

# Joseph and His Brothers

## **Cast**

Joseph	Merchant
First Brother	Jacob
Second Brother	Benjamin
Reuben	Narrator
Judah	

## **Props**

Coat  
Cup  
Crown

## **Scene 1 – The grazing lands Near Dothan**

Narrator: Joseph has come to see his older brothers. They are jealous of him.

First Brother: Now is our chance. Let's kill Joseph. Just look at that beautiful coat Dad gave him.

Second Brother: Yes, we can tell Dad that an animal killed him.

Reuben: No, let's not take his life. Let's just put him in this pit and leave him.

Narrator: Reuben was planning to come back later to get Joseph out and send him home.

(The brothers take Joseph's beautiful coat and throw him in the pit. Joseph struggles and calls to the other brothers while they eat.)

Reuben: I'm going to see about the sheep.

(A group of traders comes by.)

Judah: What do we gain by killing our brother or letting him die in the pit? Let's sell him!

(The other brothers nod and agree. They lift Joseph out of the pit and take him to the passing traders.)

Judah: What will you pay us for this seventeen-year-old boy? We'll sell him to you as a slave.

Merchant: We'll give you twenty pieces of silver for him.

(The brothers accept the offer. They take the coins and watch as the merchants lead Joseph away. The caravan disappears in the direction of Egypt.)

## **Scene 2 – The brothers' home, years later**

Narrator: There is famine where the brothers live, but there is plenty of grain for sale in Egypt. The brothers have already made one trip to Egypt to buy grain. Unknown to

them Joseph has become prime minister in Egypt. He recognized them when they bought grain. To test them, he accused them of being spies and kept one brother as hostage. He also told them to bring the youngest brother, Benjamin, if they come again.

Jacob: We need more food. Go to Egypt and buy grain again.

Judah: The man in charge said we would not even get to see him unless we brought Benjamin with us.

Jacob: You dummy!! Why did you tell him you had a little brother at home?

First Brother: The man kept asking us questions. He even asked about you, for some reason.

Judah: (Trying to make his Father feel better.) We must have food. We're all starving. Let little Benjamin go with me. If anything happens to him, I'll take the blame.

(The brothers leave for Egypt, taking young Benjamin. Judah stays close to Benjamin.)

### **Scene 3 – Joseph's house in Egypt**

Narrator: Joseph has tested his brothers again to see if they have changed. He has made it seem that Benjamin stole a silver cup.

Joseph: (Speaking sternly to his brothers as they bow low before him, very distressed) What is this terrible thing that you have done? You have stolen my beautiful cup!!

Judah: What can we say? How can we clear ourselves? God knows what a terrible thing we did in the past!! Now all of us are your slaves, including young Benjamin.

Joseph: Oh, I wouldn't do that. Just Benjamin has to stay. The rest of you can go home.

Judah: Sir, let me speak for myself here. You asked about our Father. We told you that he is old and that he has already lost one dearly loved son and can't bear to lose Benjamin also. He would die of sorrow if we returned without our youngest brother. I promised my Father that I would be responsible for Benjamin. I cannot cause any more sorrow for my Father. Let me take Benjamin's place. I will be your slave. Let Benjamin go home.

Joseph: (Almost weeping for joy as he sends all the servants away and is alone with his brothers). I am your brother Joseph. Don't be worried any more. Everything will be all right now. God sent me to Egypt so that I could help you now. And now all of you, with our Father, can come to Egypt. I'll take care of you. We'll all be together again!