Lesson 25
Joseph Sold Into Slavery

Genesis 37: 12-36, Genesis 16: 3-4, 11; Genesis 10: 6; Genesis 41:46

One day, Israel whose name was Jacob sent Joseph to Shechem to check on and to see if his brothers were okay. Along the way, while wandering through a field, (Recite- Joseph met a man who told him that his brothers were in the city of Dothan). As Joseph walked closer to his brothers, they saw him and (Recite- they conspired on how they would kill him). If they killed Joseph, this would have broken God's sixth (6th) commandment! After they had killed Joseph, (Recite- they were going to tell their father that a beast had killed him). They were very tired of Joseph and his dreams! Remember, Joseph had two dreams which he told his family that they were going to bow to him and he would rule over them. Reuben, the oldest brother, convinced them not to shed blood by killing Joseph, but rather throw Joseph into a pit. (Recite- Now Reuben had planned to save Joseph's life)! After everyone had left, Reuben was going to help Joseph out of the pit, then take Joseph back home to their father Jacob, whose name is Israel. As soon as Joseph had approached his brothers, (Recite- they pulled off his coat of many colors, took it and they cast Joseph into a pit)! The oldest brother Reuben had left them after Joseph was thrown into the pit. As the rest of the brothers sat to eat bread, they saw some Ishmaelites that were on their way to the land of Egypt. Egypt is in the continent of Africa. These Ishmaelites were from the land Of Midian. (Recite- The Ishmaelites are of Abraham's seed). (Recite- Judah, persuaded the rest of his brothers to sell Joseph to the Ishmaelites). These Ishmaelites were merchants. Merchants sell things people may want for money. They came by and helped get Joseph out of the pit). Joseph's brothers then sold to him the Ishmaelites for (Recite- twenty (20) pieces of silver). Meanwhile, Reuben returned to the pit only to find Joseph gone! He wanted to save Joseph and take him back home to their father. Reuben confronted his brothers of Joseph's whereabouts, but they sent him away to look for Joseph. Then, they killed a goat and dipped Joseph's coat of many colors in its blood. (Recite- They took the blood-stained coat to their father Jacob whose name is Israel). Jacob recognized that it was indeed Joseph's coat covered with blood! Jacob believed that Joseph was killed by a beast. They never told their father the truth of what they had done to Joseph! (Recite- They allowed their father to believe that Joseph was attacked and killed by an animal). Jacob mourned and cried for Joseph many days thinking Joseph was dead. Meanwhile, (Recite- The Ishmaelites then arrived in Egypt and sold Joseph to an Egyptian named Potiphar). Egyptians comes from the seed of Noah's son Ham. The land of Egypt was first called the land of Mizraim, which is Ham's second (2^{nd}) son, before being changed to Egypt. The name Egypt means black. The Egyptians were a people whose skin was very, dark brown! Now, (Recite- Potiphar was the captain of the guards who served a Pharaoh). (Recite- The word Pharaoh is a title and not a name given to a king or a ruler). So, this Pharaoh was the king or Ruler of Egypt.

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Lesson Review Questions

1. Since Joseph's brothers did not like him because of his dreams, what did they want to do to him?

(A) Hurt Joseph **(B) Kill Joseph** (C) Send Joseph away

2. What were Joseph's brothers going to tell their father what had happened to Joseph?

(A) That Joseph ran away (B) That Joseph got lost **(C) A wild beast had killed Joseph**

3. Who convinced the brothers not to kill Joseph, but put him in a pit?

(A) Reuben (B) Solomon (C) Benjamin

4. What did Reuben want to do with Joseph?

(A) Send Joseph away **(B) Save Joseph and take him back home** (D) Leave him in the pit

5. As the brothers sat to eat bread, who were the men they saw that were on their way to the land of Egypt?

(A) Gentiles **(B) Ishmaelites** (C) Hamites

6. Judah persuaded his brothers to do what with Joseph?

(A) Sell Joseph (B) Leave him in the pit (C) Take him home

7. How much money did Joseph's brothers get for selling him to the Ishmeelites?

(A) Thirty (30) pieces of silver **(B) Twenty (20) pieces of silver** (C) Two (2) pieces of silver

8. What did Joseph's brothers do to his coat of many colors?

(A) Burn it (B) Bury it **(C) Dip it in goat's blood**

9. When their father Jacob saw the blood on Joseph's coat, what did Jacob believed happened to Joseph?

(A) A wild beast killed Joseph (B) Joseph ran away from home (C) Joseph was lost in the woods

10. What is the name of the Egyptian that bought Joseph?

(A) Goliath (B) Mizraim **(C) Potiphar**

11. What was Potiphar's job?

(A) A cook **(B) A captain of the Pharaoh's guard** (C) A smith

12. What is a Pharaoh?

(A) A slave (B) A butler **(C) A king and a ruler**

Bonus Question 1: The Egyptians comes from which of Noah's sons- Shem, Ham or Japheth? **Answer: Ham**

Bonus Question 2: The Ishmaelites comes from whose seed- Abraham, Isaac or Jacob? **Answer: Abraham**

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Reader: Please generate questions and help the children find the words. Using crayons, draw a line through each word found in the search word. Change colors for each word.

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SEARCH WORDS

1. BEAST
2. BLOOD
3. COAT
4. DREAMS
5. EGYPT
6. GOAT
7. HAM
8. ISHMAELITES
9. PHARAOH
10. PIT
11. POTIPHAR
12. SILVER

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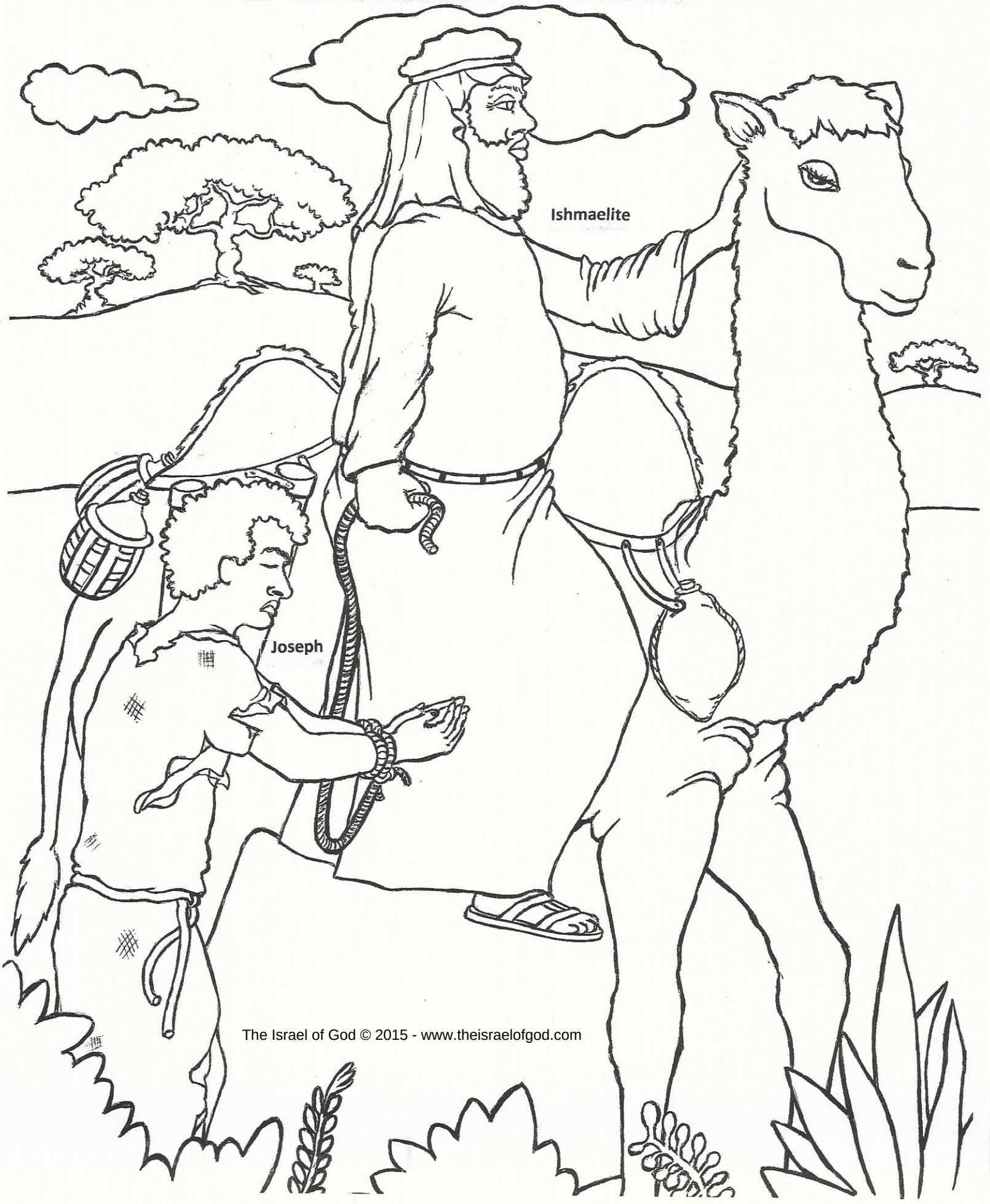

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