

After he had fed his eleven brothers, Joseph commanded that their sacks be filled with grain, as much as they could carry. He told his steward to return the brother's money to the mouths of their sacks again. He also told his steward to put his silver cup in the mouth of Benjamin's sack. The steward followed his master Joseph's command.

At first light Joseph's brothers were sent on their way. When they had gone out of the city, but were not yet far off, Joseph sent his steward after them with the instructions to catch them and say, "Why have you returned evil for the good that was done to you? You have stolen my lord's cup which he uses to drink and divine with. You have done evil!"

The steward soon caught up with the brothers. He accused them as he had been instructed by Joseph.

The brothers were astonished, and said, "Why do you accuse us of this wickedness? God forbid that we should do such a thing! Look, the money that we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought back from the land of Canaan. Why would we steal the lord's silver or gold? With whoever of us the cup be found, let him die, and we will be the lord's slaves."

The steward answered, "According to your words, with him who the cup is found, he will be my servant, but the rest of you are blameless."

The brothers quickly took down every man his sack to the ground, and every man opened his sack. The steward searched each sack beginning with the sack of the oldest brother, and going on down the line to the sack of Benjamin. It was in Benjamin's sack that they found the cup just as Joseph had planned it.

Then all the brothers tore their clothes. They loaded their sacks back on the donkeys and returned to the city. Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and fell before him on the ground.

Joseph said to them, "What have you done? Did you not know that a man such as I would certainly have found you out?"

Judah answered, "What can we say to my lord? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the sin of our hearts, and now we are your servants, every one of us."

Joseph answered, "God forbid that I would make you all my slaves, only the one who had my cup will be my slave. The rest of you may leave in peace."

Then Judah came near to Joseph and said, "Oh my lord, let your servant speak please. Let not your anger burn against me, for you are next to Pharaoh in power. You asked us if we had a father, or brother, and we told you that our father is now an old man. We told you that he had child of his old age, whose brother and mother were both dead and that our father loves him. You told us to bring this brother to you so that you could see him. But we told you that the lad could not leave his father. For without him our father would surely die. Yet you insisted that we bring him or we could not get any more food. So we were forced to bring our young brother to you. If we return to our father without him, our father will die in sorrow. Please take me for your slave in the place of

my brother, and allow him to go home to our father. I can not go home and tell my father that his youngest son is left a slave in Egypt!"

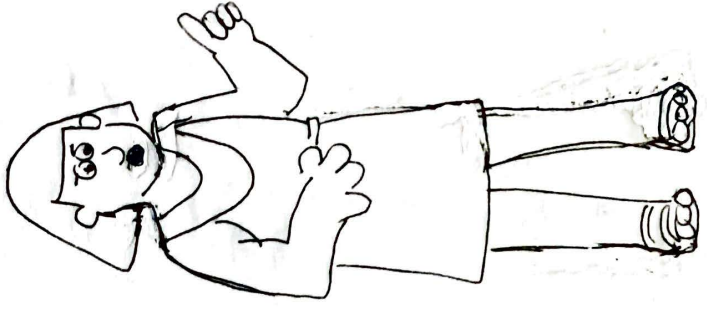
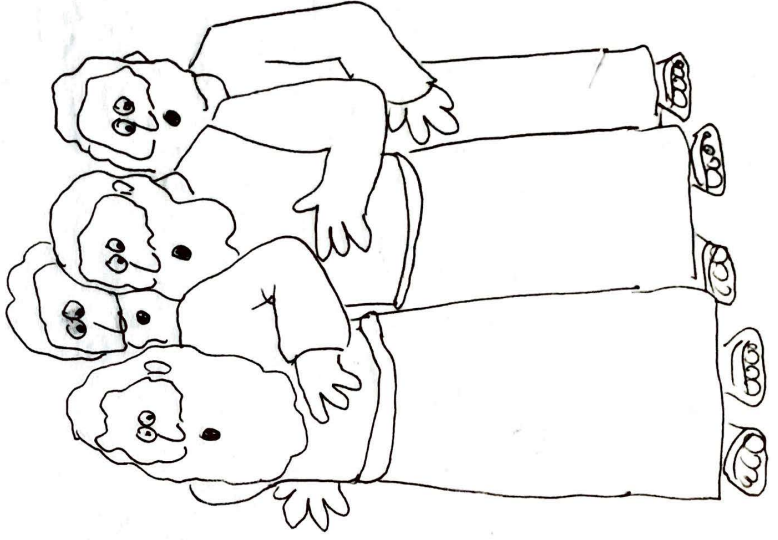
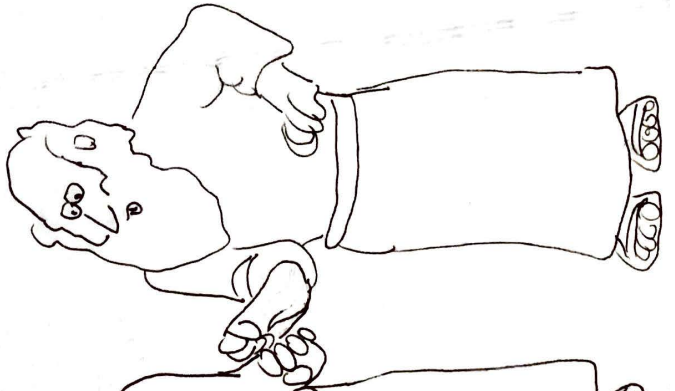
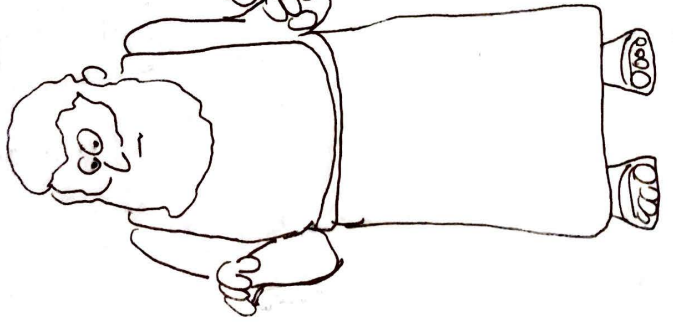
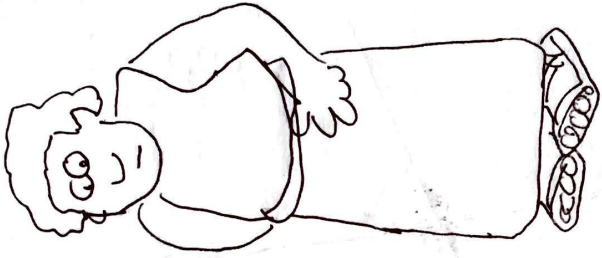
What a wonderful change God had made in the hearts of Jacob's sons. They, who had at one time been so jealous of their brother, that they were willing to sell him into slavery and then deceive their own father into believing him dead, had been changed. Now each one of them returned to face the punishment that might await Benjamin. Judah was even willing to become a slave in the place of his brother. Only God can change a man in this way. How Joseph must have rejoiced to see the miracle that God had worked in the lives of his brothers.

There is no heart so hard that God can't change it! When you pray for others remember, that with God nothing is impossible!

LEARN: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

1. Color Benjamin, the brother & the steward,
2. Cut them out.
3. Make a grain sack with a silver cup inside.
4. Paste the figures on construction paper to show story.



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II Corinthians 5:17



