

Today we're thinking about why the Lord causes his people to

suffer.

Firstly, we're going to see that it's ok to

ask the Lord 'Why?'

when we suffer.

But there is a right way and

a wrong way to ask that question and we might not get a clear answer to our own particular suffering.

But God does kindly give us three general reasons or answers in the bible to the question 'Why?'

1. Suffering grows our faith.

It is like when gold is dug out of the ground

and put in a fire to get rid of

the stuff that isn't gold.

Suffering helps to get rid of the stuff in our lives that makes us

trust ourselves not God.

2. Sufferings builds

character

This is about suffering helping us to be

more like Christ

and being able to help others, Joseph is a good example.

3. Suffering drives us

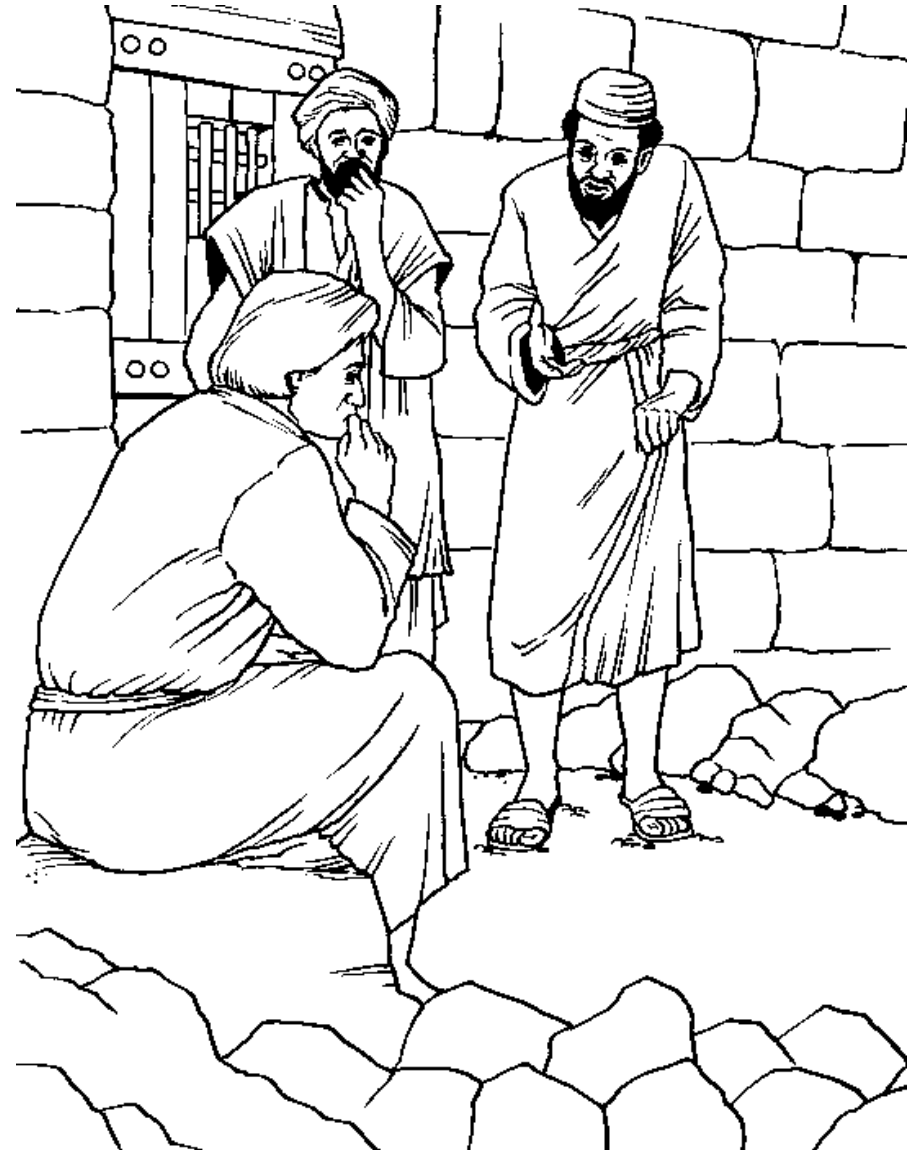
to God.

It teaches us that knowing God is

best of all. One day in the

new creation we will know this for certain.

Colour the picture of Joseph in prison and remember what we heard about God working through his suffering to change Joseph so he was able to be useful for God. Ask God to help you to keep going through hard times and be useful for God.



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