



# The Beginning of God's Story

## Joseph Sold into Slavery

# Hear it: Genesis 37:18-28

**18** Joseph's brothers saw him coming from far away. Before he reached them, they made a plan to kill him. **19** They said to each other, "Here comes that dreamer. **20** Let's kill him and throw his body into one of the wells. We can tell our father that a wild animal killed him. Then we will see what will become of his dreams." **21** But Reuben heard their plan and saved Joseph. He said, "Let's not kill him. **22** Don't spill any blood. Throw him into this well here in the desert. But don't hurt him!" Reuben planned to save Joseph later and send him back to his father. **23** So when Joseph came to his brothers, they pulled off his robe with long sleeves. **24** Then they threw him into the well. It was empty. There was no water in it.

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**25** While Joseph was in the well, the brothers sat down to eat. When they looked up, they saw a group of Ishmaelites. They were traveling from Gilead to Egypt. Their camels were carrying spices, balm and myrrh. **26** Then Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and hide his death? **27** Let's sell him to these Ishmaelites. Then we will not be guilty of killing our own brother. After all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." And the other brothers agreed. **28** So when the Midianite traders came by, the brothers took Joseph out of the well. They sold him to the Ishmaelites for eight ounces of silver. And the Ishmaelites took him to Egypt.



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- One day, when all of Joseph's brothers were out watching sheep, Joseph went to visit them.
- Because they hated him, they made a plan to kill him.
- His brother, Reuben, didn't want to kill him and so they took Joseph and threw him in an empty well.
- While the brothers were eating, they noticed that some traders were coming near them. Judah, one of the other brothers, hatched a wicked plan. He decided that they could make some money off Joseph by selling him into slavery.
- Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, and Joseph was carried off into the land of Egypt where he was sold to an Egyptian official.

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- *GENESIS 37:23*

# Reflection Questions

- **What did Joseph's brothers do when Joseph met them?**  
They took his coat and threw him into a well.
- **What was Judah's idea?**  
He decided to make some money off Joseph and sell him into slavery.
- **Where did the Slavers take Joseph?**  
Egypt.

**Challenge Question:** How will you treat others well this week?