

Story 34: Joseph's Dreams

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Read this story in the Bible in Genesis 37:1-10

Words to Know

jealous – feeling angry because someone has something you don't have

strange – unusual; not normal

bundle – several items tied together

bow down – to bend the head or body forward to show submission to someone

Questions

1. What can happen when a parent loves one child more than the others (shows "favoritism")?
2. Do you think dreams can predict the future?
3. What did the dream about the bundles of wheat mean?
4. Who did the sun, moon and stars represent in Joseph's 2nd dream?
5. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?

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