

CREATE

God was with Joseph and God is with us, too

Decorate a pillowcase as a reminder that God is with you through the night...and the day...in our beginnings and in our endings, and all the time in between.

You will need a plain, cotton pillowcase, fabric markers, newspaper, masking tape, clothes dryer, or iron and white paper.

Instructions

- Place a double sheet of newspaper inside the pillowcase (to prevent the drawing going through to the back).
- Smooth out the pillowcase and tape it to the table.

- Decorate the pillowcase with fabric markers.
- Write, or have a grownup help you to write "God is with me" on the pillowcase.
- Ask an adult to set the fabric markers in one of two ways:
 1. Place in a clothes dryer set on the hottest setting for 30 minutes.
 2. Cover an ironing board with newspaper and a layer of white paper/newspprint. Iron on the reverse side of the pillowcase. Use a back and forth motion for four minutes.
- Be sure to wash your pillowcase separately in cold water for the first three times to prevent markers from running.



Meet Joseph

Based on Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Jacob had many children. One child was Joseph. Jacob loved Joseph very much.

Joseph worked hard for the family. Joseph's brothers also worked. Sometimes Joseph helped the brothers – sometimes he didn't.

One day Jacob gave Joseph a special coat.

It was a beautiful coat with long sleeves. Joseph's brothers were angry. They wanted beautiful coats too.

Joseph had dreams from God. When Joseph told his brothers about the special dreams, the brothers got angrier.

Joseph liked to tell stories. Sometimes Joseph was a tattle-tale. This made his brothers even angrier.

One day Jacob sent Joseph to go and see his brothers. They saw Joseph coming. They thought about all the things that made them angry. The brothers took Joseph's beautiful coat away from him. Some travellers came along. The brothers had an idea. "Let's give Joseph away. These people will take him far, far away. We won't have to see him again."

So that's what the brothers did. Joseph went far away from his brothers. Joseph must have been very sad.

But God had a plan for Joseph. Joseph was far from home, but God was with him. And Joseph's brothers would see Joseph again.





Joseph's brothers thought their father loved Joseph more than he loved them. They felt hurt. They didn't think it was fair, so they blamed Joseph and treated him badly. Below are some pictures of people being treated fairly. What do you see in each picture? In the empty boxes, draw pictures of how you like to be treated in different situations.

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