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CHRIS CROSS

AT HOME

To be issued occasionally to keep you in touch, with things to read and things to do.

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE - story, recipe, hidden pictures puzzle and more...

What's your favourite thing to wear?



Introduction

Welcome to this 4th edition of *CHRISCROSS AT HOME*. I hope you are having as much fun reading the story, doing the activities and learning about God as we are having putting them together.

It seems such a long time since we last met face-to-face which is why we have updated our photographs so you can see if we have changed!

This month we are learning the first instalment in the story of a very large family of brothers and how they didn't always get on. The second part will be in next month's edition.

The school summer holidays have started now even though it probably seems like you have been on holiday since March. If any of you are going away, even for a day out, have a lovely time.

Enjoy the sunshine and please email us any stories or pictures you would normally share with us in the opening part of *CHRISCROSS*.

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The *CHRISCROSS AT HOME* team



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We will be remembering all of you in our prayers – please don't forget to say yours.

Perhaps when you have your tea you might like to use the 1,2,3,4,5 prayer that we use at *CHRISCROSS* before we have tea.



Hullo Everyone,

My name is Margaret and I am the auntie of Rachael, Shaun, Harry & Poppy and I often come to CHRISCROSS.

Recently I went to a park with Harry & Poppy and we had a picnic. We all enjoyed being outside. At this time of year people love to be outdoors. When we were in 'lockdown' it was so good to be able to go outside and walk for exercise. On many of my walks I used to look out for 6 things for which I could thank God and often I would find more than six!

Our prayer is going to be about thanking God for things outside and perhaps the next time you are outdoors perhaps on a walk or on your bike you will look for things and give thanks to God.



Loving God

Thank You for times when we can go outside to walk, play and ride with our families and friends. Thank You for fresh air, blue skies, sunshine and fluffy white clouds. Thank You for the sounds we hear especially the birds singing. Thank You for all the colourful flowers and the bees buzzing around them and for different trees. Thank You for the water in the streams, ponds and rivers and all that lives in them. Thank You for parks and grassy areas where we can play and have picnics.

We pray for those who have to stay indoors at the moment and we ask you to bless them.

Amen.

Draw a picture here of something you have seen outside or enjoyed doing!

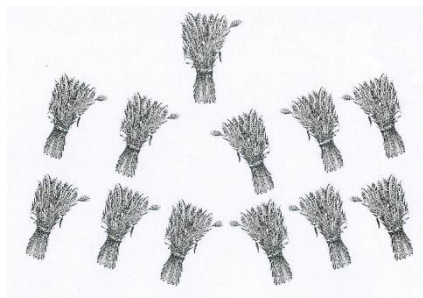
Joseph and the Coat of Many Colours

Jacob was a wealthy old Shepherd who lived in a place called Canaan with his twelve sons. He loved all his sons, but his favourite was Joseph.

One day Jacob gave Joseph a wonderful coat. It had long sleeves and, unlike his brothers' plain coats, it was decorated with lots of bright colours, and this made his brothers very jealous. "We work harder than Joseph" they grumbled to each other, but he always gets special treatment. It's just not fair.

Sometimes Joseph wasn't very kind to his brothers either. He often told tales of them to his Father. Things got so bad between the brothers that Joseph stayed away from them as much as he could.

One night he had a strange dream. The next morning he told his brothers all about it. "I dreamt that we were all in the fields tying up sheaves of wheat and when we had finished my sheaf stood up straight and all your sheaves stood in a circle around mine and bowed down to it". "Well if you think we are going to bow down to you, you must be brothers angrily.



Soon after that Joseph had another dream. Again, he told his brothers all about it. "This time I saw the sun, moon and eleven stars bowing down to me". His brothers were so cross they couldn't speak. Even his Father Jacob was upset. "Are you trying to tell us that our whole family should bow down to you?" he asked angrily. "Well I've heard quite enough of your silly dreams". But his Father began to wonder if God was trying to tell him that Joseph had been chosen to be special in some way.

A few days later Joseph's brothers were up in the hills with their sheep looking for fresh grass. They had been gone a long time and Jacob was very worried. He sent Joseph to look for them. "Go and find your brothers" Jacob told Joseph. "Take them some food and make sure that they are all well and happy".

Joseph took a long time to find them, but finally saw them in the distance. They saw him straight away because he was wearing his brightly-coloured coat. "Look" they said "Here comes the Dreamer, let's teach him a lesson he'll never forget".

Some of the brothers wanted to kill Joseph, but Reuben, the eldest, thought this was too cruel. "We can't kill our own brother, let's just throw him into the dried-up well over there, without hurting him". The others thought that this was a good plan. As Joseph walked towards them they grabbed him and tore off his coat of many colours and threw him roughly into the well. Reuben, glad that his brother was still alive, thought he might be able to rescue Joseph later and take him home.

The other brothers sat down to enjoy the food which Joseph had brought. While they were eating, they saw a long line of camels coming towards them. They soon realised that the men with the camels were traders, on their way to Egypt to sell spices and other goods. "Why don't we sell Joseph to the traders? They will take him to Egypt, sell him as a slave, and he'll never bother us again". The others thought this was a brilliant idea. They shouted to the traders to stop. They pulled Joseph out of the well and although he was dirty it was obvious he was young, healthy and strong. They bought him and took him to Egypt to be a slave.

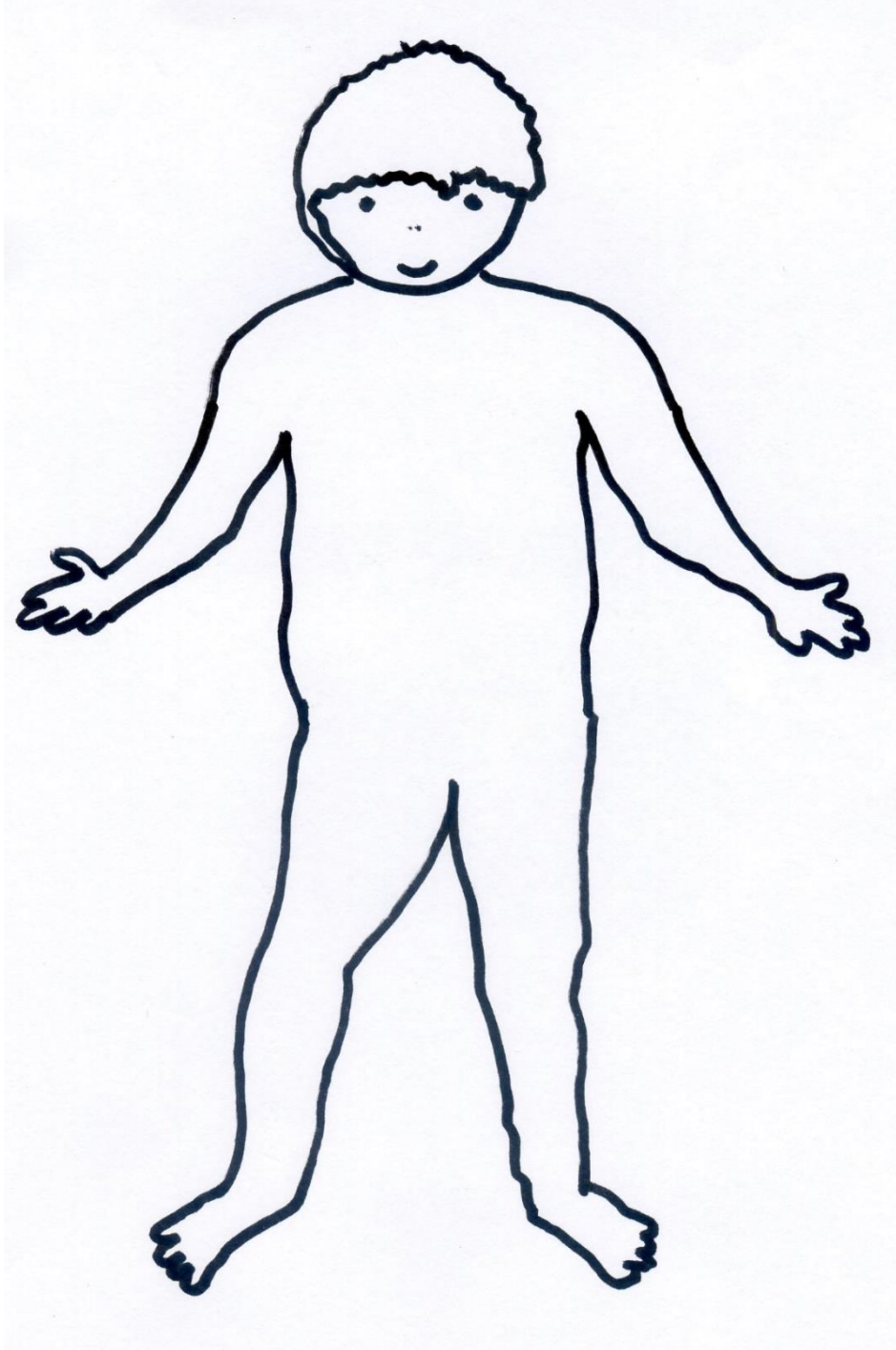


The brothers then had to decide what they should tell their Father. They ripped up Joseph's splendid coat and took it home. As soon as they saw their Father they pretended to be sad. "We found Joseph's coat" they told him. "He must have been killed by a wild animal". Their Father burst into tears, thinking that his favourite son was dead. He didn't notice the sly looks his sons gave each other.

Jacob need not have worried. His favourite son was quite safe. In fact he had been right all along. God did have a plan for Joseph, and part of that plan was going to Egypt. There Joseph would learn many important things.

One day the whole family would meet again and be friendsbut that is another story.

Joseph was given a set of colourful clothes and he is wondering where they are.



Look at the next page to find Joseph's missing clothes and dress him to look like this.



Can you make some biscuits in the shape of Joseph's coat?

To make about 6 biscuits you will need -

100g butter softened

50g caster sugar

150g flour

Preheat the oven to 170 C and cover a couple of baking trays with grease proof paper.

Put the butter into a bowl and beat until soft. Gradually beat in the sugar and the flour. Bring the mixture together with your hands to form a dough. You may need to add a little water to bind together. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured board and use the coat shape (see the next page) to cut out the shape from the dough. (PLEASE ASK A GROWN UP TO HELP YOU DO THIS). Place on a baking tray and bake in the preheated oven for approximately 15 minutes until they are a pale golden colour. Lift off the tray and leave to cool on a wire rack.

Joseph was a favourite son and that is why he was given the coat of many colours, so can you just decorate one coat with the Smarties, leaving the other ones plain for the other brothers.

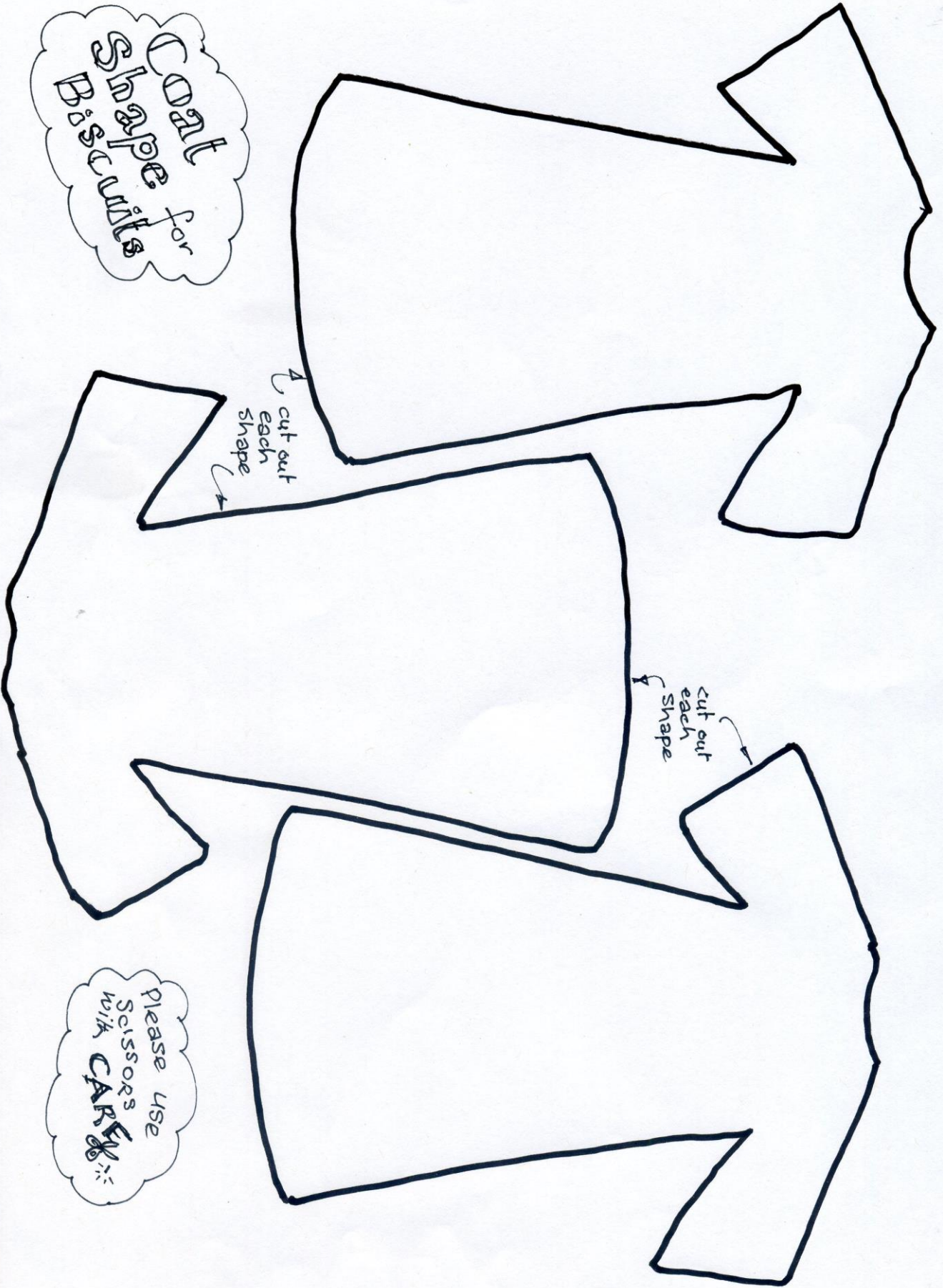
When the biscuits are cool make a little icing - mixing icing sugar and water and put a spot under each Smartie to decorate as in the picture.



I'm sure they will be just as yummy to eat so enjoy!

We would love to see your biscuits, so if you can get a grown up to take a photo and email to us that would be great.

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for
Shaper
Biscuits



Please use
Scissors
with CARE

For those of you who would like a challenge, try this Wordsearch. Words may be left to right, back to front or diagonal! (*Solution in next month's CHRISCROSS AT HOME.*)

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BROTHERS
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 MOON
 SHEEP
 SON
 TWELVE

CAMELS
 JACOB
 REUBEN
 SHEPHERD
 STARS
 WELL

DREAM
 JEALOUS
 SHEAVES
 SLAVE
 SUN

Song for Joseph (To the tune of "London Bridge")

Joseph's father had twelve sons, had twelve sons, had twelve sons.
Joseph's father had twelve sons, Oh, what a family.

Joseph's father loved him best, loved him best, loved him best.
Joseph's father loved him best, Oh, what a family.

A coat of many colours was his pride, was his pride, was his pride.
A coat of many colours was his pride, Oh, what a family.

All his brothers were so jealous, were so jealous, were so jealous.
All his brothers were so jealous, Oh, what a family.

His brothers threw him in a well, in a well, in a well.
His brothers threw him in a well, Oh, what a family.

Egypt bought him as a slave, as a slave, as a slave.
Egypt bought him as a slave, Oh, what a family.



From Revd. Martin



In our story, Joseph was given special treatment, and his brothers thought that was unfair. When he was given a wonderful new coat they became jealous and angry. So much so, that they wanted to hurt Joseph. How would you feel if your brother or sister was given something special that you didn't. Or what about one of your school friends? In the Old Testament, Moses was given 10 Commandments from God to tell everyone how to live. One of them was "Do not covet your neighbour's house". That is a funny thing to say, but what it means is that we shouldn't be jealous of what other people have, but be satisfied with what we have. The story of Joseph shows us the bad things that can happen if we are jealous of what other people have.

Let's pray

We thank you, loving God, that you give us everything that we need, but not always everything that we want. Help us not to be jealous of others, but to be happy for them. Amen

God bless
Martin