

Early Foundations Curriculum

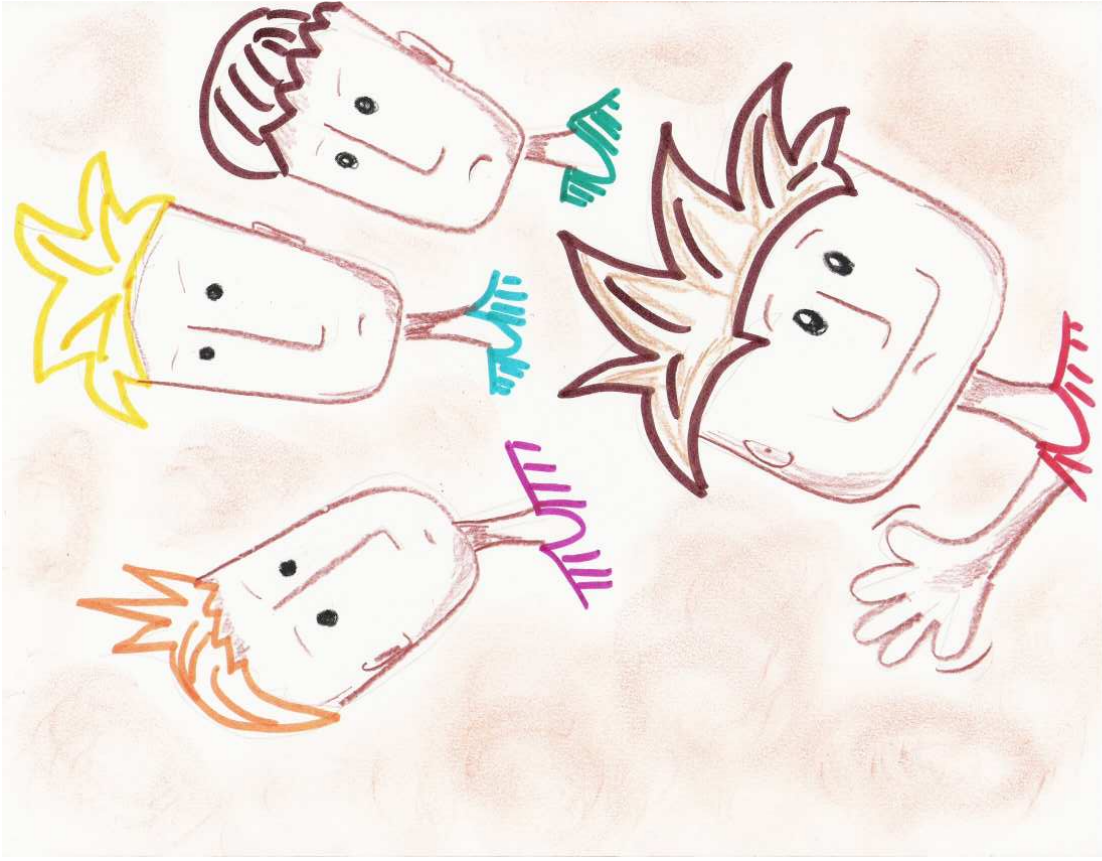
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Joseph Forgives



Verse For Sin and Forgiveness Month

For all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of
God.

Romans 3:23

Parent/child weekly study

How did Joseph feel when his brothers sent him away?

When have you been sad?

Joseph forgave his brothers. What is forgiveness?

When has someone sinned against you? What does that look like?

Can you forgive that person? What does forgiveness look like?

Joseph was a young boy who lived a long time ago.

He had many brothers.

One day his brothers decided to do a very bad thing: they decided to send Joseph away.

This was a sin.

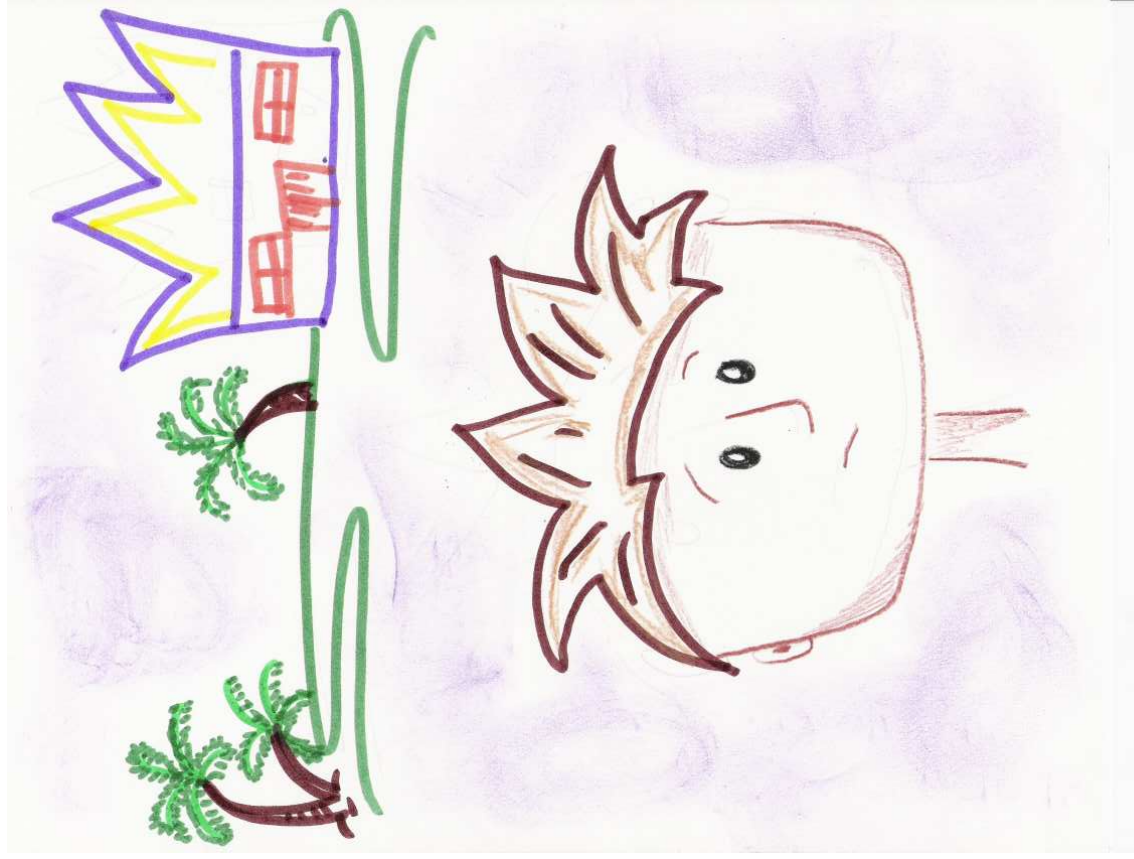
Now, Joseph remembered that his brothers had sent him away.

He remembered how sad he was. But Joseph also knew that he needed to forgive his brothers.

So, when they needed food, Joseph gave it to them.

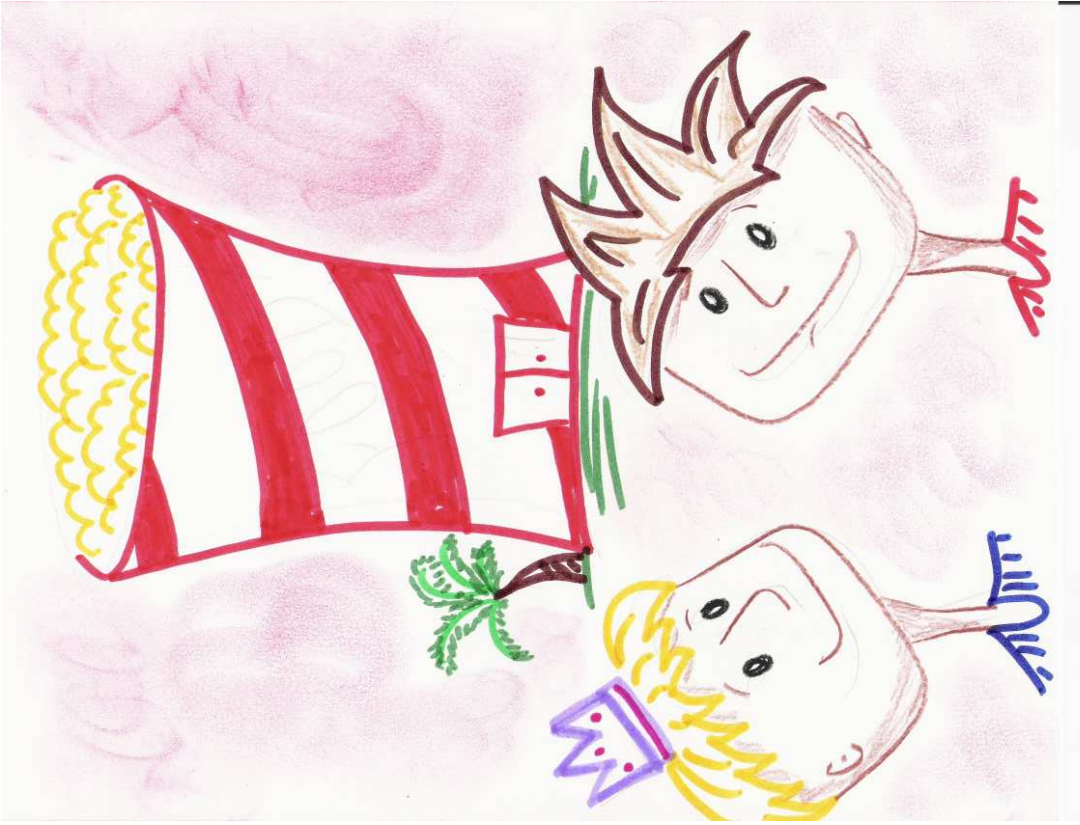
Sometimes it is hard to forgive others when they hurt our feelings or take our toys, but God tells us that we must forgive those who sin against us.

Just like Joseph forgave his brothers, we must forgive others too.





Joseph was very sad when they sent him away to a new home in Egypt, but in his new home he worked very hard as a slave for the king.



Joseph's brothers needed food too.

They didn't know that Joseph was in charge of all of the food, so, they were surprised when they went to Egypt and Joseph was there.



Over time the King began to trust Joseph.

Joseph became his friend and helper.

Finally one day the King decided to put Joseph in charge of all the food of Egypt.



Then a very bad thing happened: it didn't rain for a long, long time.

This is called a drought, and all of the food went away.

People were very hungry and so they traveled many miles to Egypt to get food from Joseph.