Joseph and His Brothers And Other Bible Stories*



This week's activities

- Craft activities
 - Coat of Many Colors
 - Kids make their own coat of many colors to remember that God is with us in good and bad times.
 - My Family Mobile
 - Kids make a mobile with all of their family members represented as a reminder of how they can be helpful to their family like Joseph was to his. Sometimes our family has ups and downs, but God can make all things good.
- Cooking activity
 - Mad Muffins
 - Kids learn that God is with us on good and bad days
- Activity pages
 - Feast or Famine?
 - Getting Family Business in Order
- Coloring pages
 - Let kids color their way through the story of Joseph

Making faith connections

Here are a few suggestions for ways you can enrich your child's engagement and learning with the story of Joseph.

- Family conversations
 - What is the best gift you ever received?
 - What do you dream about?
 - When is God with you? How do you know?
 - How can our family be a blessing to other families we know?
- The story of Joseph and his brothers has been made into a musical called "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat." See if you can find a live performance or a music or video recording of it to watch or listen to. It includes a scene about Joseph's dreams.
- Find a blank family tree diagram that you like on the Internet or create one of your own. Spend some time filling in your family tree and telling family stories.

A Prayer to Say Together

Thank you, God, for always sticking with us—in good and bad times you are there. Help each of us to know this well. Amen.

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Joseph and His Brothers Craft Activity

Coat of Many Colors

Kids make their own coat of many colors from a brown paper bag to remember the story of Joseph. Joseph's story will remind them that God is with us in good and bad times.

Supplies:

- Multi-colored coats, scarves, or other items of clothing
- Large brown paper bags (1 per kid) or brown craft paper
- Newspaper
- Tempera paints
- Paintbrushes
- Paper or plastic plates
- Cups
- Water
- Scissors

Set Up:

Make a "coat" for each kid.

1. Cut the brown bags to make a coat for each kid. Narrow sides of bags are the sides of the coat, and larger sides are the front and back.
2. Cut the "front" side of the bag from the open top to the bottom of the bag.
3. Cut a "neck hole" in the bottom of the bag, still leaving the bag in one piece. This lets the bag sit on a kid's shoulders.
4. Cut two "arm holes" in the two side pieces.

Lay newspaper on the table and set paints, brushes, and plates out. Fill cups with water for rinsing brushes.

Instructions:

Sometimes, our brothers and sisters do things to us that make us angry or sad. It isn't always easy, is it? But just like in the story of Joseph and his brothers, God is with us—in good times and in bad times! Today we're going to make a beautiful coat, kind of like the coat that Joseph had! Our coats will help us always remember the story of Joseph.

1. Show kids some examples of colorful clothing and fabrics. **Here are some beautiful things to wear—maybe Joseph's coat had patterns or designs on it like these do! I wonder what your coat will look like when you're done with it!**
2. Give kids time to paint designs on their coats—stripes, dashes and dots,

squiggly lines and whatever they like.

3. Set coats aside to dry.

What beautiful coats you made! When I look at you and your coats, it reminds me of the story of Joseph and how God always took care of him. God is always with us, in good times and bad. .

If you have less time . . .

Cut the coats from multi-colored wrapping paper or wallpaper and let kids apply stickers and add a few embellishments with markers.

If you have more time . . .

Make other clothing additions. Create paper hats, scarves, gloves, or pants! Joseph had a coat, but we can have many clothes of many colors.

Joseph Helps His Family Craft Activity

My Family Mobile

Kids make a mobile with all of their family members represented on it as a reminder of how they can be helpful to their family, like Joseph was to his. Sometimes, our family has ups and downs, but God can make all things good.

Supplies:

- Paper plates
- Hole punch
- White index cards
- Yarn or string
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Bells, buttons, beads (optional)
- Ribbon (optional)

Set Up:

1. Cut varying lengths of yarn or string to attach to the mobiles.
2. Punch or poke a hole in the very center of each paper plate.
3. Make a sample family mobile that depicts the members of your family.
4. Set supplies on table.

Instructions:

Today, we're making mobiles of our family to remind us of our Bible story. Joseph was away from his family for a long time, but when they finally saw each other again, everyone was happy! Even though life hadn't always been easy for Joseph or his family, God made things better. God can make all things good, even things that may not seem good at the time.

1. Have kids write their names on one side of the paper plates.
2. Show them how to punch holes as evenly as possible around the edge of their paper plates, punching one hole for each person or pet in the family.
3. Give them index cards to draw family members on, one person or pet per card. They can write names on the cards if they like.
4. Punch a hole in the tops of the index cards with the hole punch.
5. Tie one end of yarn through the hole in the index card and the other end through one of the holes in the paper plate. Repeat until all cards are attached to the plate.
6. Slide a longer piece of yarn or string through the center hole in the paper plate and tie a knot on the underside to secure it for hanging.

You each have important people who look out for you. God looks out for

you, too, and God can make all things good. I hope when you see your mobiles hanging, they'll be a reminder that God loves you.

If you have less time . . .

Pre-punch holes around the edges of the paper plates and the index cards. Cut yarn or string in varying lengths. Write family member names on the index cards for the kids.

If you have more time . . .

Let kids punch more holes around the edges of the paper plates, and add ribbon streamers with bells, buttons, or beads as embellishments.

Joseph and His Brothers Cooking Activity

Scripture Reference: Genesis 37:1–28 or pages 50-55 in *The Spark Story Bible: Family Edition*.

Activity Focus: God is with us on good and bad days.

Read the story of Joseph and His Brothers together.

Do you ever get mad at your brothers or sisters? The story we will read today is about some mad brothers.

Why were the brothers mad? (*jealousy, Joseph's dreams and coat*) What were the dreams about? (*Joseph was the king over his brothers, the brothers bowed to Joseph.*) This story teaches us that no matter what mood we are in or kind of day we are having, God is with us!

Mad Muffins

Supplies

- Hand soap
- Water
- Towels
- Oven
- Baking sheets
- Butter knives
- Oven mitts
- Small plates, 1 per kid
- Bowls, 1 per ingredient
- Serving spoons, 3 per ingredient
- Saucepan
- Napkins
- Cleaning cloths
- Dish soap
- Dish towels

Ingredients

- Butter
- Toaster muffins, ½ per kid
- Meatballs, 1 per kid (2 halves)
- Pasta sauce, 4 spoonfuls per kid
- Cheddar cheese, shredded

Set Up: Preheat the oven's broiler. Butter the muffins and broil, open-faced on

the baking sheets, for 5 minutes or until golden brown. When they are done, place the muffin halves on individual plates. Slice the meatballs in half, then warm them in sauce over medium heat. Stir occasionally.

Put the other ingredients in individual bowls with spoons for assembly during the workshop.

Activity Instructions

1. Lead the kids to wash up before they cook.
2. Give each kid a plate with a warm and browned muffin. **These may look like ordinary toaster muffins, but these are Joseph's brothers! You get to make their faces!**
3. Review the story. **Do you remember from the story what the faces of the brothers are showing? (*anger, mad, mean*) That's right, these brothers are angry at Joseph . . . grrr!** Growl and scowl to make a mad face. **See what my face looks like when I am mad? When I count to three, make a mad face at your neighbor. This is your chance to be inspired to make a Mad Muffin.** Observe each other carefully! 1-2-3... grrr! (Growl and scowl at each other.)
4. **Oh! Look at those angry eyebrows and eyes! See those angry mouths! Use the meatballs, sauce, and cheese to make your Mad Muffins.**
5. As the kids work, create a Joseph muffin. Use meatball eyes, eyebrows and hair of cheese, a sauce circle mouth and cheeks.
6. When kids are finished, retell the story using the snacks as props. **Before we eat, let's tell the story again.** Hold up the Joseph face. **Joseph had a dream. His brothers were wheat and they bowed down to him.** Instruct the kids to hold up their muffins and repeat your words. **"That makes us mad . . . grrr!"** (*Kids repeat.*) Hold up the Joseph face again. **Joseph had another dream. His parents and brothers bowed down to him.** Instruct the kids to hold up their muffins and repeat your words. **"That makes us mad . . . grrr!"** (*Kids repeat.*) **The brothers threw Joseph into a pit.** Drop the Joseph muffin and plate, face up, into the "pit" bowl of leftover meatballs and sauce. **"Oh no! God, why are they doing this to me?"** Instruct the kids to hold up their muffins and repeat your words. **"Good-bye!" Ha, ha, ha!** (*Kids repeat and laugh an evil laugh.*)
7. Point at the plates under each of the muffins. **Did anyone notice that through this whole story, each brother and Joseph is surrounded by a plate? That plate is God! God is with Joseph when he is happy and dreaming. God is with Joseph in the pit. God is even with the brothers, even though they are being mean and feeling mad. God is with us on our good and bad days.**

Prayer Time

Dear God,

Sometimes we feel angry. Sometimes we have bad days. Sometimes we have good days. Thank you that you promise to be with us no matter what. Help us feel your love on good and bad days.

Amen.

Joseph and His Brothers



Jacob spent more time with Joseph than with his other sons.

Joseph and His Brothers



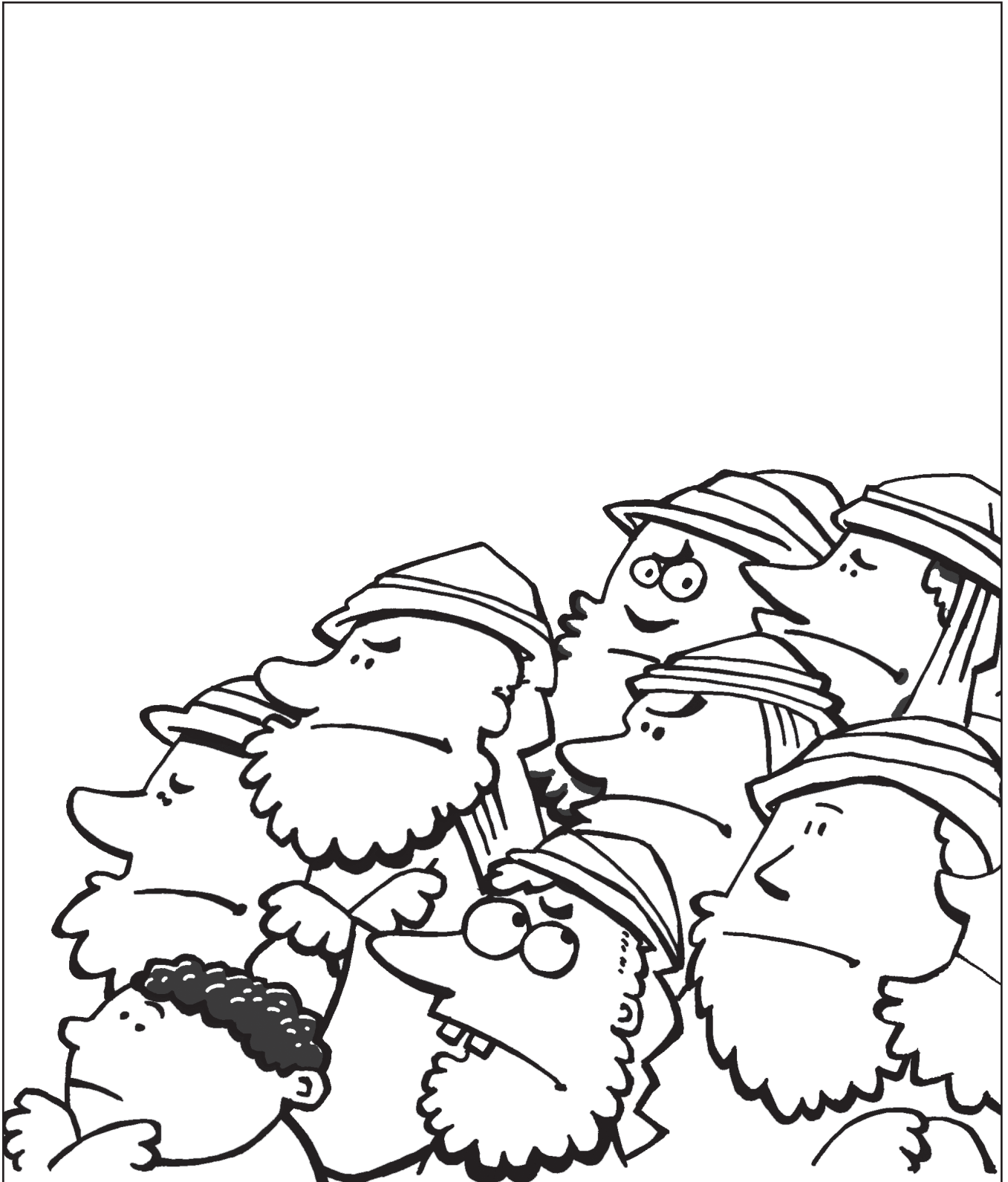
“Isn’t that amazing?” he cried.

Joseph and His Brothers



“God, why are they doing this to me?” prayed Joseph.

Joseph and His Brothers



Joseph's brothers felt sad and angry.

Joseph and His Brothers



Now his brothers **and** his father were really mad at him!

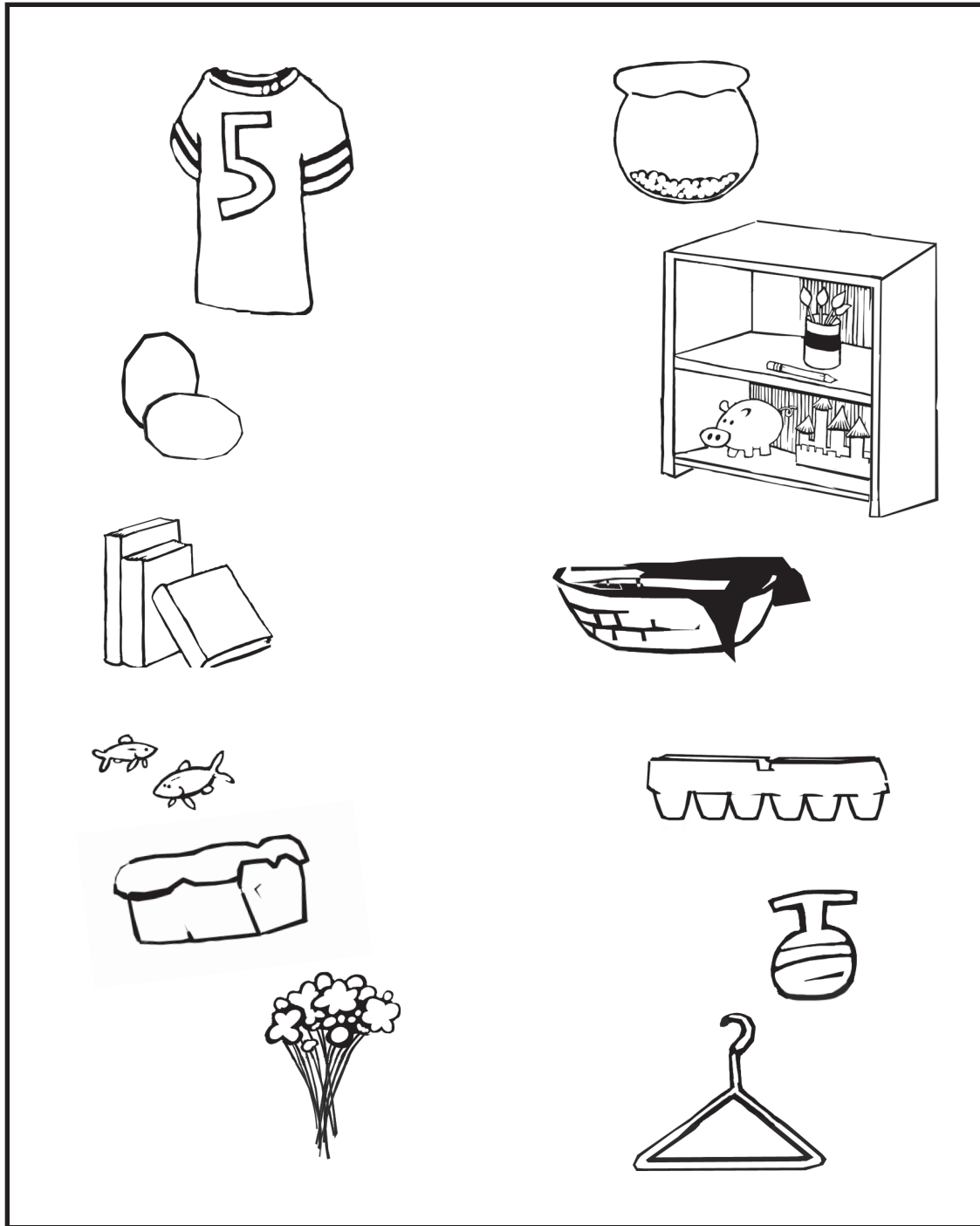
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They grabbed Joseph and threw him into a pit.

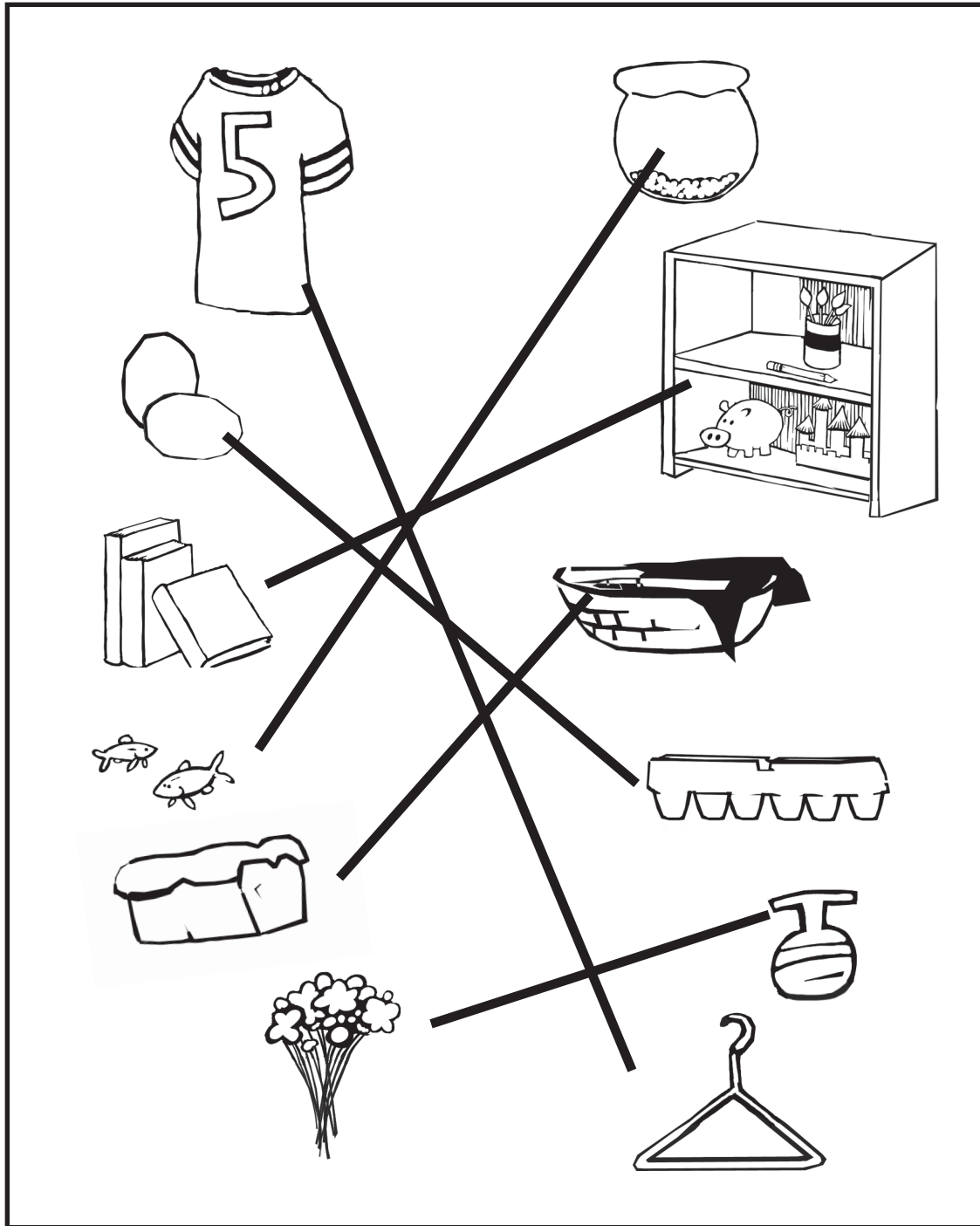
Feast or Famine?

Joseph stored grain so that the people would have food when the famine came. Draw a line to match the following items to the containers in which they're stored.



Feast or Famine? Solution Page

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Getting Family Business in Order

Discover the Bible Memory Verse by putting the words from the word bank in the correct order in the blanks below.

_____ though _____

_____ , _____

intended _____ , _____

_____ preserve _____

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WORD BANK

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Getting Family Business in Order Solution

Discover the Bible Memory Verse by putting the words from the word bank in the correct order in the blanks below.

Even though you intended to
do harm to me, God
intended it for good, in
order to preserve a numerous
people, as he is doing
today. **Genesis 50:20**

WORD BANK

a	to	harm
as	to	doing
do	for	order
he	you	today
in	me	people
is	God	intended
it	Even	numerous
to	good	