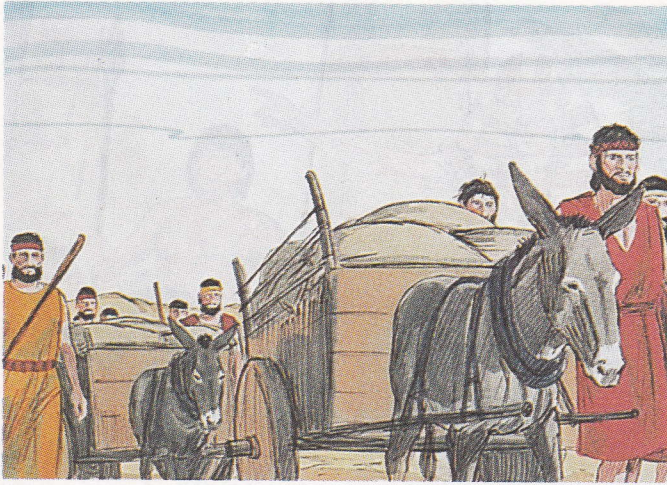
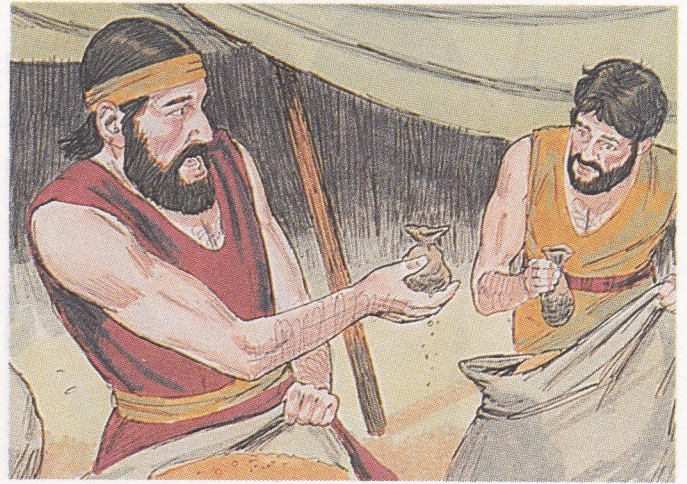


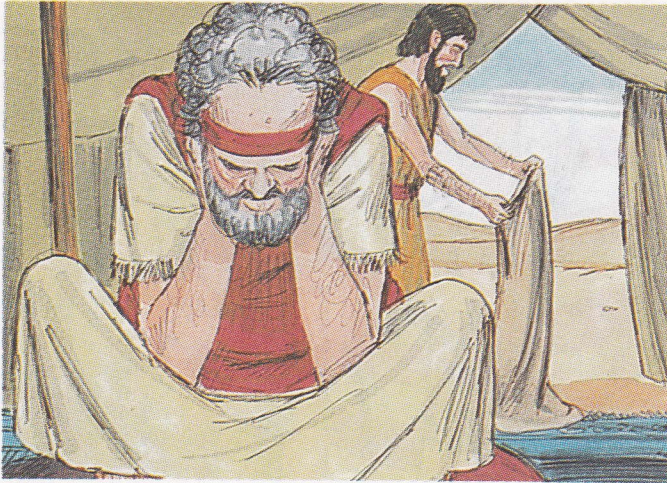
Trouble in Egypt



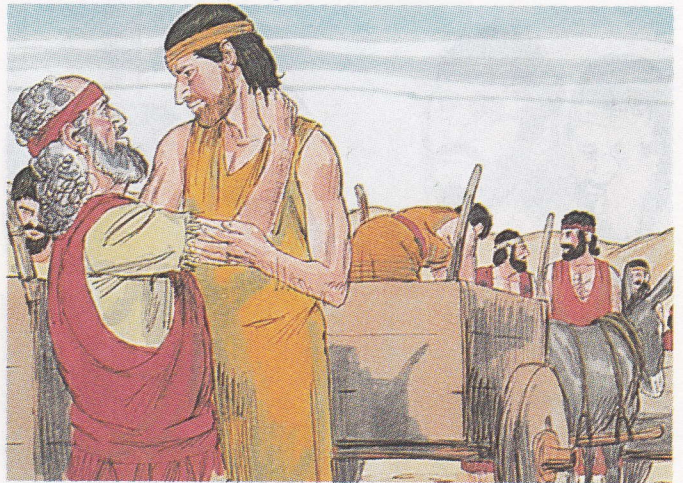
1 Joseph's brothers started home to Canaan with the grain they bought in Egypt. But when they stopped for the night, one of them discovered his money in the top of his sack. They were confused and afraid.



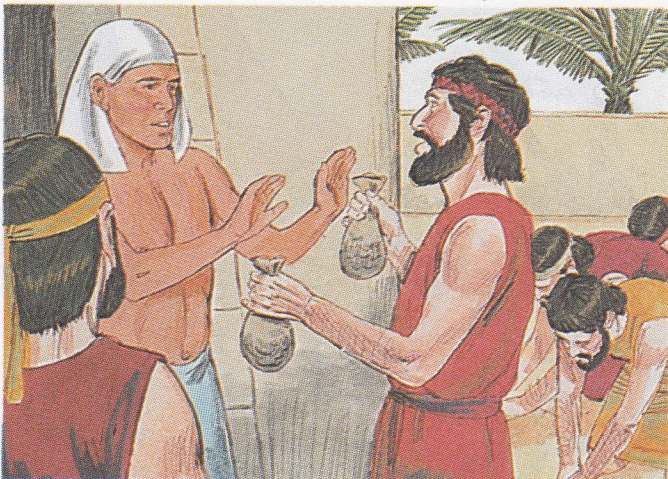
2 Back at home, they told their father Jacob about all that had happened to them. Then when they opened their sacks, every one of them found his money in his sack! This really frightened them.



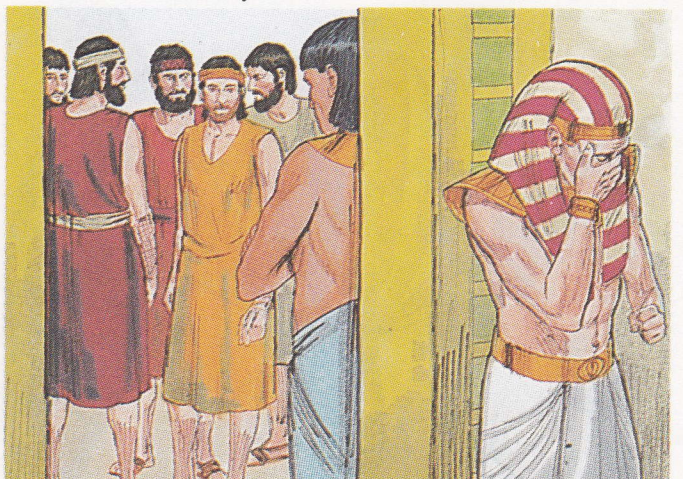
3 Jacob was very troubled. He had now lost two sons, and he didn't want anything to happen to Benjamin. But the famine in Canaan got worse and finally all the grain they had bought was used up.



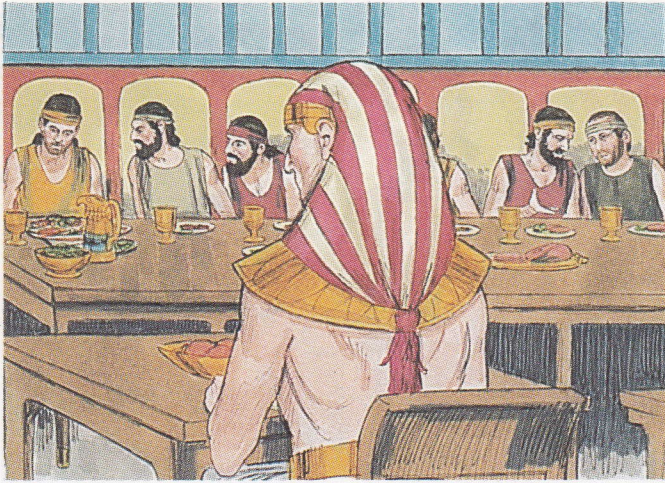
4 When Jacob told his sons to go back to Egypt and buy more food, they explained that they had to take Benjamin with them. Finally Jacob unhappily agreed for them to take Benjamin.



5 When the brothers got back to Egypt, they tried to return the money they had found in their sacks. But Joseph's servant refused, saying, "I have already been paid." Then he sent out their brother Simeon.



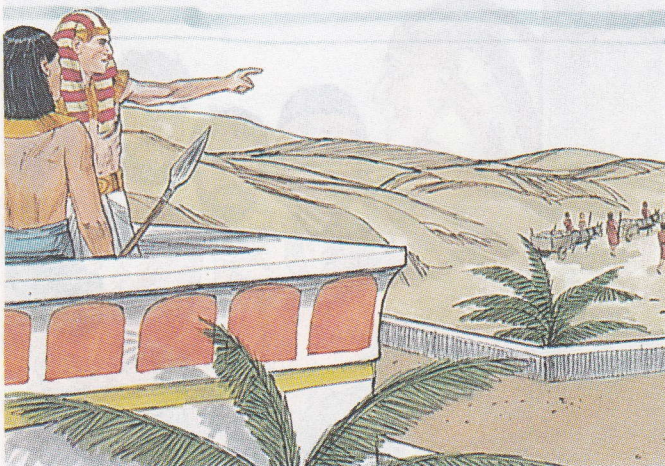
6 Joseph invited the brothers to eat dinner with him at noon. When he saw Benjamin, he was so happy he felt like crying. He went to another room until he was through crying.



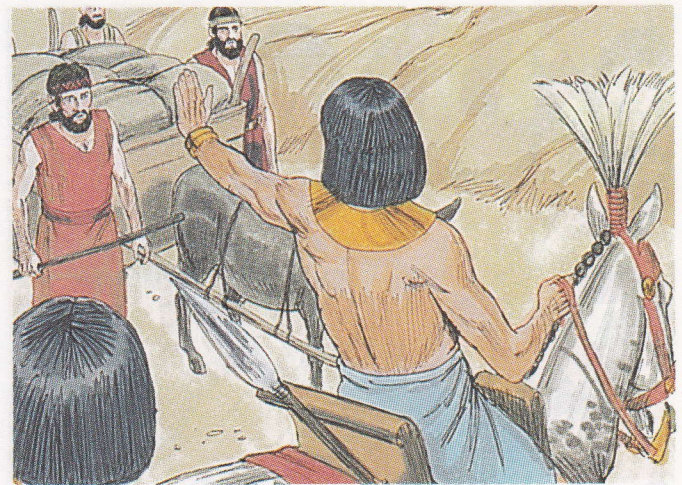
7 Then the feast was served. When the brothers saw they were seated in order of age from oldest to youngest, they were amazed. They were also surprised by the extra large servings of food given Benjamin.



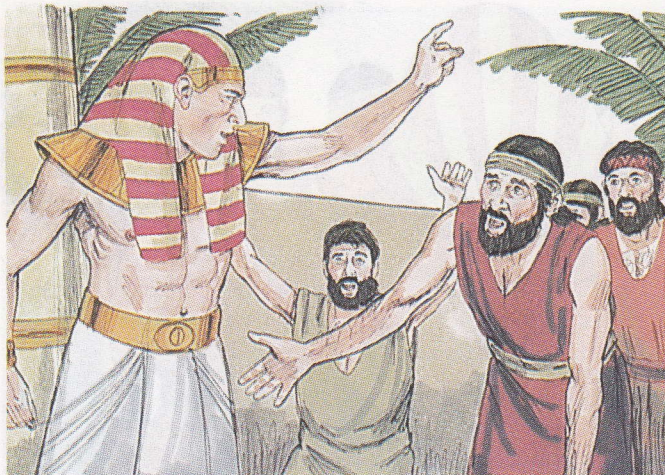
8 Joseph secretly told his servant to fill the brothers' sacks with grain and to put each man's money in the top of his sack. Joseph also told the servant to put his special silver cup in Benjamin's sack.



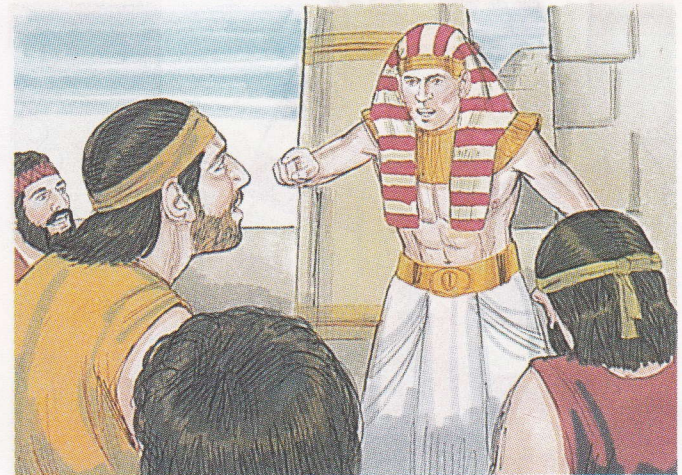
9 Early the next day the brothers started for home. Then Joseph ordered his servant to chase them and say, "Why have you stolen my master's silver cup? You've done a very wicked thing."



10 The brothers exclaimed, "We have stolen nothing!" They swore that if the cup were found with any one of them they would all be slaves. The servant searched and found the cup in Benjamin's sack!



11 The shocked brothers tore their clothes in sorrow and returned to Joseph, who said, "Didn't you know I would find out?" Judah asked, "How can we prove our innocence? Now we are all your slaves."



12 But Joseph said, "Only Benjamin, in whose sack the cup was found, will become a slave. The rest of you are free to go home." The brothers knew that they could not face their father without Benjamin.