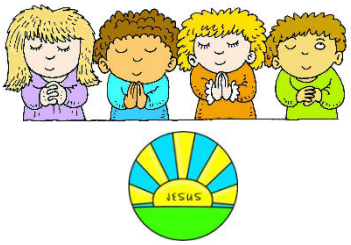


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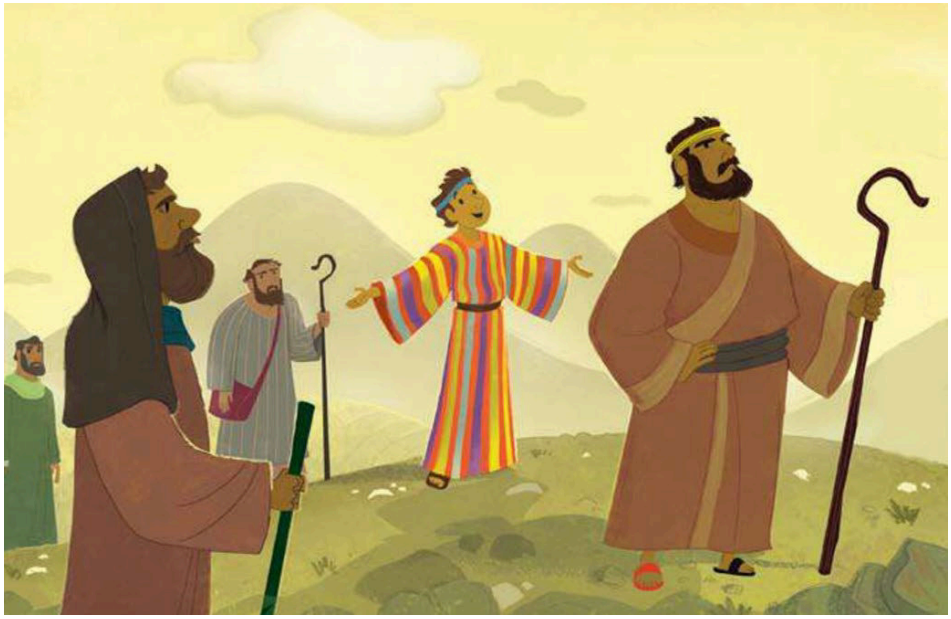


This month we think about Joseph in the Old Testament who suffered many things but kept on trusting and believing in God. God saw and heard what was happening to Joseph and helped and blessed him. Today, God sees the terrible things happening to children and youth around the world who are hurt because they love and follow Jesus. He helps and blesses them too.



Can you spot 16 differences in the two pictures below? They show Joseph wearing his coat of many colours with his brothers. Answers at the end. (No peeking!).







Dear God,

Thank You that you see and hear Your children and youth when they are beaten, bullied, made homeless, orphaned or even killed. Thank You that You are right beside them to strengthen and help them. Pour Your love and courage into their hearts and help them feel Your arms of love around them.



Dear Jesus,

Please bless Mum Rachelle and her five children in Burkina Faso. Their Dad was killed by violent men who do not want people to be Christians. Thank You that their Mum Rachelle has been given pigs to breed. The pigs bring in money so that she can buy food and what she needs to look after her children. Help the pigs breed well so they can get enough money to live and help others. Give Rachelle and her children Your great strength, hope and love. Hold them close as they miss their Dad and husband. Let them know he is with You in heaven and You are taking good care of him. Amen.



Crack the code to work out this month's Bible verse. You can read it afterwards in Isaiah 44:8. (a=1, b=2, c=3, etc.)

"9, 19 20, 8, 5, 18, 5 1, 14, 25 7, 15, 4 2, 5, 19, 9, 4, 5, 19

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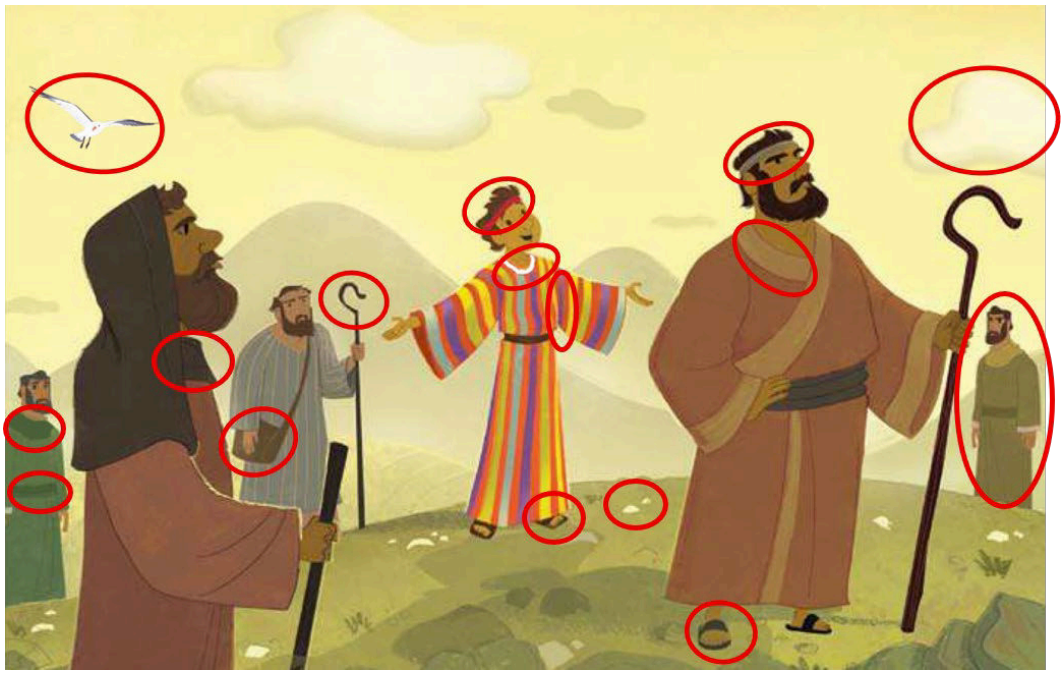
Dear Heavenly Father,

Be with your children and youth who are suffering because they believe in and love You. Help them remember that You are the only God. Nothing and nobody is more powerful than You! Speak to them in dreams, visions, words, pictures, songs and Bible verses. Let them know You are their rock. You are their strength and safe place. Give them Your courage and hope. Let them know they are precious to You and that You are always with them. Protect them by Your Almighty power. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Be very close to the children in Zanzibar, Tanzania, whose Dad is a pastor. He has to hold church meetings in secret as it is dangerous for them to worship Jesus together. There are people who want to hurt them and stop them from following Jesus. Give the children a real sense of who You are Jesus and how much You love them. Help them keep believing in You and not be too frightened to trust or follow You anymore. Show them that You are with them and make them strong and brave. Keep their Dad, family and all the church members safe. Fill them all with courage and joy through the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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