

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### Joseph Helps His Family

from Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21.

#### God is always at work for good.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Joseph
- Brothers
- Famine
- Egypt

Joseph's story introduces one of the Bible's main themes—that God is working for good even in the midst of terrible things. This theme plays out many times in the biblical story.

### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 60-65

Spark NRSV Bible pages 51-52, 58

### Family Prayer

Open our eyes, O God, so that we might see your good work in all things. **AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 How can we help each other in our family?
- 2 Share a memory of a time when God made something good out of something bad in your lives.
- 3 When and why is it difficult to forgive another family member?
- 4 Tell stories of when you helped somebody who may not have deserved help. How did things work out? How did you feel about your role in it?



### Eye Spark

The next time you see something bad happen, look for where God is working for good.



### Ear Spark

Listen for the word "good" and whisper, "God is always working for good."

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Feed people like Joseph did. Contact your local food shelf or soup kitchen and see how they might be able to use your family in a volunteer capacity. Can you shop, stock shelves, serve food, or address envelopes?

### For younger kids

Feeding people is something we do every day. Help make a special lunch one day this week.

### For older kids

Use newspapers and online resources to find where famine is a problem today. What relief organizations are working in these areas? What are they doing to alleviate the problem?



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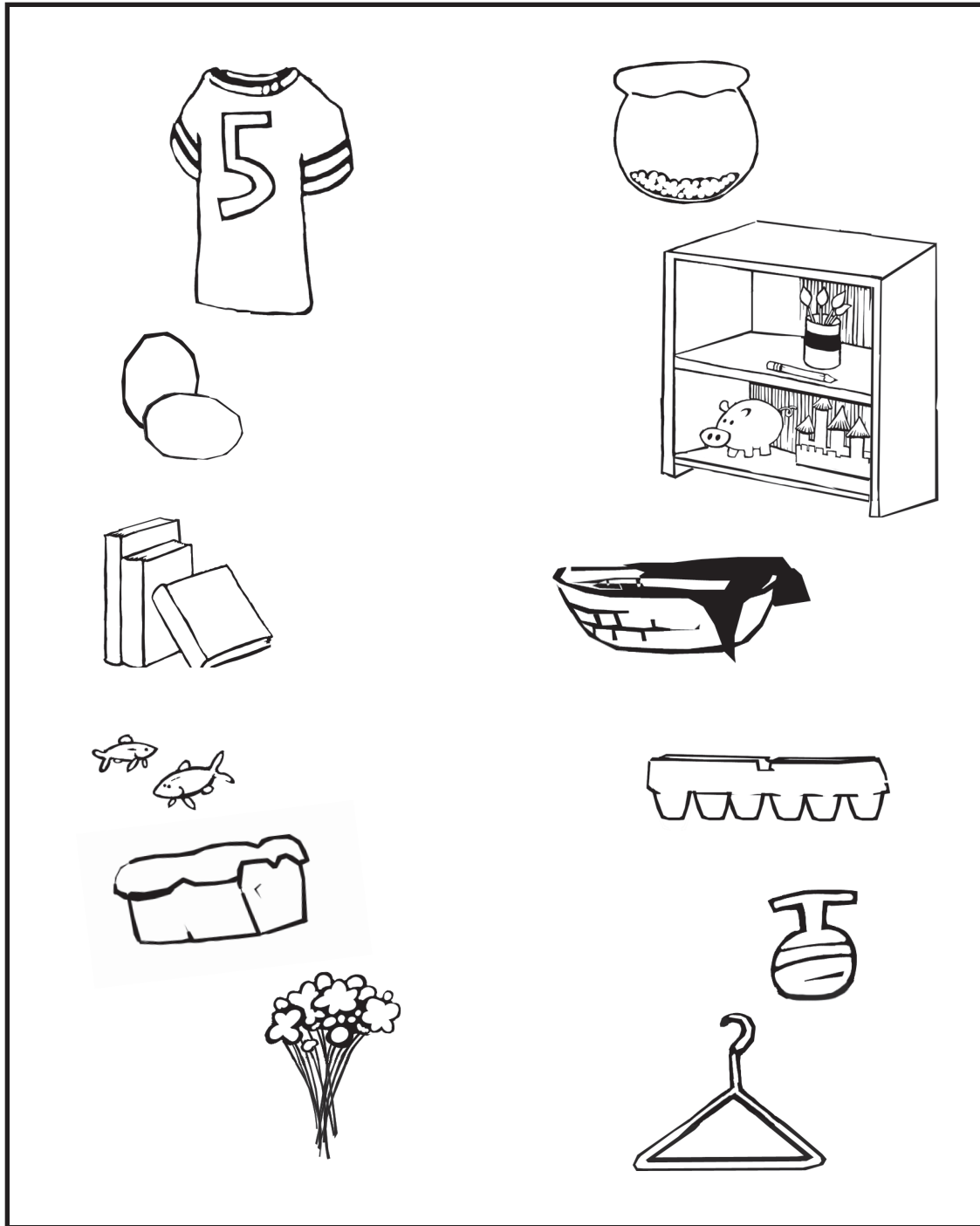
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“This is all I could ask for,” Joseph’s father said.

# Feast or Famine?

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# Feast or Famine? Solution Page

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