

THE STORY OF JOSEPH

The Great Family grew. Jacob, the son of Isaac, had twelve sons.

Jacob's favorite son was Joseph. To show his love, Jacob gave Joseph a long-sleeved coat of many colors. This made Joseph's brothers jealous and they hated him.

One night, Joseph had a dream. He and his brothers were working in a field gathering wheat. Suddenly, Joseph's bundle rose up and all of his brothers' bundles bowed down before him. Joseph told his brothers this dream and they hated him even more. They wondered whether Joseph would rule over them.

Joseph had another dream. In this dream, the sun, the moon and eleven stars bowed down before him. Joseph told his father and his brothers about this dream, and they became angry. It sounded like not only the brothers, but also Jacob and his wife would bow down before Joseph.

One day the brothers were far away in the fields with the flocks. Jacob sent Joseph to see how they were doing. Joseph went to them, and when his brothers saw him coming, they decided to kill him. But the oldest brother, Reuben, convinced them not to. Instead, they took his coat and put Joseph in a deep pit.

Soon, a caravan of traders came past. The brothers sold Joseph to the traders for twenty pieces of silver. They took Joseph's coat and dipped it in the blood of a goat and brought the coat to their father. They told Jacob that a wild beast had killed Joseph, and Jacob wept.

Joseph was taken across the desert to Egypt and sold as a slave. A captain of Pharaoh's army named Potiphar purchased him. Potiphar's wife had Joseph sent to jail, but Joseph remained close to God and God to him. Some of Pharaoh's servants were in jail with Joseph. They had dreams and Joseph told them what they meant.

I wonder what part of the story you like the best?

I wonder what part is most important?

To be continued...

The Lord be with you!

This Sunday is Pentecost Nineteen and the color is still green.

This week we are back to the desert and the people of God. We start the story of Joseph. Joseph is one of the great grandsons of Abraham, part of the Great Family. He was alone away from his family, but he was close to God and God was with him.

Have a good week. Be safe.

I miss you!