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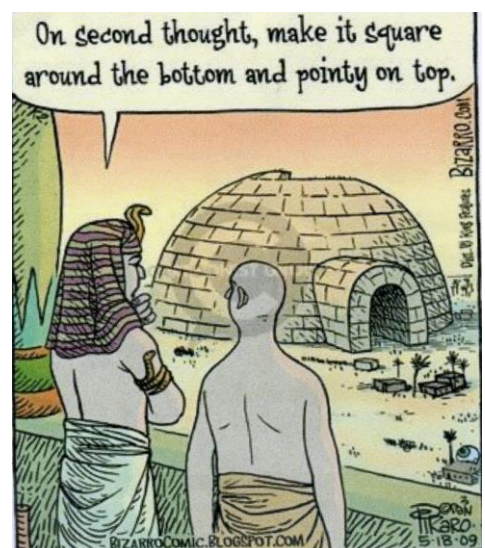
## AT HOME

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

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE - story, game...



What  
happens to  
Joseph next?



# Introduction

It doesn't seem a month ago that we were preparing July's edition of 'CHRISCROSS AT HOME' but here we are again, getting ready to send out the August edition.

We hope you enjoyed the first part of Joseph's story and of course the activities that went with it, and are now ready for the last part, hopefully the activities will be equally as fun to do.

It's amazing how quickly the school holidays are coming to an end, and we hope you have all had a good time whatever you have been doing. It would be good to hear about your holiday 'adventures' so please email us with any stories or photographs you may have if you can.

The CHRISCROSS Team will be thinking about you all as you return to school in September, wishing you well with your new Teachers and classes. So continue to keep safe and well until we are able to meet face to face again.

Rachael

## The CHRISCROSS AT HOME team



Mike and Carole



Jeannette



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Rachael



Kerry



Jackie

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.

Hello there! I'm Rev Jan. Some of you will know me as I was the minister at Trinity Radstock before Rev Martin and often came to Chriscross. If you go to St Nicholas School you will have also seen me taking assembly.



Can you remember what the weather has been like for the last few weeks? At the end of July and the beginning of August it was very, very hot. It was much too warm for me. Then we had an awful lot of rain. It never seemed to stop. Last night and today it is very windy. Lots of apples have blown off our tree along with several big branches.

We have to be grateful for all the different kinds of weather, even those we don't like very much. A mixture of rain and sunshine makes sure things grow: fruit and vegetables for us to eat and flowers and trees that we can enjoy looking at (and it makes the weeds grow!). The wind keeps the air we breathe moving and it can also be used to fly kites, sail boats and produce electricity.

Over the next few weeks why not keep a record of what the weather is like every day. You could draw a picture of the sun, or the rain, or whatever you can see outside. You might have to draw more than one picture in a day because the weather can change quickly. As you draw say a prayer thanking God for each type of weather and remember that the world is such a wonderful place because of all the different kinds of weather.

Creator God,

Thank you for sizzling hot sunshine and for cool refreshing rain.

Thank you for early morning dew and night-time frosts.

Thank you for the bright flash of lightning and the deep rumble of thunder.

Thank you for howling gales and for gentle breezes.

Thank you for the patterns of cloud and the colours of the sky.

**Amen.**

## God Honours Joseph The Slave

When we left Joseph last month he had just been sold to some passing traders and was on his way to Egypt. The story continues.....

Tearful and afraid, Joseph watched helplessly as the lurching camel led him away from his family and homeland. In Egypt Joseph was sold as a slave to Potiphar, a very important man and friend to the King, Pharaoh. Potiphar saw that Joseph always worked hard and could be trusted. "All you do turns out well", Potiphar said to Joseph. "God is with you. I want you to run my household, my other servants and be in charge of my business." Joseph liked his master and worked very hard for him.

Potiphar's wife was a wicked woman and told her husband lies that Joseph had attacked her. Potiphar was very upset because he had trusted Joseph. He did not know if his wife was telling the truth but Joseph was only a slave. With a heavy heart Potiphar had Joseph thrown in jail. Although Joseph was innocent, he was not bitter or angry because he knew that God was with him.

While in jail Joseph was obedient and helpful. The warden in charge trusted Joseph and allowed him to organise things so they were better for all the prisoners.

One day the king's butler came to Joseph because he had a strange dream and wondered if Joseph could tell him what it meant. "God will help me interpret your dream. Tell it to me." Joseph said.

"I dreamed I saw a grapevine with three branches. Suddenly, bunches of grapes grew out of those branches. I squeezed them into a cup and gave it to the king to drink. What does it mean?" the butler asked.

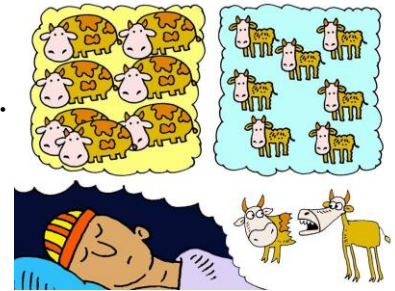


God whispered into Joseph's ear. "I know what it means!" Joseph replied. "Before you were sent to prison you served wine to the king. In three days you will be released and serve wine to him again."

Sure enough the dream came true and the butler was released. "Remember me and ask Pharaoh to release me" Joseph said to him.

But the butler forgot all about Joseph in his excitement to be freed. Until one day Pharoah woke up troubled because he had dreamed strange dreams and none of his wise men could tell him what they meant. The butler remembered Joseph and told Pharoah about him.

Pharoah called for Joseph and told him his dreams. "I saw seven fat, beautiful cows and seven thin, bony cows. The seven skinny cows ate the seven fat cows but were still as thin and bony as they started.

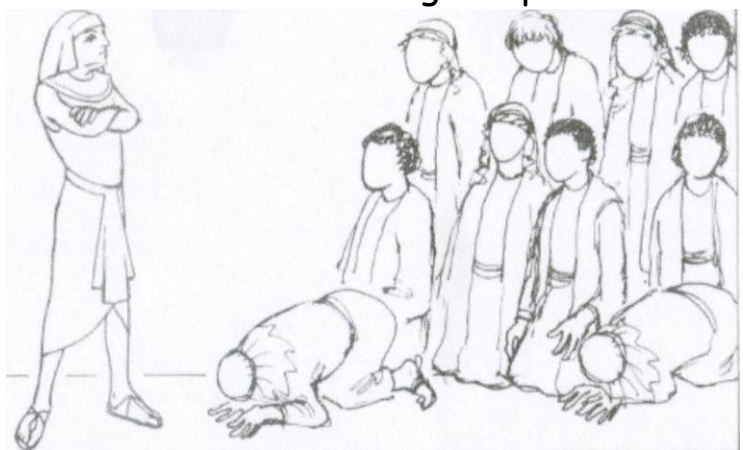


In my second dream I saw seven heads of full, ripe grain growing on one stalk. Then I saw seven dried out heads of grain. The dried out heads of grain began to swallow up the seven good heads. What does it mean?"

"Your dreams are a message from God," Joseph told the king. "Egypt will have seven years of plenty followed by seven years of awful famine. So, unless you want your people to look like those skinny cows, you must store up food in the good years and use it wisely later."

Pharoah was so impressed he made Joseph the Governor of Egypt, second in command to the king himself. Pharoah's dreams came true and there were seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Food was scarce everywhere except in Egypt where Joseph had organised the storage of huge supplies.

In Joseph's homeland, his father and brothers were starving. People from all countries went to Egypt to buy grain and Jacob commanded his sons to go too. The brothers arrived in Egypt, prepared to buy food. They bowed down before the Governor, not recognizing it was their brother, Joseph.



*Draw sad faces on Joseph's brothers*

But, Joseph remembered them and he remembered his childhood dreams. God had raised him above his brothers. "Kind sir," they begged. "We have come all the way from Canaan. We are starving. Please may we buy some food from you?"

"All right", said Joseph in his sternest voice. "I will sell you food." He ordered his servants to load up their donkeys. Then he kept his brother Simeon and told the others to go home and return with Benjamin, the youngest son. The brothers thought that God might be punishing them for selling Joseph as a slave.

In Canaan when they unpacked the food, they were confused because their money had been returned to them too. The brothers told Jacob that the Governor had demanded their return with Benjamin. Jacob refused to let him go but, when the food ran out again he had no choice.

When Joseph saw Benjamin he ordered a great feast and invited the brothers. "Is your father alive and well?" he asked them. Joseph wanted to know if the brothers had changed so he planted a silver cup in Benjamin's pack and accused him of stealing. "To punish you, I will keep Benjamin as my slave," he said. Judah, who had suggested killing Joseph all those years ago, begged to be kept in his place so Joseph knew he was truly changed.

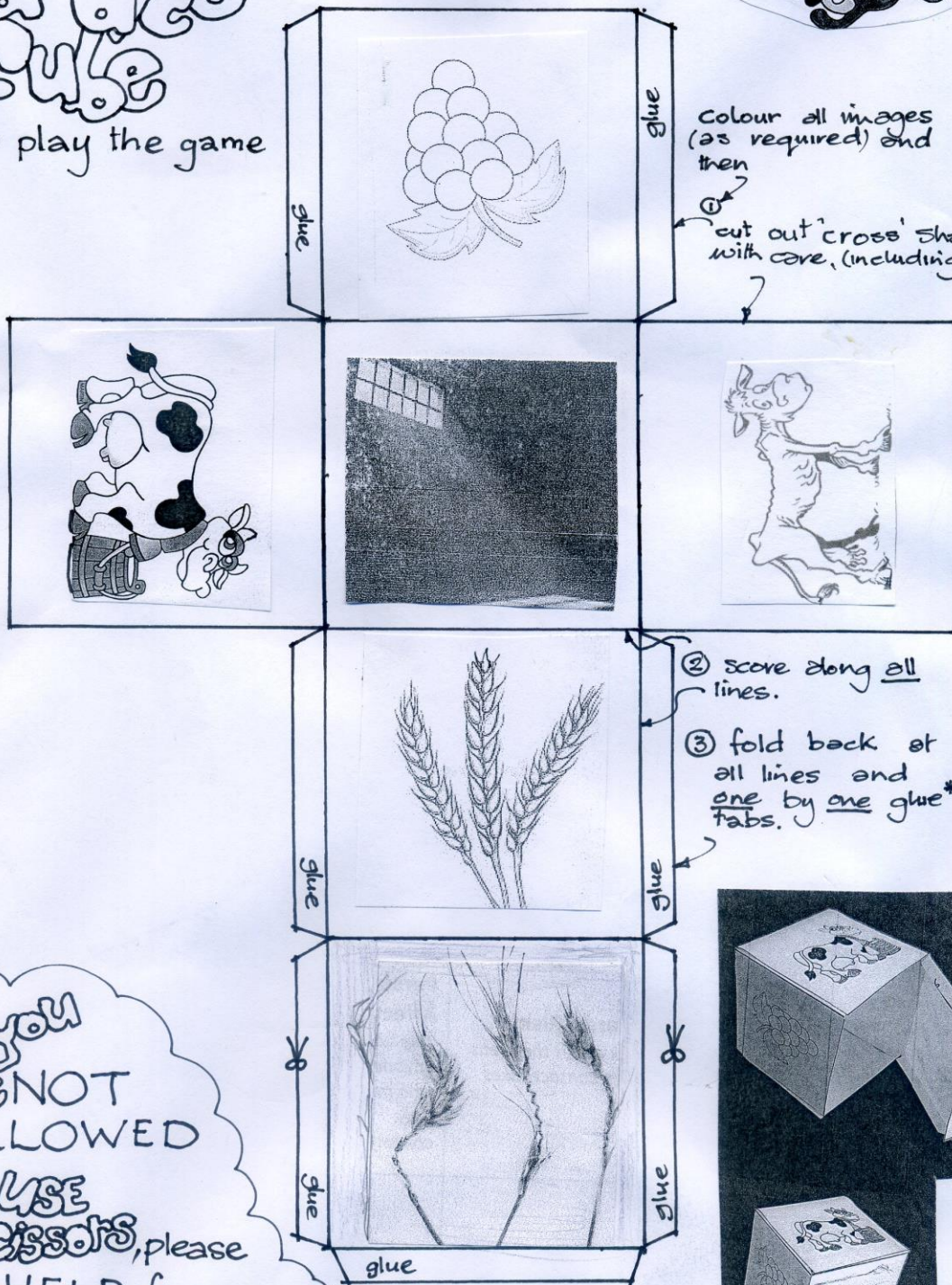
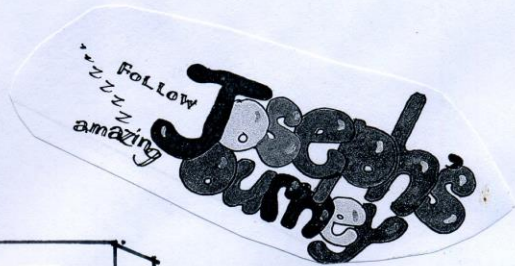
Joseph told his brothers who he really was and they were so frightened they could not speak. Joseph reassured his brothers. "God made me Governor of Egypt so I could save your lives in this famine. Go, bring my father and I will look after you.

The whole family were reunited in Egypt and lived in peace and plenty. Joseph thanked God every day for making his dreams come true.

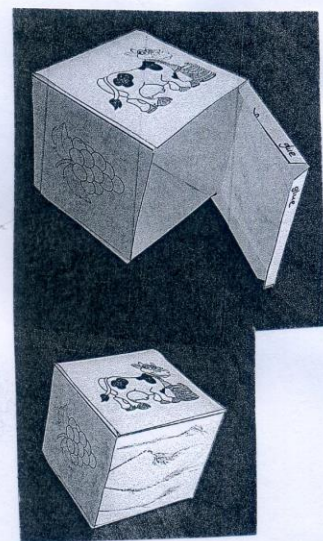


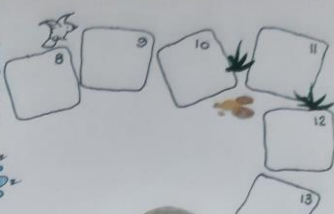
*Draw happy faces on Joseph's brothers*

Colour and  
**make  
 a dice  
 cube**  
 to play the game



if you  
 are NOT  
 ALLOWED  
 to USE  
 Scissors, please  
 get HELP from  
 an Adult!  
 OR \*USE STICKY TAPE?





# Joseph's Journey

FOLLOW  
amazing

RULES -  
THROW GRAPE BUNCH TO  
START AND MOVE 3 SPACES



MOVE BACK  
2 SPACES



MOVE FORWARD  
1 SPACE



MOVE FORWARD  
5 SPACES



MOVE BACK  
3 SPACES



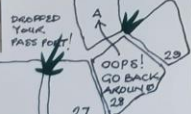
MOVE FORWARD  
3 SPACES  
(THROW THIS TO  
START)



MISS A THROW!



Joseph sold to Potiphar (one of the King's soldiers)



Joseph in prison



Joseph explains another prisoner's dream



Joseph explains another prisoner's dream



Joseph sold to traders and taken to Egypt



Joseph's brothers' first dream



Brothers all re-united



Joseph is made governor of Egypt

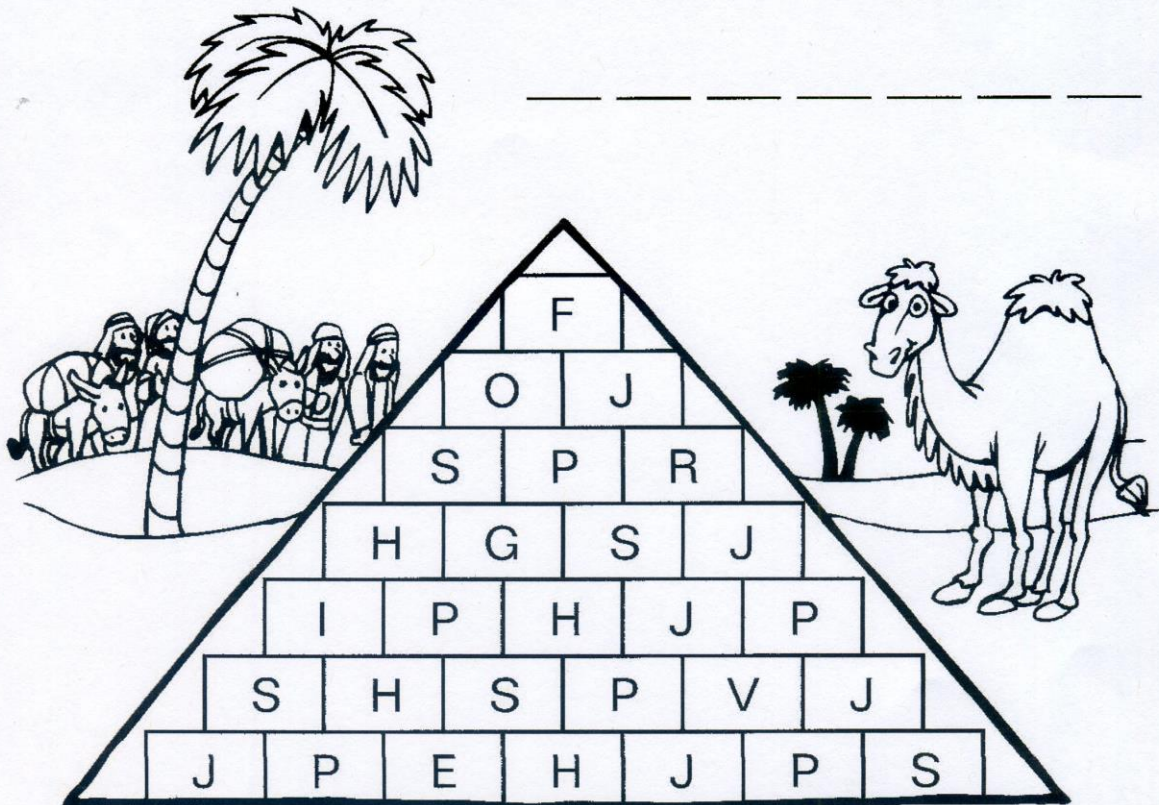


# JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BROTHERS

*Genesis 44- 45:11*

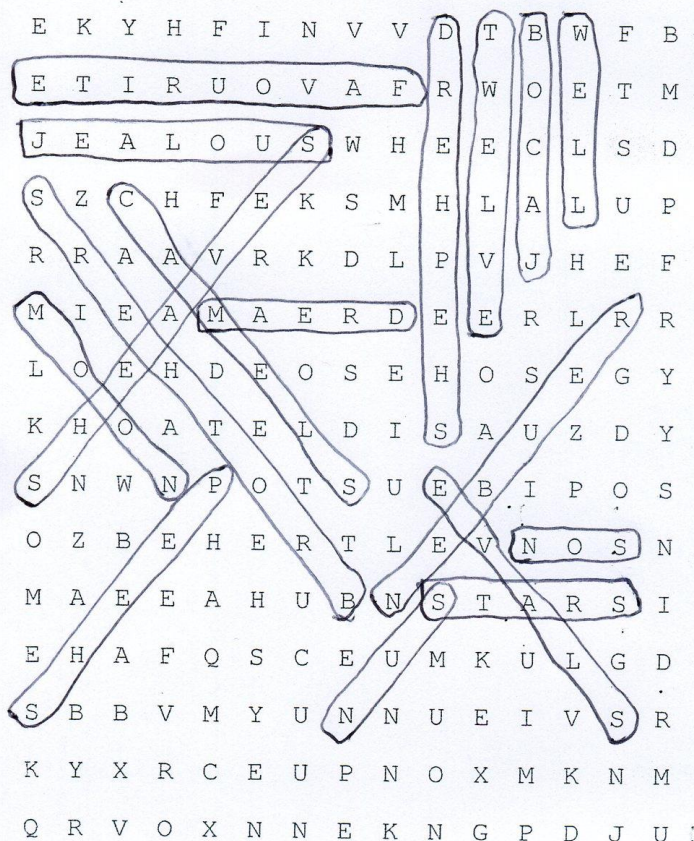
Joseph's brothers were not nice to him. They sold him to be a slave. They pretended he was dead. Much later, Joseph became a powerful leader in Egypt. When the brothers needed help, they went to Egypt. What did Joseph do?

Use a dark color to fill in all the bricks in the pyramid that have the letters J, S, P, and H. Copy the leftover letters, from top to bottom, onto the spaces below. They will spell the answer.



For those of you tried the Wordsearch challenge, here is the solution.

### Joseph and his coat of many colours



BROTHERS  
FAVOURITE  
MOON  
SHEEP  
SON  
TWELVE

CAMELS  
JACOB  
REUBEN  
SHEPHERD  
STARS  
WELL

DREAM  
JEALOUS  
SHEAVES  
SLAVE  
SUN

### Song for Joseph - Part 2 (To the tune of "London Bridge")

God caused a famine in the land, in the land, in the land.

God caused a famine in the land, Oh, what a family.

By then Joseph was a mighty man, mighty man, mighty man.

By then Joseph was a might man, Oh, what a family.

His brothers came to him for food, him for food, him for food.

His brothers came to him for food, Oh, what a family.

Joseph forgave and fed them all, fed them all, fed them all.

Joseph forgave and fed them all, Oh, what a family.



### From Revd. Martin

Have you ever had a funny dream that doesn't make sense? A lot of people in our story had dreams they didn't understand, but Joseph was able to make sense of them. His brothers were angry because they thought he was saying he was more important than they were, and Pharaoh was able to make plans for the coming drought which saved many lives. Everything worked out well for Joseph in the end, and he forgave his brothers, and was reunited with his father, Jacob.

Sometimes it would be nice to be able to see into the future, but we cannot do that, and, like Joseph, we have to trust in God, especially when things in our lives are difficult. Joseph reminds us of the importance of our families, and of the need to forgive them when things go wrong.

Let us pray

Loving God, we thank you that when we are sad and bad things happen, you never leave us alone, and will always be there to help us. Help us to be loving and forgiving to others, even when they do things that hurt us. We thank you that we can always trust in you. Amen

God bless  
Martin

