

Your Will Be Done

Level IV



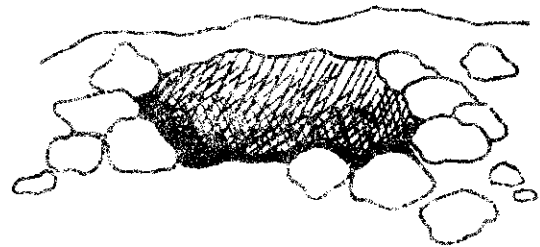
Adversity in the Christian's life

Genesis 37:1-8, 12-14, 17b-28, 36

(Gen. 37:1) Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. (2) This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. (3) Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. (4) But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. (5) Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. (6) So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: (7) "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood up-right; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf." (8) And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

(12) Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. (13) And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am." (14) Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.

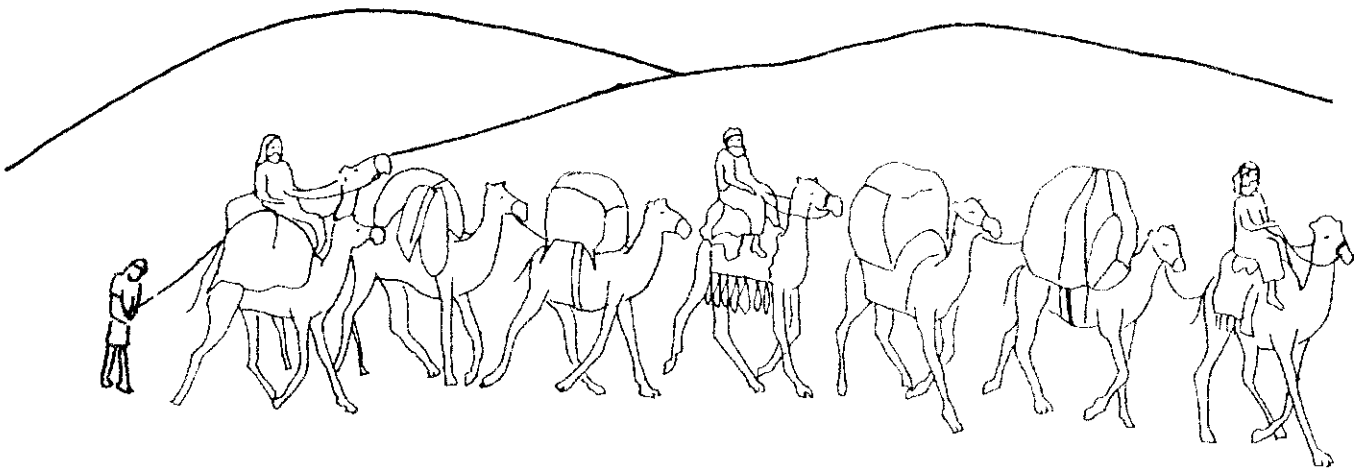
(17b) So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan. (18) Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. (19) Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming! (20) "Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!" (21) But Reuben



heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him." (22) And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him"; that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father. (23) So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. (24) Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it. (25) And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry them down to Egypt. (26) So Judah said to his

brothers, "What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? (27) "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened. (28) Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

(36) Now the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard.





“The LORD
was with
Joseph...”
Genesis 39:2a

Adversity in the Christian's life

Level IV • Lesson 1

A. Circle the word or phrase that makes each sentence true.

1. At the beginning of this lesson, Joseph was (12, 17, 22) years old.
2. Israel loved (Reuben, Benjamin, Joseph) more than his other sons.
3. Now Joseph had a (story, dream, misunderstanding) that he told his brothers about.
4. This made his brothers (hate, like, love) him even more.
5. The brothers left to feed the flock in (Hebron, Egypt, Shechem).
6. Israel sent Joseph to check on the (brothers, servants, sisters).
7. When they saw Joseph coming from afar they planned to (meet, hide from, kill) him.
8. (Simeon, Judah, Reuben) said, "Let us not kill him."
9. They decided to cast him into a (cave, pit, river) instead.
10. After this they (left, hid, ate).
11. They looked and saw a company of (ishmaelites, Canaanites, Ammorites) coming.
12. They decided to sell Joseph as a slave for (clothing, food, money).
13. They sold Joseph for (10, 20, 30) shekels of silver.
14. Joseph was taken to (Egypt, Hebron, Dothan).
15. Joseph was sold to (Pharaoh, Reuben, Potiphar).

B. From the life of Jesus: Summarize what happened to Jesus in Luke 4:16-30.

C. Further study in the Word: Can you think of some times that you have experienced adversity in your life? Look up the passages below and put an X in the box next to the one that specifically helps the Christian to understand why we have troubles.

Psaim 112:1

II Corinthians 4:17

Matthew 18:15

Read Romans 8:35-39 and list some of the things that cannot separate us from the love of God.

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

D. Memory work: Each letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number (A=1, B=2, C=3, M=13, Z=26, etc.). Fill in the letters to find the passage for today.

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...And they led Jesus to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

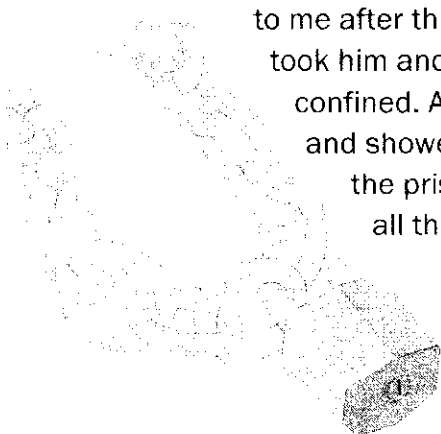
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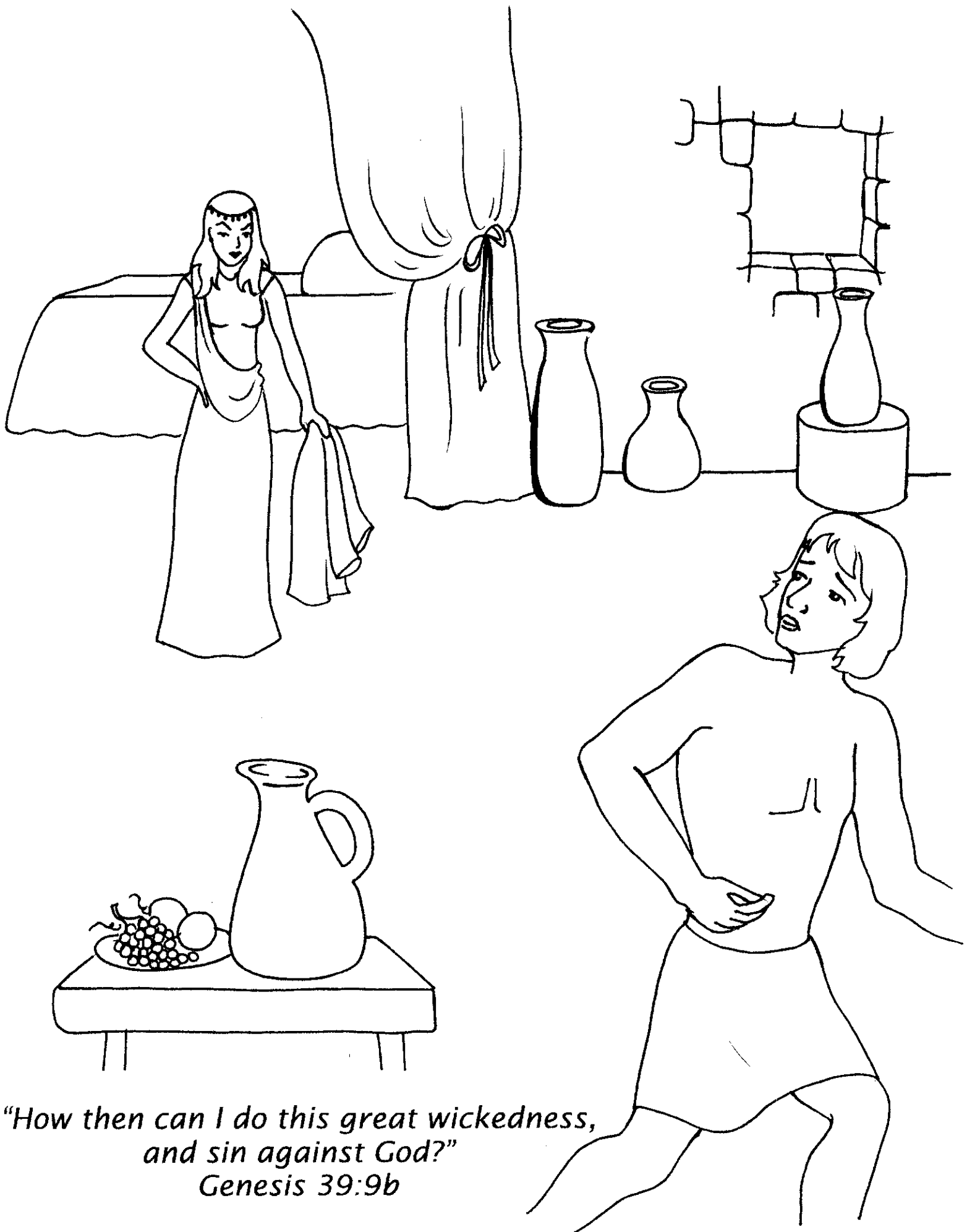


Temptation in the Christian's life

Genesis 39

(Gen. 39:1) Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. (2) The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. (3) And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. (4) So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. (5) So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. (6) Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. (7) And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." (8) But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. (9) "There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (10) So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her. (11) But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, (12) that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. (13) And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, (14) that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. (15) "And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside." (16) So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. (17) Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me; (18) "so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside." (19) So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused. (20) Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. (21) But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. (22) And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. (23) The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.





*"How then can I do this great wickedness,
and sin against God?"
Genesis 39:9b*



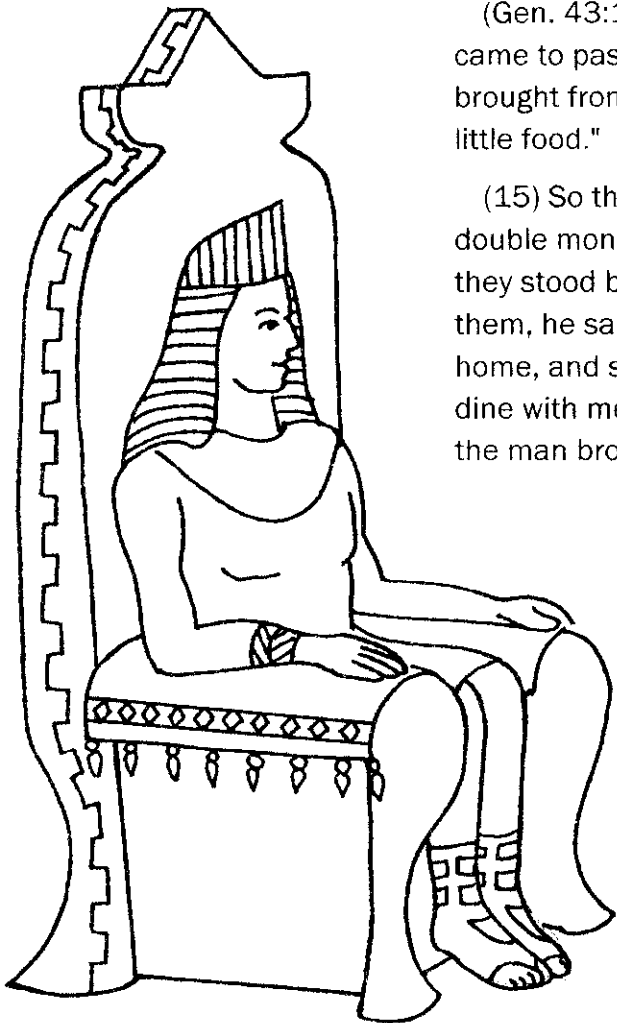
**“THEN JESUS SAID TO HIM, ‘AWAY WITH YOU,
SATAN! FOR IT IS WRITTEN...’”**
MATTHEW 4:10A

Blessings to others by living a Christian life

Genesis 42:6-8, 25-28; 43:1-2, 15-24, 33-34; 45:1-11

(Gen. 42:6) Now Joseph was governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth. (7) Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. Then he said to them, "Where do you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food." (8) So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

(25) Then Joseph gave a command to fill their sacks with grain, to restore every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. Thus he did for them. (26) So they loaded their donkeys with the grain and departed from there. (27) But as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey feed at the encampment, he saw his money; and there it was, in the mouth of his sack. (28) So he said to his brothers, "My money has been restored, and there it is, in my sack!" Then their hearts failed them and they were afraid, saying to one another, "What is this that God has done to us?"



(Gen. 43:1) Now the famine was severe in the land. (2) And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

(15) So the men took that present and Benjamin, and they took double money in their hand, and arose and went down to Egypt; and they stood before Joseph. (16) When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Take these men to my home, and slaughter an animal and make ready; for these men will dine with me at noon." (17) Then the man did as Joseph ordered, and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. (18) Now the men

were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, "It is because of the money, which was returned in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may make a case against us and fall upon us, to take us as slaves with our donkeys." (19) When they drew near to the steward of Joseph's house, they talked with him at the door of the house, (20) and said, "O sir, we indeed came down the first time to buy food; (21) "but it happened, when we came to the encampment, that we opened our sacks, and there, each man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight; so we have

brought it back in our hand. (22) "And we have brought down other money in our hands to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks." (23) But he said, "Peace be with you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money."



Then he brought Simeon out to them. (24) So the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys feed.

(33) And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth; and the men looked in astonishment at one another. (34) Then he took servings to them from before him, but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

(Gen. 45:1) Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. (2) And he wept aloud,

and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it. (3) Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. (4) And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. (5) "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. (6) "For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. (7) "And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. (8) "So now it is not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (9) "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. (10) "You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. (11) "There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine."



“But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.”

Genesis 45:5

Blessings to others by living a Christian life

Level IV • Lesson 3

A. Below are things done by Christ Jesus, Joseph, and you. Write a "CJ" in the blank if it was done by Christ Jesus, a "J" if done by Joseph, and "I" if done by you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help your parents around the house | <input type="checkbox"/> Died on the cross |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gave his family Goshen, the best land in all of Egypt, to live in | <input type="checkbox"/> Drove evil spirits out of people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go to church as often as possible | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for your pastor. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kept the law of God perfectly | <input type="checkbox"/> Treated his brothers to a feast when they came to Egypt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obeyed His parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Healed people of sicknesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gave back the silver to his brothers | <input type="checkbox"/> Provided his family with grain during the famine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explained Pharaoh's dream | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorize songs to sing about Jesus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raised people from the dead | <input type="checkbox"/> Patiently endured all of his hardships in Egypt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring a friend to church | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell your friends about Jesus |

B. Further study in the Word: Put the letter that best describes the passage in the blank.

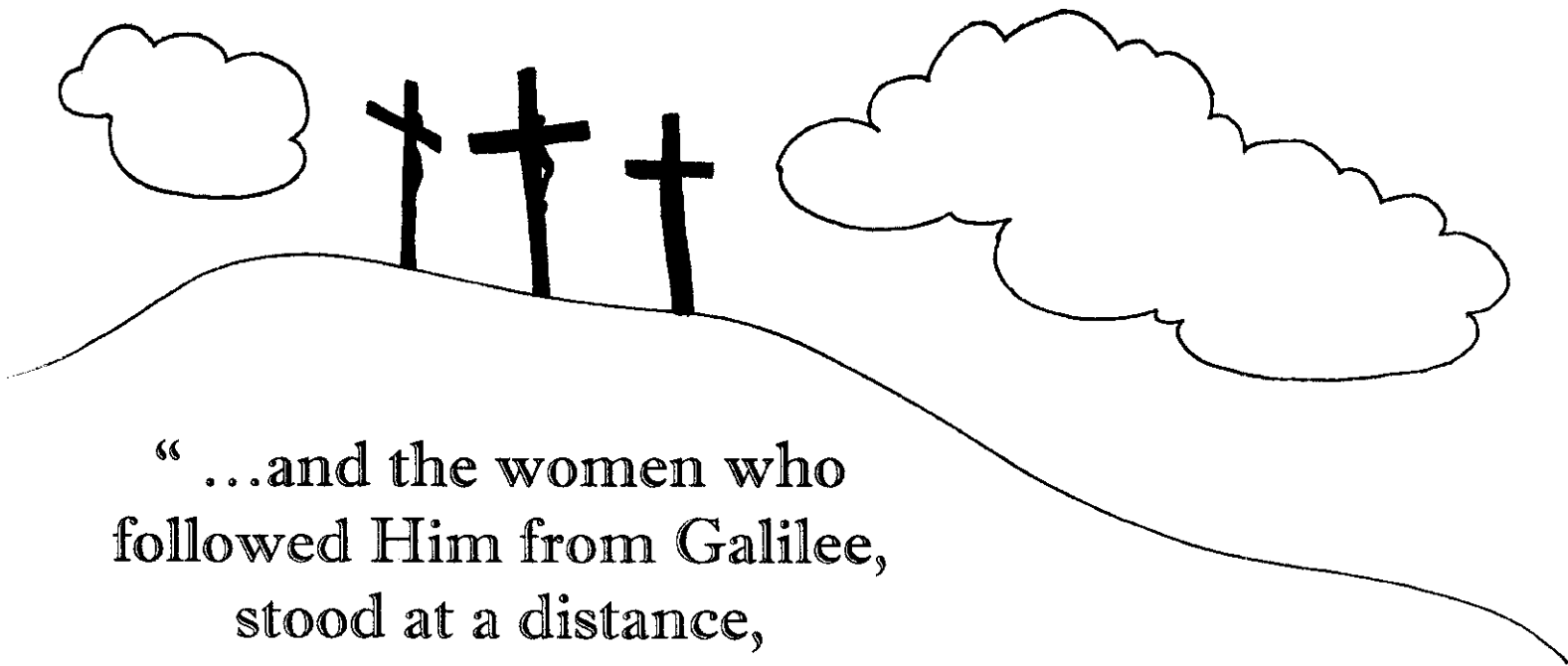
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 20:26-28 | a. The purpose of good works is to glorify God, not ourselves. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Cor. 10:31 | b. Christian actions speak louder than words of sinners. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:16 | c. Greatness in the Kingdom of God is measured by service to others not the number of servants. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Peter 4:14-15 | d. God can be glorified by even the simplest of tasks. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Peter 2:12 | e. Suffering because of our own sin is not the same as suffering for the sake of Jesus. |

C. Open your hymnal! Read Hymn 521:6 and fill in the blanks below. You will find a nice summary of the life of Joseph and an excellent reminder for your own life.

What God _____ is always _____. This _____ remains unshaken.
Though _____, _____ or _____ be mine, I _____ be
_____. I _____ no _____, for with His _____ He shall
_____ and _____ me; So to my _____ I _____ me.

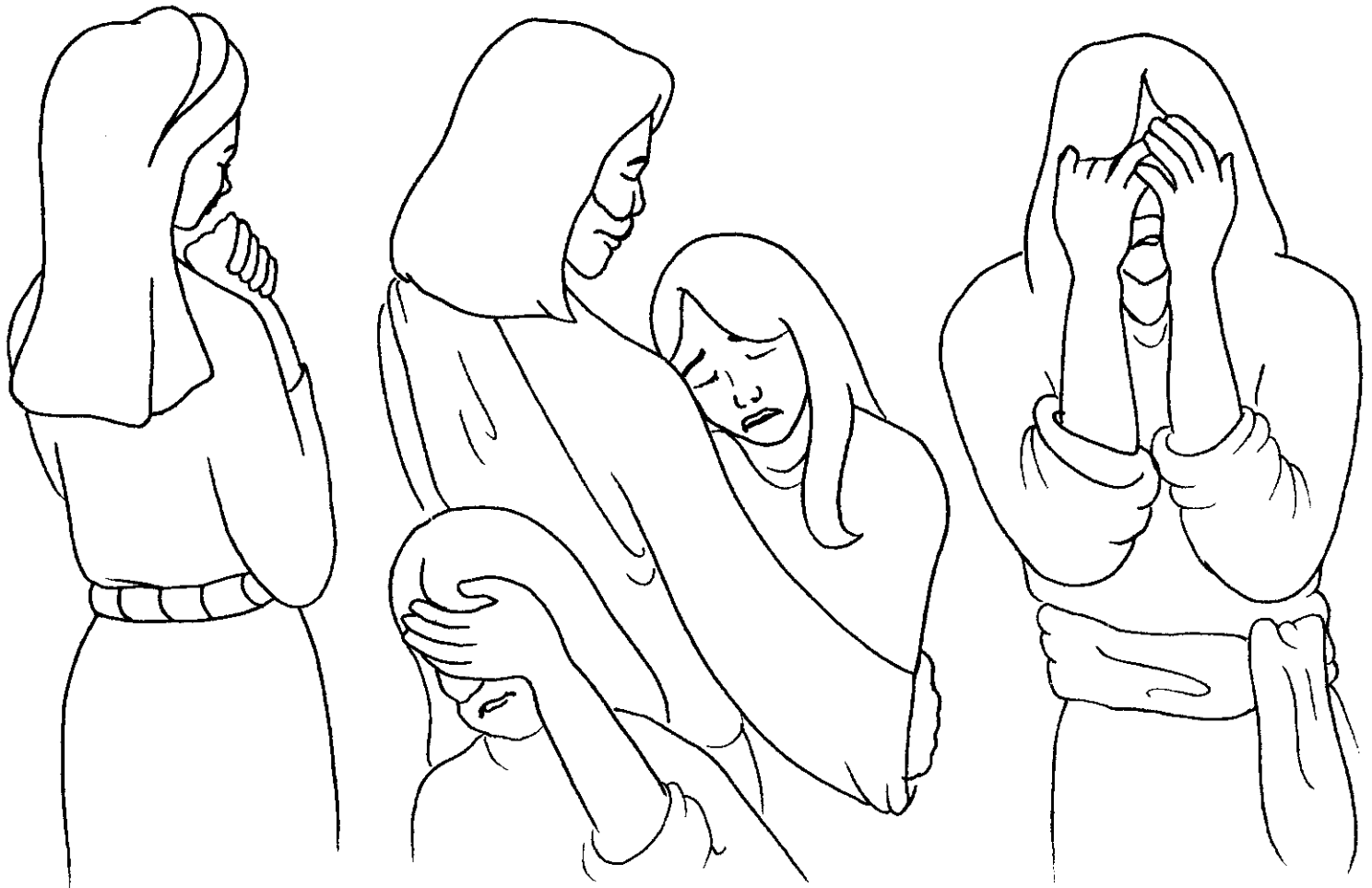
D. Memory work: The following passage (1 Cor. 6:19-20) has been jumbled around. Use numbers to put the phrases in the right order.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whom you have from God, | <input type="checkbox"/> which are God's. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, | <input type="checkbox"/> therefore glorify |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Or do you not know, | <input type="checkbox"/> For you were bought at a price; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> who is in you, | <input type="checkbox"/> and you are not your own? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> God in your body and in your spirit, | |



“...and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.”

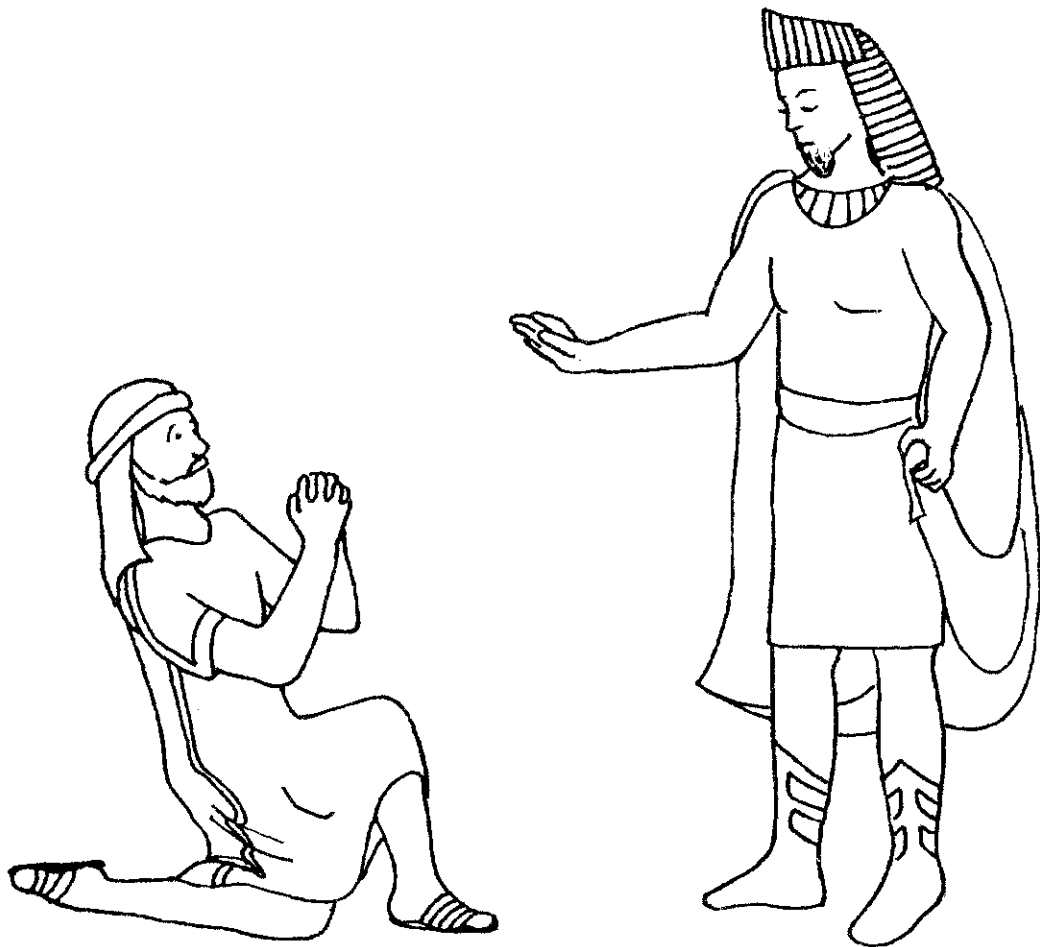
Luke 23:49b



Forgiveness in the Christian's life

Genesis 50:15-21

(Gen. 50:15) When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." (16) So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, (17) 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.'" And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. (18) Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." (19) Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? (20) "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. (21) "Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.



**"Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid,
for am I in the place of God?'"**

Genesis 50:19



Forgiveness in the Christian's life

Level IV • Lesson 4

A. Read each statement and choose which of the passages in the box have something to say about that statement. Mark whether you agree or disagree with the statement and tell why you agree or disagree with the statement.

Romans 8:28 • Romans 12:19 • Matthew 18:21-22 • Luke 23:33-34

1. We have the right to get revenge if someone sins against us.

Passage: _____

Agree

Disagree

Reason:

2. Jesus even forgave the sins of His enemies.

Passage: _____

Agree

Disagree

Reason:

3. God makes some evil things work out for good.

Passage: _____

Agree

Disagree

Reason:

4. You should only forgive a sin once or twice.

Passage: _____

Agree

Disagree

Reason:

B. From the life of Jesus: Read Luke 23:32-39. Then name some of those enemies (v.34) and how they sinned against Jesus.

An enemy of Jesus

How they hurt Jesus

1.

2.

3.

C. Further study in the Word: Write out at least one important point about the topic of forgiveness that is found in each of the following passages.

1. Proverbs 28:13

2. Luke 6:27-29

3. Ephesians 4:32

4. Matthew 6:11

D. Memory Work: When the following passage was typed, the typist jumped two letters over. Put the correct letter below each wrong letter to find yet another important part of God's armor.

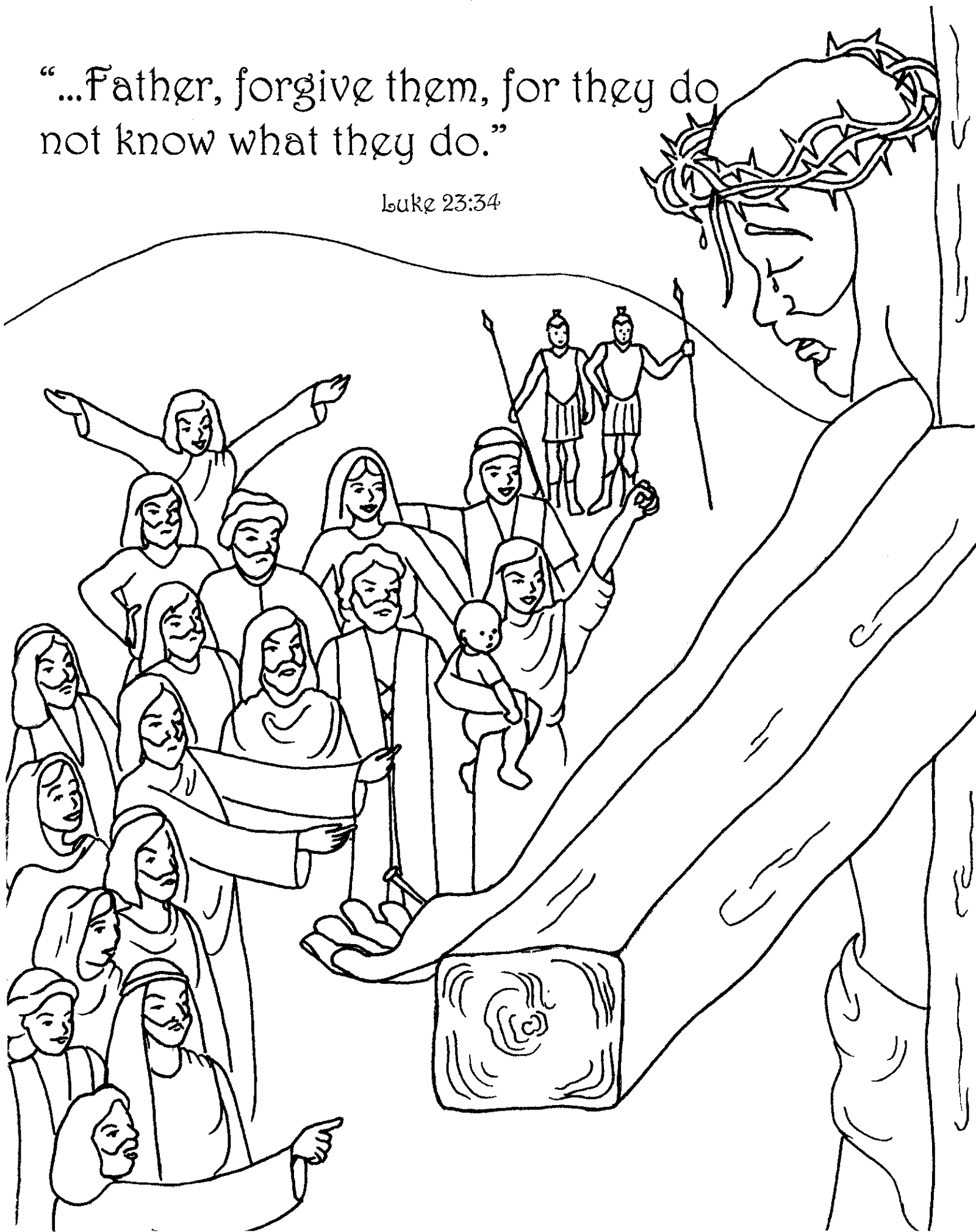
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“...Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

Luke 23:34



Final victory in the Christian's life

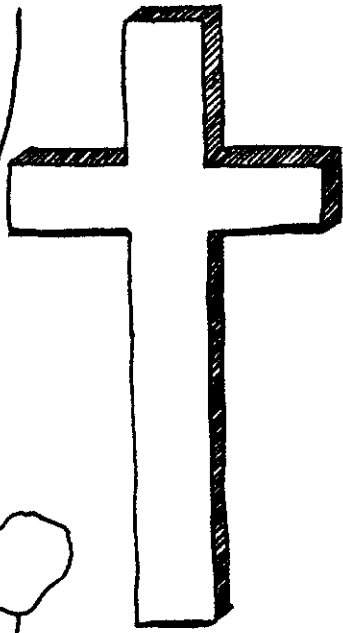
Genesis 50:22-26, Exodus 13:19, Hebrews 11:22

(Gen. 50:22) So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. (23) Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees. (24) And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." (25) Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." (26) So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

(Ex. 13:19) And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you."

(Heb. 11:22) By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.



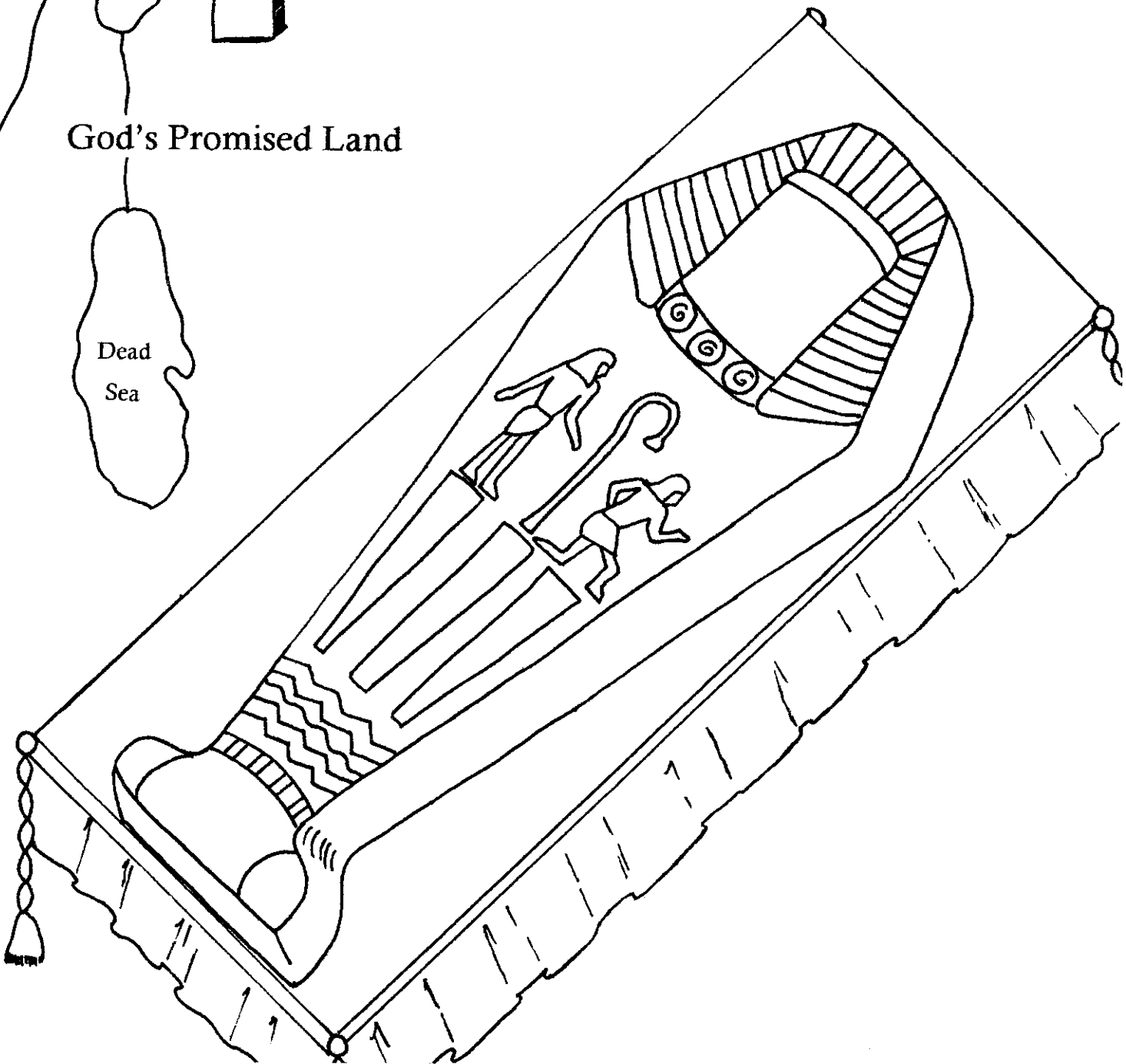


“By faith Joseph, when he was dying,
made mention of the departure
of the children of Israel,
and gave instructions
concerning
his bones.”

Hebrews 11:22

God's Promised Land

Dead
Sea



Final victory in the Christian's life

Level IV • Lesson 5

A. Fill in the blank with the correct answer. Then find the word in the puzzle on the right.

Joseph was living in _____ when he died.

The children of _____ were brought up on Joseph's knees.

_____ was 110 years old when he died.

Joseph knew that _____ would visit the children of Israel in Egypt.

By _____ he asked for his bones to be taken to the Promised Land.

_____ took the bones of Joseph out of Egypt.

A K Q L C A J E M F
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A K R A M A I B E E
C K L S K H E S G H
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R D S E L A G O P E
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J Y S T N A M R E S

B. Further study in the Word: The final victory comes when we die and go to Heaven. Read I Corinthians 15:14-19 and list five conditions that would exist if Christ had not risen from the dead.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Now read verse 20, and finish this sentence: "BUT NOW..."

C. Further meditation: In what ways should your life be influenced by the examples of Joseph and Jesus given to us in the Bible?

1. *Death:* Joseph faced death with confidence because of his faith in the Messiah. Jesus calmly faced death with the words, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." How should your life be affected?
2. *Resurrection:* Joseph did not overly concern himself with this world, but lived his life and trained his family to live for life after death following their resurrection from the dead. Jesus showed his ultimate victory over death and assured us of life everlasting by rising from the dead on the third day. How should your life be affected?
3. *Life:* Joseph used every year of his life down to old age to further the Kingdom of God. Jesus spent His life, beginning as a young boy in the temple and continuing down to his death on the cross by being about His Father's business. How should your life be affected?

D. Memory Work. The following passage has been mistyped. Some words have been substituted. Cross out the wrong ones and write in the blank the right ones.

O Devil, where is your sting? _____
O Hades, where is your fear? _____
The sting of death is mankind. _____
The strength of sin is the Gospel. _____
But glory be to God _____
Who gives us the forgiveness _____
Through our Lord Joseph _____

“He is not here;
for He is
risen...”

Matthew 28:6



The Week in Review

A. List the five stories from the life of Joseph and give the main thought for us today. Then match the New Testament story which is a parallel by putting the letters in the proper blank.

| Story | Main thought |
|----------------|--------------|
| _____ 1. _____ | _____ |
| _____ 2. _____ | _____ |
| _____ 3. _____ | _____ |
| _____ 4. _____ | _____ |
| _____ 5. _____ | _____ |

- a. Jesus rises from the dead.
- b. Jesus dies on the cross for all mankind.
- c. Jesus is rejected by His own people.
- d. Jesus is tempted by the devil.
- e. Jesus forgives His enemies.

B. After the passage reference list the numbers found below that make up the passage. A portion of each passage will be found in each column.

| | | | |
|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Romans 8:31b | _____ | Romans 8:28 | _____ |
| Genesis 39:9c | _____ | Matthew 26:41 | _____ |
| John 13:34a | _____ | I Cor. 6:19-20 | _____ |
| Romans 12:21 | _____ | Ephesians 4:32 | _____ |
| John 14:19b | _____ | I Cor. 15:55-57 | _____ |

A

1. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit
2. A new commandment
3. O death, where is your sting? O grave where is your victory?
4. And we know that all things work together for good
5. Because I live
6. If God is
7. Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation,
8. Do not be overcome
9. How then can I do
10. And be kind to one another

B

11. this great wickedness
12. to those who love God
13. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law
14. for us
15. tenderhearted, forgiving one another
16. I give to you
17. you will
18. Who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price
19. by evil, but overcome
20. the spirit indeed is willing,

C

21. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
22. live also.
23. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
24. and sin against God?
25. that you love one another.
26. evil with good.
27. but the flesh is weak.
28. to those who are the called according to His purpose.
29. who can be against us?
30. even as God in Christ forgave you.

*(Psalm 1:1-2) Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
(2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

Memory Verses

Levels I and II

1. Romans 8:31b If God is for us, who can be against us?
2. Genesis 39:9c How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?
3. John 13:34a A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.
4. Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
5. John 14:19b Because I live, you shall live also.

Levels III and IV

1. Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
2. Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
3. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
4. Eph. 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.
5. 1 Cor. 15:55-57 O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Memory Hymn

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| 1) If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy; For when I pray before me My foes, confounded, fly. If Christ, my Head and Master, Befriend me from above, What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love? | 2) This I believe, yea, rather, Of this I make my boast, That God is my dear Father, The Friend who loves me most, And that, whate'er betide me, My Savior is at hand Thro' stormy seas to guide me And bring me safe to land. | 3) My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad, 'Tis full of mirth and singing, Sees naught but sunshine glad. The Sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King; The heaven I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing. |
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(The Lutheran Hymnal, hymn 528:1,2,15)

Suggested Prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We ask for Your blessing upon our Bible studies. Open our hearts to understand the great work of Jesus as the Savior from sin. First instruct us in Your most holy and gracious will and then make us willing followers. Use the life Joseph to teach us to trust that You, our God, will make all things, even adversity, work for our good. Enable us to do Your will by fleeing sin, show us that by being a blessing to others round about us, we glorify Your name. Forgive us our many sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, even as we also for the sake of Jesus forgive those who hurt us. And, finally, as the sum of all our hopes, give us in Christ the victory over death and take us from this vale of tears to our eternal home of peace and joy in heaven. We ask for these blessings in the name of Jesus. Amen.