



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 45

Joseph Becomes a Slave

Genesis 37:5–11, 37:18–24, 37:26–28, 37:36

YOU DO THE MATH

Fill in the blanks, then add or subtract as directed to find the price paid for Joseph.

Joseph's age. (Genesis 37:2)

Number of dreams Joseph told his brothers. (Genesis 37:6, 37:9)

Number of letters in the word "jealous."

Number of bowing stars in Joseph's dream. (Genesis 37:9)

Number of Leah's sons. (Genesis 35:23)

Number of letters in the word "Egypt."

Number of sons born to Bilhah and Zilpah. (Genesis 35:25–26)

Number of Rachel's sons. (Genesis 35:24)

Number of silver shekels paid for Joseph. (Genesis 37:28)

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ANSWERS: 17+2 (19) +7 (26) -11 (15) +6 (21) +5 (26) -4 (22) -2=20

Name _____

Memory Verse

Write the letters of the numbers they have replaced on the clock to complete the verse.

Trust in the _____ with
3 11 12 10

all your _____, and do
9 1 8 12 6

not _____ on your own
3 1 8 4

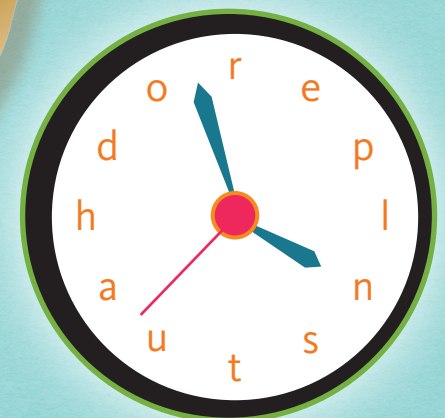
understanding. In _____ your
8 3 3

ways acknowledge him.

and _____ will make straight
9 1

your _____.

Proverbs 3:5-6



What You Heard *In the Word*

- Joseph had two different dreams. They both meant that one day his brothers and even his father and mother would bow down to him.
- Joseph's jealous brothers wanted to kill him. In the end, he was sold as a slave in Egypt according to God's plan.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friends say that the Bible is a good book but that it isn't exactly right when it mentions people and places in history. **What can you tell them?**

It is wiser to trust the Word of the eternal, all-knowing God than to trust the limited knowledge of men. Plus, researchers are finding more evidence that confirms the Bible. For example, the places mentioned in the Bible's account of Joseph's life—Shechem, Dothan, and wells like the pit Joseph was thrown into—have been discovered in Israel. These discoveries help confirm that the Bible is true!

HomeWord *For Parents*

Jacob gave his favorite son Joseph a robe of many colors—an event that provoked his brothers to envy and hatred (Genesis 37:3). Joseph's description of his dreams further enraged his brothers. They were more than ready to take advantage of the opportunity to be rid of him when he joined them on the plains of Dothan. There they seized him and flung him into a pit (Genesis 37:22). This, of course, was all according to God's perfect plan and timing. A caravan of traders came by at this point, and Joseph was sold to them as a slave and taken to Egypt (Genesis 37:27–28). God was moving men to accomplish his great purpose.

While we understand and accept the Bible as true history, inspired and preserved by God, it is helpful to know that there are archaeological evidences that confirm it. The city of Dothan is identified with modern Tel Dothan in Israel. It lies along the ancient trading route called the Via Maris. This is probably the route the Midianite traders were taking when Joseph's brothers encountered them. This important route led from Damascus in the north, across the Jordan River, and then along the sea-coast to Egypt—where Joseph would be enslaved according to God's plan.

