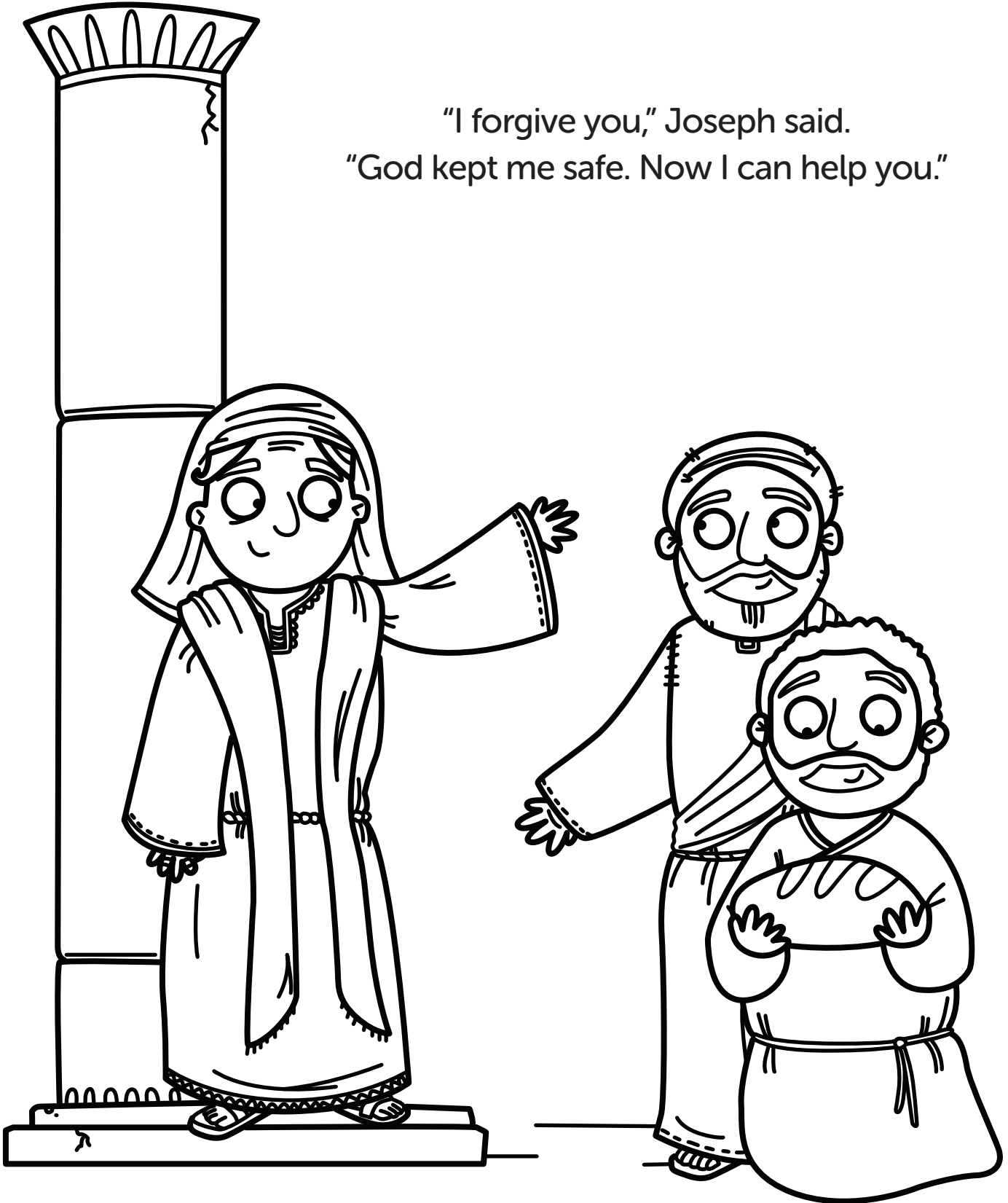


"I forgive you," Joseph said.  
"God kept me safe. Now I can help you."





## Mini Lesson: Old Testament

STORY: **Joseph and His Brothers**

THEME: **Families can forgive each other.**

### Read the Story

Sit in a low chair or on the floor with a Frolic First Bible. Ring a chime or use another sound to call children to story time. Gather them into a story-time circle.

**Do you ever want someone else's toy or snack?** Listen while children share. **Sometimes we want something someone else has. This feeling is called being jealous. Let's hear a story about Joseph, and his brothers who felt jealous.**

Hold up the Frolic First Bible and read the story from pages 8–9. Finish your storytelling with the statement at the end of the story: **Families can forgive each other.**

### More Story Fun

Hold up the Frolic First Bible for all children to see.

Point to Joseph's coat. **Joseph's coat has many colors. What colors do you see?** Help children name orange, red, green, purple, blue, and yellow. **After it rains, sometimes we see something in the sky that has lots of colors like Joseph's coat. What is it?** A rainbow. **What colors are in the rainbow?** Help children name the colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.

Point to the brothers who look angry. **The brothers were angry at Joseph. They were jealous of Joseph's coat. Show me your angry face.** Share angry faces with children.

Point to the happy brothers. **Joseph forgave his brothers for being angry and jealous. He shared his food with them. The brothers were happy. Show me your happy faces.** Share happy faces with children. Joseph forgave his family. **Families can forgive each other.**

### Prayer

Finish your time together with a prayer.

**Dear God,**  
**Thank you for helping Joseph forgive his brothers.**  
**Thank you for making us part of your family.**  
**Thank you that families can forgive each other.**  
**Amen.**

### Notes