

Script – Joseph Is Sold By His Brothers

Jacob: Joseph!

Joseph: Yes father?

Jacob: Your bothers have been away with the sheep for some time. I want you to go and see how they are.

Joseph: [smiling] All right. I'll leave right away.

Narrator: Early the next morning, Joseph tied food, a sleeping mat and a jug of water on his donkey.

Jacob: Be careful son.

Joseph: I will.

Narrator: Joseph started on his long trip to find his brothers. About three days later, Joseph came near to the city of Dothan. He saw the huge flocks on the hills.

Joseph: [to himself] Those are my father's sheep. [smiling] My brothers will be surprised to see me.

Brother 1: [with disdain] Look! [pointing] Isn't that Joseph the dreamer?

Brother 2: [angry] That's him all right. I'd recognize that coat anywhere.

Brother 1: [scowling] Let's kill him. Then we'll know that his dreams about ruling over us will not come true.

Ruben: [with some concern] No, let's just put him in a pit. [to himself] I'll rescue him later and take him home.

Joseph: [smiling and happy] Hello brothers! I brought you some food.

Brother 2: [scowling] So the dreamer has come!

[The brothers grab Joseph]

Joseph: [scared] Why are you doing this to me?

Brother 1: [superior] We'll see if your fancy dreams will come true.

[The brothers take off Joseph's coat and put him into "the pit", a place on the floor, surrounded by chairs to make it look like a jail.]

Brother 2: [laughing] He'll never get out of there.

Narrator: The brothers unpacked the food that Joseph had brought from home and began to eat. Ruben left and went to look after the sheep.

Brother 1: This bread and cheese tastes good!

Narrator: The brothers laughed and joked as they ate.

Brother 2: [looking in the distance] Say, do you see what is coming? It looks like a caravan going south to Egypt.

Judah: [with an idea] They are probably carrying spices and slaves to sell in Egypt. I wonder if they would like to buy another slave?

[The brothers look at each other and shake their heads in agreement]

Brother 1: That dreamer should sell for a good price.

Narrator: Quickly the brothers hurried to the pit. Judah looked down at Joseph.

Judah: [kindly] If you promise to be a good boy, we promise to pull you out.

Joseph: [to himself] What will my brothers do to me now?

Judah: [to the caravan leader] This would make a fine slave! You will get a good price for him.

Caravan leader: [shrugging his shoulders] I will give you 20 pieces of silver for him.

Narrator: Judah took the money and handed over Joseph. The brothers watched as the caravan marched down the road.

Brother 2: [superior] So Joseph thinks he'll rule over us!

Brother 1: He'll work hard as a slave now.

Brother 2: [laughing] We got rid of him and made some money too!

[These brothers leave the area and Ruben returns]

Ruben: [looking down into the pit] Joseph?

Narrator: But Joseph was not there.

Ruben: He's gone! What could have happened to him?

Narrator: Ruben went to his brothers and they told him what they had done.

Judah: Now we must decide what to tell father.

Brother 1: Let's put blood on the coat and then when we show it to father and tell him that a wild animal has probably killed Joseph.

Narrator: The brothers all agreed.

The End