

Today's Bible Verse: Genesis 39:23b (NIV) "The Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did."

Last week our story talked about Jacob and his dream of a ladder that stretched all the way to heaven. God spoke to Jacob down the ladder and angels climbed it from earth into the sky. Downstairs in church, Sunday Schoolers made ladders and put angels on them.

Jacob lived a long life after he had his dream of the ladder to heaven. He had 12 sons. One of Jacob's sons was named Joseph.

Now Joseph was Jacob's favorite, and his brothers were jealous. Joseph even got a special colorful coat from his father. When Joseph wore that Coat of Many Colors, his brothers were angry at him..

One day, Joseph was wearing his special coat when his father sent him to the fields to find his brothers.

When Joseph's brothers saw him, they were jealous and decided to throw him into a pit. Joseph's jealous brothers threw Joseph into a pit. Then they sold Joseph to some traders passing by.

Joseph was taken to Egypt. His brothers even took Joseph's coat back to their father Jacob and told him Joseph was dead. But Joseph was really alive in Egypt. God protected Joseph and Joseph was loyal to God.

Joseph impressed the Pharaoh (that's like the king of Egypt) and became rich and powerful. And all the time, Joseph stayed loyal to God. Years passed and there was a famine (that is when the people didn't have food to eat) in Canaan where Joseph's brothers lived. They were starving.

Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to beg for food, and who did they find? Their own brother Joseph whom they had hurt.

Joseph told them that it was God's plan for him to save them. All of Joseph's brothers and his father came to live with Joseph in Egypt.

Wonder Question: How was today's story part of God's plan?

