



Session 6

**SKETCH JOURNAL
SAMPLE**

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WHAT IS A SKETCH JOURNAL?

Whether you like to draw or write (or both), we've created this Sketch Journal to help you *truly express yourself*. But how?

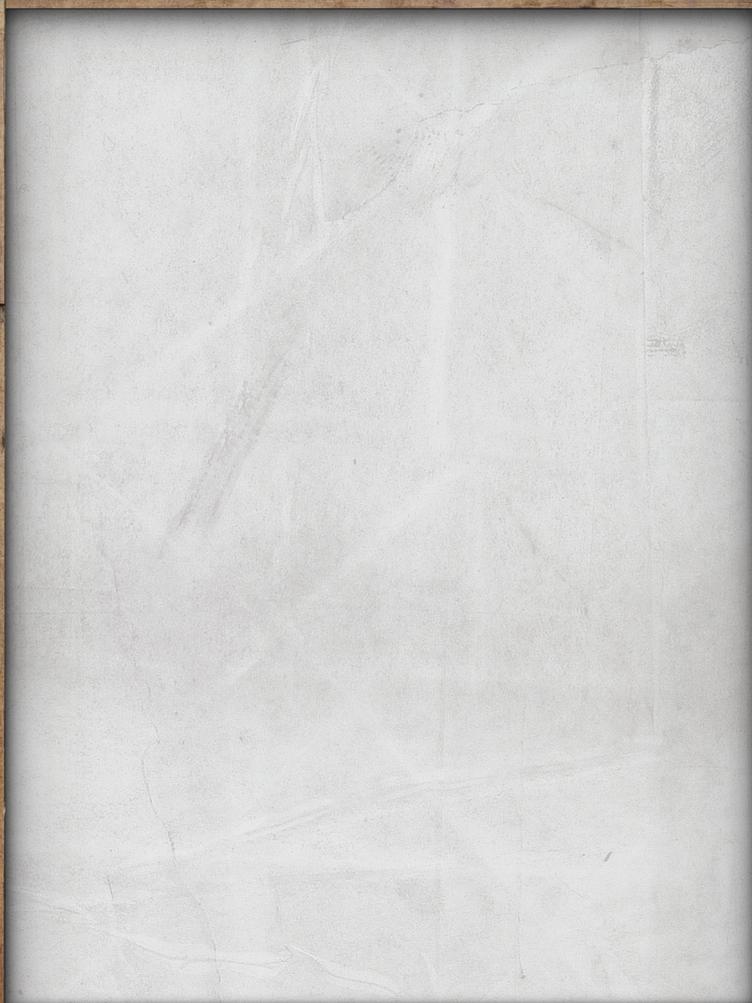
This Sketch Journal centers on YOUR OBSERVATIONS. This is no boring fill-in-the-blanks workbook! You won't be asked to find specific answers or to be a Bible expert. The Echo the Story sessions center on what YOU notice and wonder about. What you share, **even if it's something you think is simple**, is very important to your group's learning. You'll be amazed at how you'll connect ideas and discover meaning in what your group shares.

This Sketch Journal is designed to connect with the different ways YOU LEARN. Whether you're a visual learner who loves to draw, an audible learner who loves to hear a great story told, or an active learner who needs to get up and move around, you'll find all sorts of exercises and activities in this Sketch Journal that connect with the way you best share your thoughts and ideas.

ALWAYS BRING YOUR Sketch Journal!

You must bring your Sketch Journal EVERY time your group meets. During your Echo the Story sessions, this Sketch Journal will guide you through the process of learning and responding to the Bible stories (see the Echo the Story Overview for more details). If you take this home, don't forget to bring it the next time you meet!

SKETCH
YOUR VERSION
OF THE **JOSEPH** STORY
SYMBOL HERE





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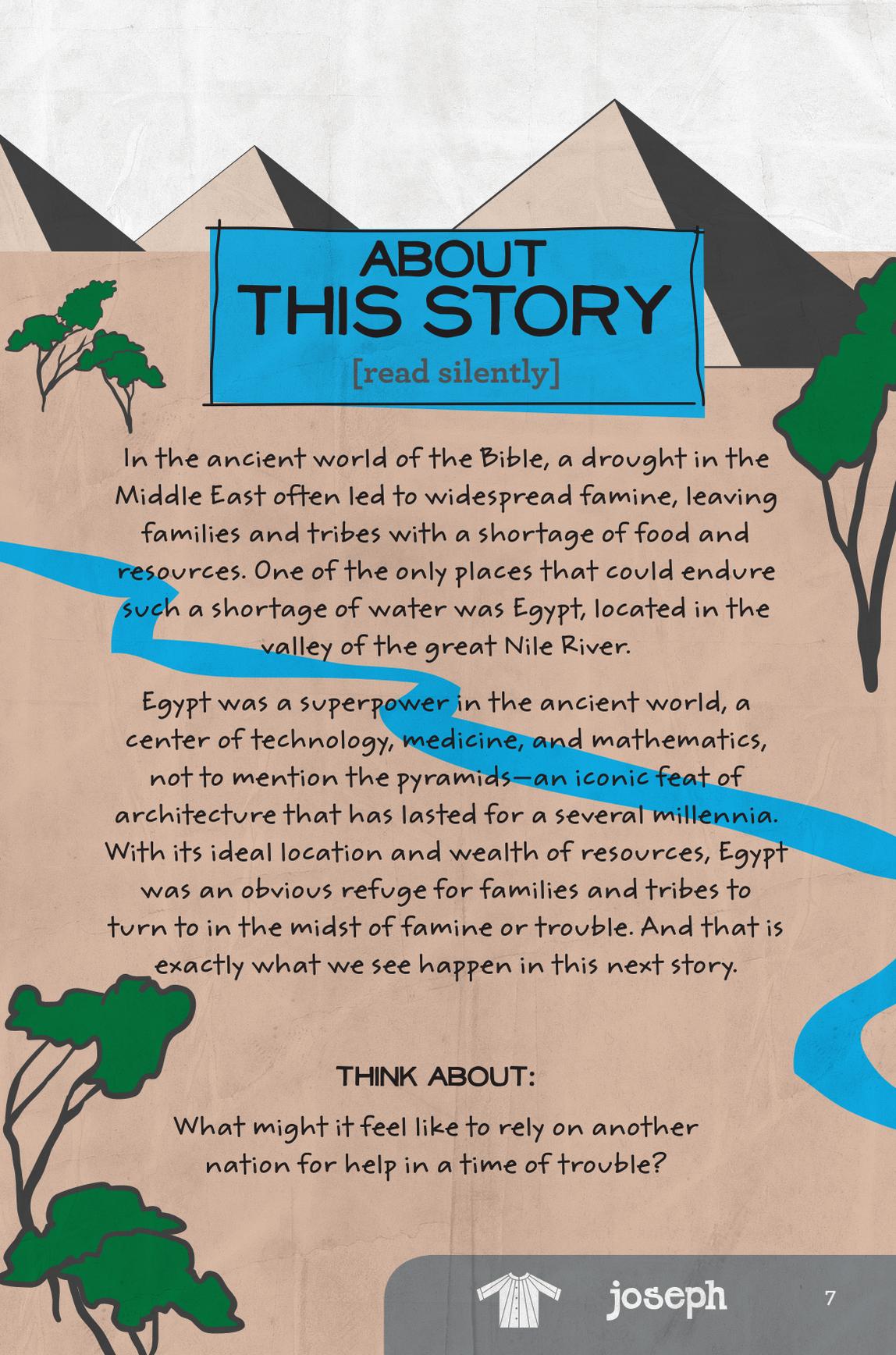
THE BIBLE IS LIKE... A DREAM

Dreams are the intersection of the actual and imagined. They are rooted in the world around us, but they take place in our subconscious minds. When we are awakened from a dream, sometimes we are left grasping for details and wondering what it might mean.

The Bible is a book that requires our imagination. It is like a dream whose details are sometimes fuzzy, inviting us to imagine its story—every sight, smell, and sensation.

The Bible gives us a glimpse of God's dream for the world... awakening us to a new reality, showing us how we might join with God in bringing hope and healing to the world.

In a minute, we will be invited to close our eyes and awaken to the dreams of God found in the Bible.



ABOUT THIS STORY

[read silently]

In the ancient world of the Bible, a drought in the Middle East often led to widespread famine, leaving families and tribes with a shortage of food and resources. One of the only places that could endure such a shortage of water was Egypt, located in the valley of the great Nile River.

Egypt was a superpower in the ancient world, a center of technology, medicine, and mathematics, not to mention the pyramids—an iconic feat of architecture that has lasted for a several millennia. With its ideal location and wealth of resources, Egypt was an obvious refuge for families and tribes to turn to in the midst of famine or trouble. And that is exactly what we see happen in this next story.

THINK ABOUT:

What might it feel like to rely on another nation for help in a time of trouble?



imagine
THE STORY

**LISTEN &
IMAGINE
THE STORY
RIGHT NOW**





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What stood out to you
from the story?

What did you see
or sense?

**SKETCH OR
WRITE HERE**

Draw a scene, make a list, write a prayer...
anything to capture what you NOTICE in the story.



From the next few pages, choose a REMIX activity—either **DRAWING** or creative **WRITING**—and start REMIXing!

DRAWING: MISSING PERSON

Imagine how Joseph's father felt when he was told his favorite son was missing.

Use your imagination and creativity and design a missing person poster. Be sure to include a picture and description of Joseph.

*For a twist, imagine you are Joseph's brothers creating the poster. What do you think they would put on the poster?

MISSING PERSON

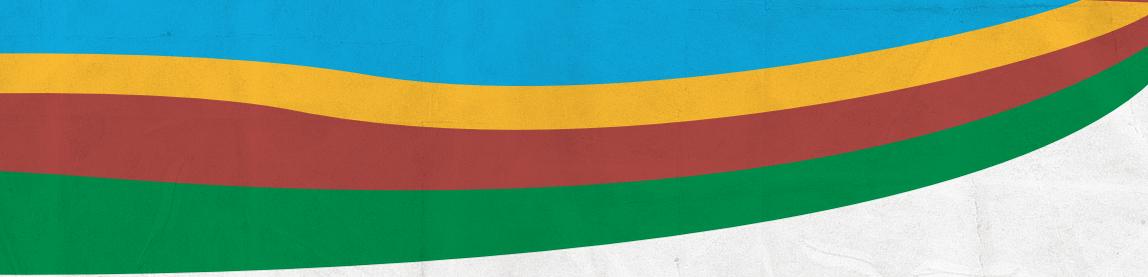


CREATIVE WRITING: SIX WORD STORY

- 1 Joseph's story is full of ups and downs. Review one part of this story from Genesis 45:1-5 below.
- 2 Try to capture the entire Joseph story using only SIX WORDS.

GENESIS 45:1-5

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life."



RAPID SHARE:

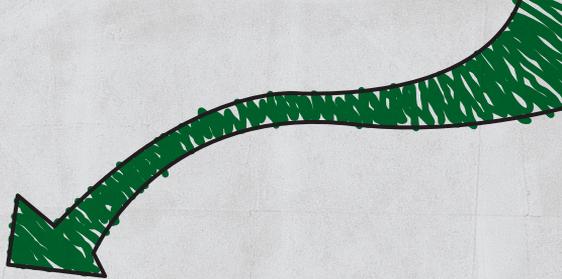
EVERYONE GETS TO
RAPID-SHARE HIS OR HER
CAPTURE OR REMIX IN
TWENTY SECONDS OR LESS!
READY, SET, REMIX

↙ Jot down stuff here
that OTHERS SHARE that
connects with you.

WRITE, THEN SHARE:

What do you think this story says about US?
... about YOU?





There is so much more to learn
about this story!

In the next WEEK, CHOOSE FROM ANY of the EXPLORE MORE
ACTIVITIES here to help you learn more & live out the story.

SHARE

Identify one part of Joseph's story that you connect with most. Write a Facebook post or Twitter update about it and share it with your family, friends, and youth leader.

READ

The story of Joseph found in the Bible is filled with many dreams. Joseph's dream about his brothers is described in Genesis 37:1-10. The dreams that Joseph heard from the other prisoners are described in Genesis 40. Pharaoh's dream is described in Genesis 41:1-40. Read these dreams closely and imaginatively, and write down your thoughts and questions in your Sketch Journal.

SEARCH

This story has been popularized by becoming a musical. Search for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" online and watch some videos, listen to some songs, and read about the on-stage version of this story.

How does it compare to the story from the Bible?

PRAY

One part of Joseph's story is about food: having too much of it and not having enough of it. There are countries around the world and families across our country (and even in your town) that don't have enough food. Say a prayer asking God to provide for the people in our world who do not have enough food to eat.

CONSIDER

At the end of Joseph's story, Joseph tells his brothers that what they intended for evil God has used for good. Some people interpret a story like this to mean that God caused the whole thing to happen, the bad and the good. Others interpret it to mean that God is capable of redeeming even the bad things that humans cause in the world. What do you think? *Do you think God causes bad things to happen for a purpose? Or do you think bad things just happen and sometimes God uses them for good?*

ACT

Joseph's family goes through many ups and downs, but in the end they are reunited. Rather than ending in anger and separation, their story ends in **forgiveness and grace**. Give each member of your family a hug and tell them how much they mean to you (even if it is awkward!). How can you extend grace to your family? Who might you need to forgive?



