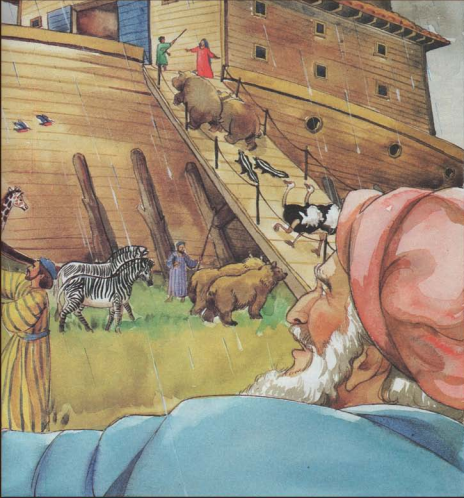


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## Noah, the Flood, and the Rainbow

Based on Genesis 6:5-9;17

Once, long ago, most of the people in the world were very wicked. Only Noah and his family lived the way God had asked. God decided to make the world over.

God told Noah to build an ark, an enormous boat. God said, "I am about to flood the earth. Go into the ark with your family. Take with you two of every animal, one male and one female. Put enough food in the ark for all."



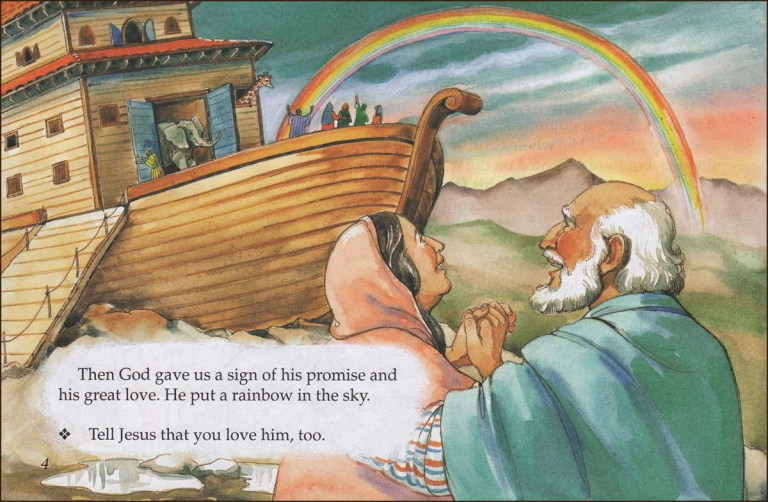
Noah did as God told him. He built the ark and put into it two of every animal. Then he and his family went into the ark. It began to rain. It poured for forty days and forty nights. The whole earth was flooded, but the ark floated on the water. Everything died except Noah, his family, and the animals in the ark. Suddenly the rains stopped. Then God sent wind to dry up the water.

One day Noah sent out a dove. It came back with an olive leaf. So Noah knew the water was going down.

Finally, the earth was dry. Noah, his family, and every animal left the ark. Noah thanked God for saving them.

God loved Noah. He loved all the creatures he had made. God blessed them and promised Noah that he would never flood the earth again.

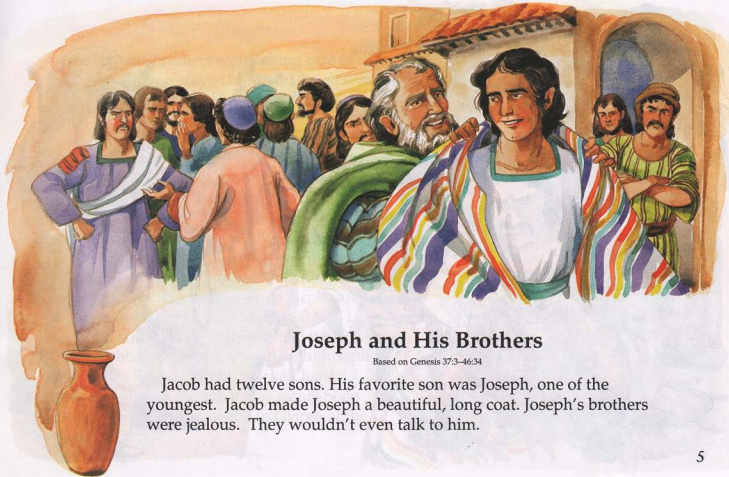




Then God gave us a sign of his promise and his great love. He put a rainbow in the sky.

❖ Tell Jesus that you love him, too.

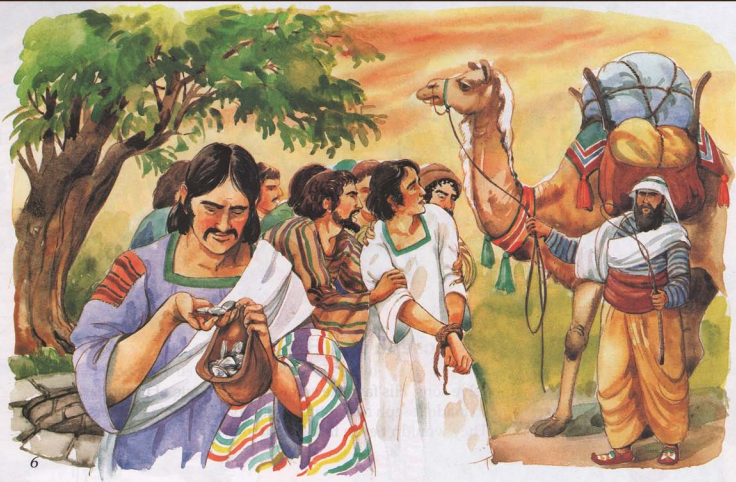




## Joseph and His Brothers

Based on Genesis 37:3–46:34

Jacob had twelve sons. His favorite son was Joseph, one of the youngest. Jacob made Joseph a beautiful, long coat. Joseph's brothers were jealous. They wouldn't even talk to him.





One day the brothers were taking care of the sheep. Joseph stayed at home. Jacob sent Joseph to see if his brothers were all right. When Joseph came to the brothers, they took away his coat. Then they threw him into an empty well.

As the brothers ate, a group of people traveling to Egypt was passing by. One brother, Judah, said, "Why kill Joseph? Let's sell him to these people." So Joseph's brothers sold him for twenty silver coins.

The brothers dipped Joseph's coat in goat's blood and sent it to Jacob. When Jacob saw the coat, he thought, "A wild animal has killed my son." He cried for many days.

Meanwhile, the people who bought Joseph took him to Egypt. Joseph worked hard there. He always did what was right. Soon the king of Egypt put Joseph in charge of the whole country.



God let Joseph know that a time was coming when there would be no food. Joseph had the people of Egypt store grain. Then when the rest of the world was hungry, Egypt had plenty to eat. People from other countries came to Joseph for food.

Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt to get food, too. They didn't recognize Joseph. He knew who they were, though. Joseph did not scold his brothers or put them in jail. Instead he gave them food to take home.

Finally Joseph said to them, "I am Joseph. Is my father well?" Then he invited his brothers and his father to move to Egypt. And they did.

Jacob was very happy to see that Joseph was alive. Jacob, Joseph, Joseph's brothers, and their families lived together in Egypt for many years.

- ❖ Ask Jesus to help you to forgive others as Joseph did.



