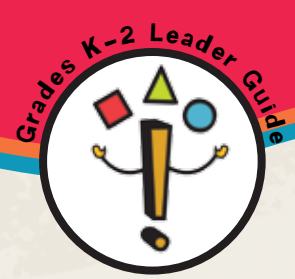


# JOSEPH III



The love Joseph felt led him to love and forgive his brothers.

## KEY VERSE

But Joseph said to [his brothers], “Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.”

Genesis 50:20

## STORY AT A GLANCE

### Joseph

- Proved himself worthy of Pharaoh’s trust with God’s help.
- Responsible for gathering plenty of food so that Egypt survived the famine. (Gen 41:46-49).
- Had a choice to be cruel or forgiving when his brothers came for food.
- Waited to reveal his identity until he figured out a way to bring his whole family to Egypt.
- His tears revealed his regard for his family. (Gen 42:23-24; 43:30-31; 46:29; 50:15-21).



### Joseph's Brothers

- Alienated from Joseph for many years after selling him as a slave to traders.
- Didn’t recognize Joseph when they went to Egypt for food.
- Surprised to see Joseph as a powerful person in Egypt.
- The tricky ways Joseph treated his 10 brothers made them feel guilty about their own deceptions (Gen 42:18-25).
- Stayed on the land Pharaoh offered them.



### Pharaoh

- Ruler of Egypt.
- Selling food to his people during the years of famine added to his wealth.
- Honored Joseph by giving his family good land.



### Jacob/Israel

- Sent older sons to Egypt for food (Gen 42:1-5).
- Fearful he would lose youngest son, Benjamin; did not send him to Egypt with other brothers.
- Pharaoh honored Jacob; Jacob was thankful for Pharaoh’s generosity.



## Supplies:



Holy Moly DVD



Holy Moly Leaflet



Holy Moly Bible Storybook



Scissors



Clear Tape

(10–15 min.)

# DISCOVER



## Get Ready

Describe each scene. Then act each out and ask:

- What happens next?
- Who was kind?
- When have you done this before?



## Introduce the Characters

- Joseph works for Pharaoh in Egypt.
- Joseph controls a lot of food, while many people have none.
- Jacob sends his sons to Egypt to ask for help.
- Joseph hasn't seen his brothers for many years.
- Joseph has a choice. How should he treat his family?



## Play the Joseph III Video



**Watch Pharaoh to see what gift he gives Joseph's family. Hint: It is bigger than a toy!**

*If time permits, watch it again!*

(5–10 min.)

# RELATE



## Talk about the Joseph III Video

- What kind of clothes and food did Joseph have in Egypt?
- How could you tell the Egyptian people were poor and hungry?
- When do you feel hungry?
- I wonder how Joseph learned about saving for hard times.
- How did saving food help Egypt and Joseph's family?
- I wonder why Joseph was kind to his family.
- What surprised you about Pharaoh's gift to Joseph's family?

(5–10 min.)

# CONNECT



## Open the Holy Moly Bible Storybook

Read *Famine and Family* on pages 47–52.

Look at Jacob pointing to the map. The brothers needed to travel many days to get to Egypt.

- How hard or easy do you think it was for them? Why?
- What's your favorite way to travel?
- What's the longest trip you have been on?

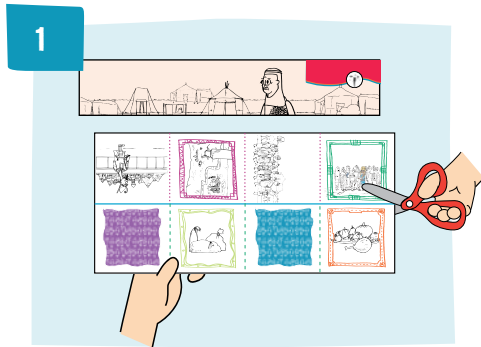
Find the word *Shalom*. It is a Hebrew word for "peace." Jewish people also use it to say "hello" and "goodbye."

- Where is your most peaceful place?
- How do you greet someone? With words? With your body?
- What words do you use to say "goodbye"?

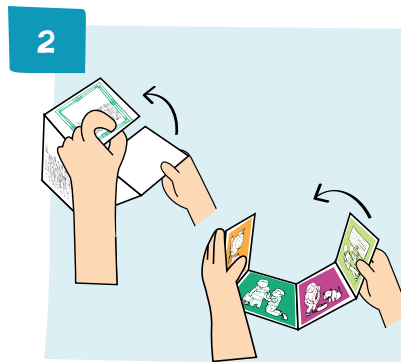
(20–30 min.)

# CREATE

**TOSS AND TELL JOSEPH:** Kids create a story cube to review Joseph's story.



Cut on solid blue lines.

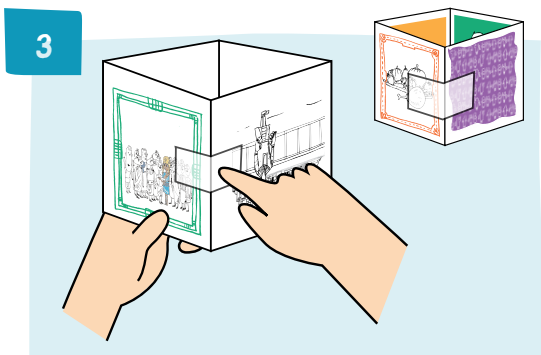


Fold so dotted lines face out.

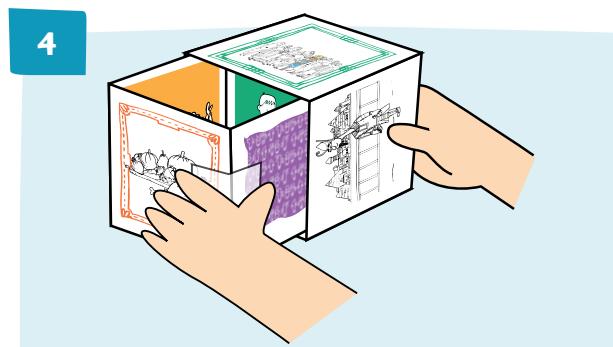
## Holy Moly!

Joseph could have been mean to his brothers, but he chose to be kind.

- How did Joseph and Pharaoh work together to help the people of Egypt?
- What did Joseph give his family that he didn't give to others?
- When is it easy to be kind to members of your family? When is it hard?



Tape ends together to form 2 squares.



Fit squares together with Joseph images facing out.

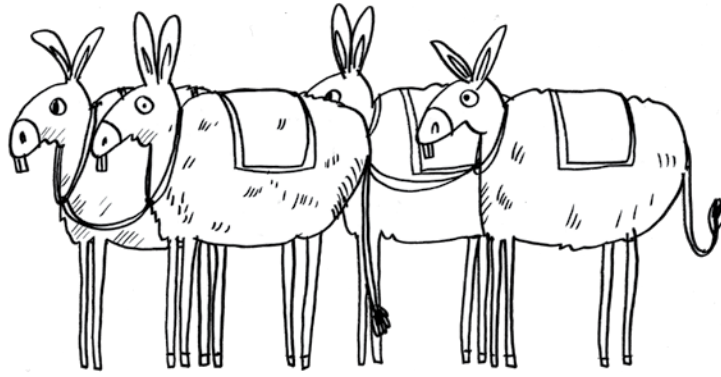


Toss and tell about the Joseph story.

## Holy Moly!

After many years of being apart, Joseph's family was together again.

- When have you been apart from someone in your family?
- How does it feel to be apart?
- Compare the size of your family to Joseph's. Who gets along and who doesn't in both?
- What did you learn about families from Joseph?



## ACTIVITY TIPS

### Fewer kids?

Talk about each scene on the Toss and Tell Joseph story cube as kids color.

### Less time?

Act out just a couple of the role-playing pictures.

### More kids?

Precut each Toss and Tell Joseph strip.

### More time?

Have kids draw their own images of food and kindness in the blank spaces before taping up the squares.

## CLOSING PRAYER

**Dear God,**

**families have fun times and hard times. Thank you for loving us and being with us through them all.**

**Amen!**

