

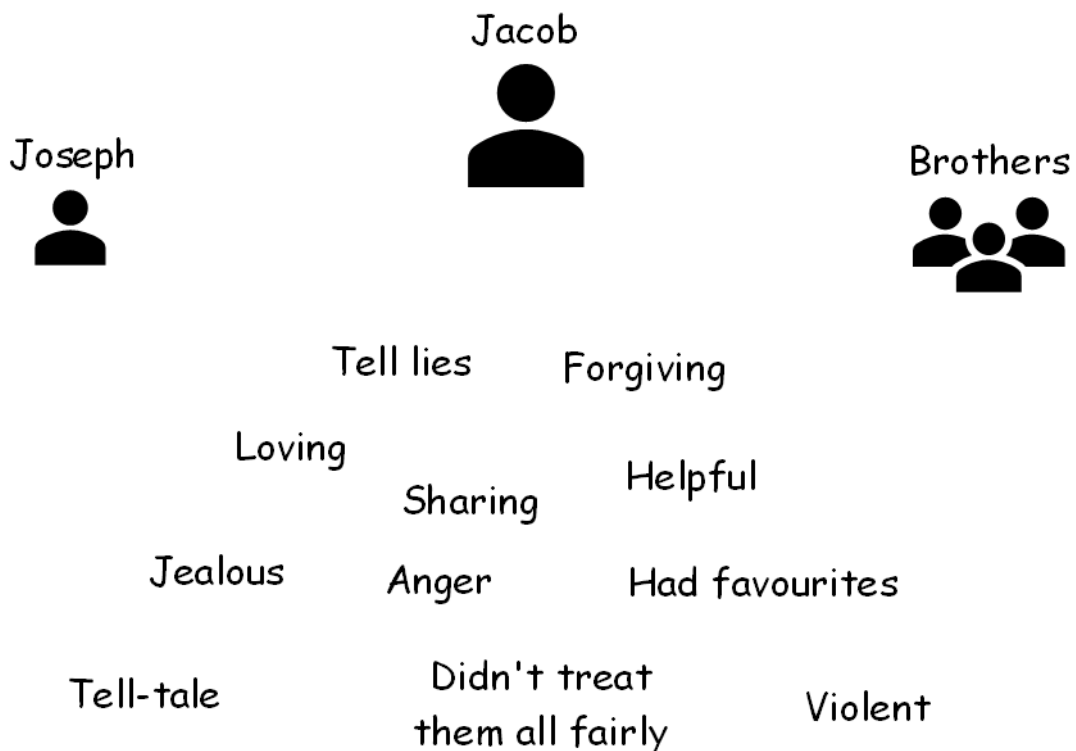
Listen carefully to the Bible reading from Genesis chapter 37.

You may have heard this true story before. But what is this story really all about? There are three important things about this story that we will see today.

1

A story of God's sinful people

Listen carefully to the reading then join the words to the people they describe in this part of the story. (But look out - some of the words may not be correct for anyone!)



Wow! This wasn't a happy family was it?

Jacob's family was a _____
(esms)

BUT they were still _____
(d'sGo) (oeeppl)

Is that strange? Well not really.

Does God choose people who are
really really good to be his people? Yes / No

Or does God choose sinful people
to be his people? Yes / No

Only God is good.

But he knows how to change people's hearts!

2

A story of God's sovereignty

Sovereignty is a big word! It means God is in _____
(oolntrc)

The story of Joseph sounds like a bit of a disaster.

But the book of Genesis tells us that behind all the mess,

God is working his plan!

Over the page is the verse Genesis 50v20. Can you find it in your Bible to check we have got it correct?

What colours would be best for the three large words?
Colour them in.

"You meant **evil** against me,

but **God** meant it for **good**"

Genesis 50v20

This tells us that when bad things happen, God can use them for good!

Put a tick beside the parts of the story below that God could use for good:

Jacob loving Joseph the most

Joseph being sold as a slave

Joseph's dreams

Joseph going to Egypt

Can you think of difficult or bad things that are happening in our world today?

What does the story of Joseph tell us about these bad things and our wonderful God?

3

A story of God's salvation

Actually, God is an **expert** in using bad things for good.

He even used the **worst** thing that has ever happened
for the **best** thing that has ever happened!

Can you think of what that was? _____

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

best

Joseph

awful

rose

Jesus

The story of _____ is so brilliant because it points us
to the _____ thing that ever happened. For _____
to die on a cross is an _____ thing. But God used it for
good because he died to take the punishment for the wrong
we have done and he _____ again to be our Lord forever!

PRAY: Praise God for being so amazing:

He can use bad things for good!