

Dreams

Joseph

Lesson 1

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Lesson Text

Genesis 37

Scripture Memory Verse

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Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Dream Clouds

Welcome and Singing

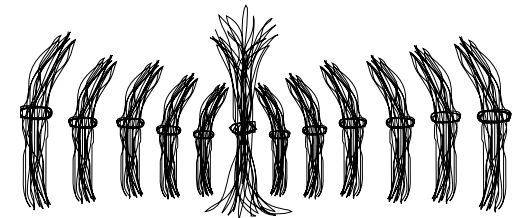
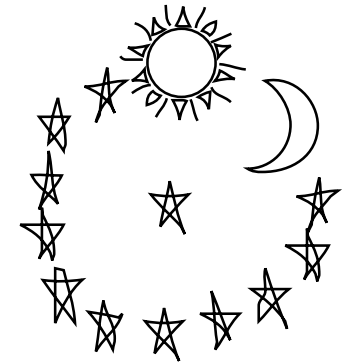
Centers:

Bible Story: Joseph's Family

Life Application: Colorful Quilt

Craft: The Beautiful Coat

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Dream Clouds

The children will create props for the Bible Story.

Materials

For each child:

- markers
- 10 cotton balls

For the teacher

- 2 large pieces of poster board
- scissors
- a black marker

Preparation

1. Draw a large cloud shape on each piece of poster board.
NOTE: Leave some space outside the cloud shape for the children to glue cotton balls.
2. On one cloud shape draw a picture similar to Figure A.
3. On the second cloud shape draw a picture similar to Figure B.

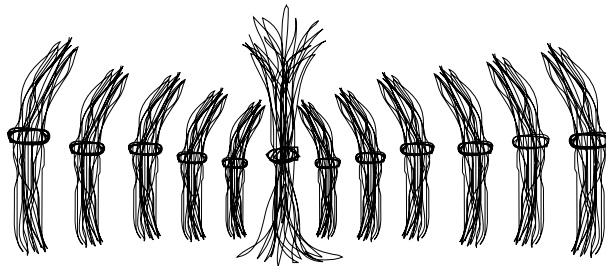


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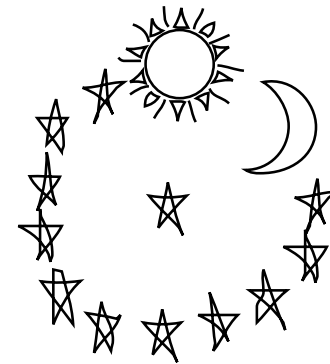


Figure B

Instructions

1. Explain to the children that they will be hearing about a young man who had dreams that he would be a great leader. Tell them that they will help to make the pictures of what the boy dreamt about.
2. Have the children glue cotton balls around the outsides of the cloud shapes.
3. Have the children carefully color in the pictures.
4. Give the finished dream clouds to the Bible Story teacher.

Conclusion

Talk to the children about dreams that they have had. Ask them what they want to be when they grow up.

Teacher Tips

- Because this is a prop that needs to be recognizable, it is recommended that you predetermine what colors the children should use.

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Joseph's Family

The children will hear the story of Joseph, his colorful coat and the dreams that he had for his life.

Lesson Text

Genesis 37

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- 1 piece of red construction paper
- felt board with black background
- dream clouds from the Preclass Activity
- tape
- scissors
- markers or crayons
- multi-colored sequins
- glue stick

Reproducible Pages

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. If you do not have a felt board, one can be easily made with a piece of cardboard and black felt. Cover the board with black felt, overlapping the material and stapling it on the back.
2. Cut out and color the felt board pictures from the copies of Reproducible Pages A and B.
3. Roll a piece of tape to place on the back of each felt board figure.
4. Cut out the coat stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
5. Trace and cut out a coat from red construction paper.
6. Glue sequins onto the coat.

Instructions

Hold up the Bible and ask the children: *Who knows what book this is? Yes, it is the Bible. Who gave us the Bible?* Open the Bible to Genesis 37 and explain to the children that you are going to tell them a story from the Bible about a boy named Joseph and his family.

Place Joseph on the felt board. *This is whom our story is about. Do you remember his name? Yes, it's Joseph.* Explain that God gave

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Joseph eleven brothers. Have a child place the picture of Joseph's brothers on the felt board. *Here is a picture of some of Joseph's brothers. What was the young boy's name? (Joseph) How many brothers did Joseph have? (eleven)*

God gave Joseph a father named Jacob. Have a child place Jacob on the felt board next to Joseph and his brothers. Review Joseph's family with the children. Remove all of the figures from the felt board.

One day, when Joseph was coming back from taking care of the sheep in the fields, he met his father. Place Jacob and Joseph on the felt board. *Jacob had made a present for Joseph. He had made him a beautiful coat of many different colors (Genesis 37:3).* Place the coat on the felt board.

Ask the children to tell the group about presents that they have received. *Sometimes people give us presents because they think we are special. Joseph was very special to God and to his father Jacob.*

Twice, when Joseph was sleeping he had important dreams. Show the children the first dream cloud. *In the first dream, he and his brothers were collecting grain in the fields and all of a sudden their sheaves of grain gathered around his sheave and bowed down to it.* Explain to the children that sheaves are long pieces of grain (Genesis 37:7). *Later Joseph had a second dream.* Show the children the second dream cloud. *He dreamt that the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to him (Genesis 37:9).*

Well, Joseph's brothers did not like hearing about these dreams at all. The dreams meant that Joseph thought that he was more important than his brothers.

NOTE: Save the felt board figures for the Unit 16 Lesson 2, Bible Story.

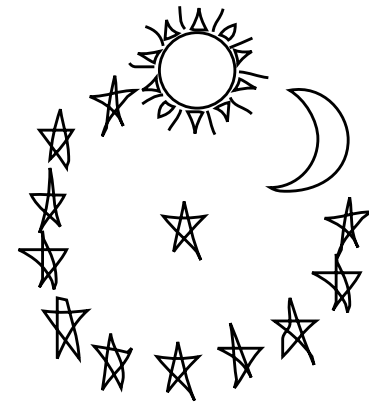
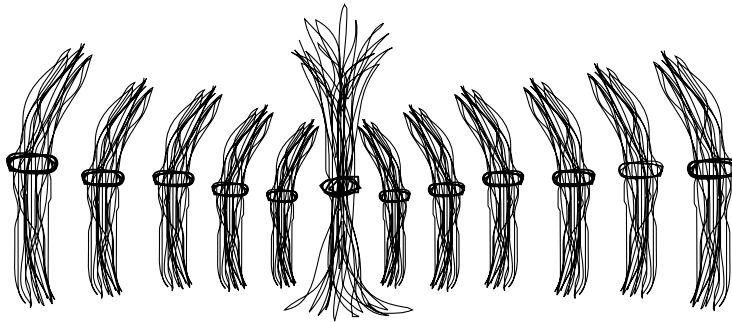
Conclusion

It is important for us to dream and think of the great things that we want to do for God. It probably wasn't a good idea that Joseph told his brothers that he was going to be greater than them, that wasn't very humble. But it was very good for Joseph to dream about being powerful for God.

What kinds of dreams do you have for yourself for when you grow up? What do you want to be when you grow up? Who has great dreams for you? (God)



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Colorful Quilt

The children will create a banner to remind them of the story of Joseph.

Scripture Memory Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Proverbs 3:5

Materials

For each child:

- 1 square of white cotton cloth, 9" x 9"

For the teacher:

- 2 squares of white cotton cloth, 9" x 9"
- scissors
- black marker
- fabric paint (in small bottles)
- a colorful quilt or scarf

Preparation

1. Cut one 9" x 9" square of cloth for each child and two squares for yourself so that you can start the quilt.
2. Write "Joseph had a colorful coat." on one square.
3. Decorate another square following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Explain to the children that they are going to learn about a boy named Joseph whose father, Jacob, gave him a very colorful coat. *Joseph's coat was filled with many colors just like this quilt.* Have the children name some of the colors they see in the quilt. *We are going to make a quilt full of beautiful colors to remind us of Joseph's coat.*
2. Show the children the decorated squares and explain to them that this is what you imagined Joseph's coat might have looked like.
3. Place all of the paint bottles in the center of the group. Give each child a square and instruct the children to make a picture of what they think Joseph's coat looked like.
4. Write each child's name on their square.

Conclusion

As the children work ask them to share about dreams that they have had. *Have you ever dreamt that you went to the moon? How about dreaming of being a king or a queen, or a famous athlete?*

Who has great dreams for you? (God) God has great dreams for your friends too. You can tell them that to encourage them.

Choose a child to pray to thank God for having great plans for them.

Teacher Tips

- Before the next class, sew all of the squares from the class together to make a quilt. If you do not know how to sew, ask someone in your congregation to sew the quilt for you.
- Hang the quilt in or outside of the classroom before the next class.
- Encourage the children for their work. Some may feel that they cannot make a coat, encourage them to paint with the colors that they think were in the coat.
- Fabric paints are permanent and can be very messy. If your class is very young or you have difficulty managing them, you can use markers instead of paint.
- Fabric paints take hours to dry. Bring boxes to carry the wet squares home.



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The Beautiful Coat

The children will make a colorful coat to remind them about the story of Joseph.

Materials

For each child:

- a paper grocery bag (most grocery stores will donate bags)
- 5 sheets of different brightly-colored tissue paper
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- scissors
- black marker

Preparation

1. Cut the tissue paper into 5" squares, about twenty for each child.
2. Cut each bag as shown in Figure A, making a "coat."
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

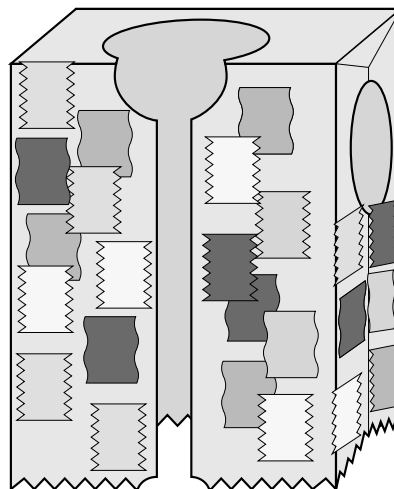
1. Show the children the model of the coat. Remind the children that in the Bible Story his father gave Joseph a beautiful, colorful coat.
2. Give each child a paper bag coat and explain that they are going to decorate the bag and make a beautiful coat just like Joseph's.
3. Have the children glue the tissue paper squares onto their coats.
4. Write each child's name on their coat.

Conclusion

Have the children put on their coats and act out the Bible story.

Teacher Tips

- Have the children glue sequins or other decorative items onto their coats to add more color.
- Use pinking shears to cut the tissue paper squares to make them more decorative.



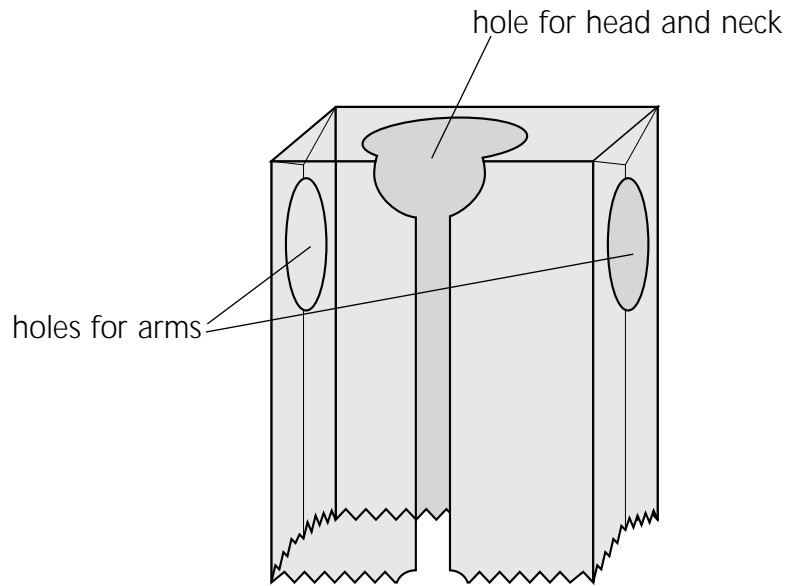
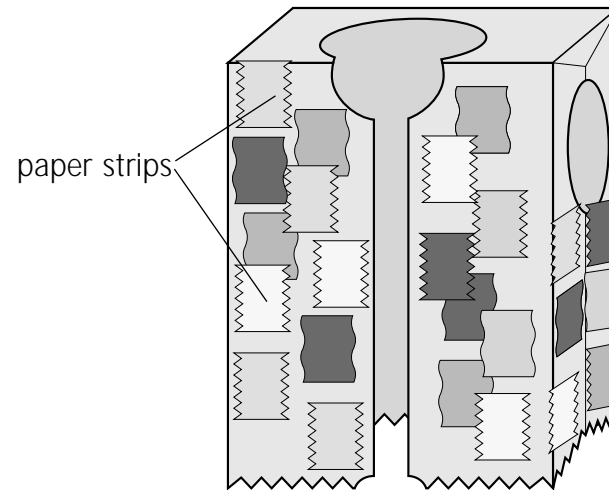


Figure A



Finished Craft



Pre class



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My Dream-1

The children will be reminded of Joseph's dreams as they draw a picture of who they want to be when they grow up.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of white paper 2" x 2"
- crayons

For the teacher:

- scissors

Preparation

1. Cut a 2" x 2" piece of white paper for each child.
2. Make a model following the instructions.

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: My Dream-1

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: The Coat of Missing Colors

Craft: My Dream-2

Life Application: Colorful Quilt

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

Instructions

1. Remind the children of the story of Joseph. *In our Bible story we are learning that when Joseph was young he had dreams of being a great man when he grew up. Do you have dreams about what you are going to be when you grow up?* Ask each child what they want to be.
2. Give each child a square to draw a picture of what they want to be when they grow up.
3. Write each child's name on the back of their picture and give it to the Craft teacher.

Conclusion

Encourage the children with their dreams. Talk about how God wants them to be great Christians who help others to become Christians.

Teacher Tips

- If the children do not know what they would like to be, offer some suggestions. Ask them questions about the things they like to do. If they like to paint maybe they would like to be a painter or an architect.



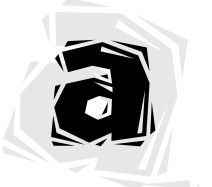
The Coat of Missing Colors

The children will be reminded of Joseph's coat of many colors and that God has great dreams for our lives.

Materials

For the teacher:

- 1 piece of white poster board, 17" x 22"
- 1 4" x 4" piece of six different colors of construction paper.
- markers
- laminate or clear contact paper
- tape
- scissors



Preparation

1. Cut out a "coat" shape from poster board. See Figure A.
2. Laminate the coat.
3. Cut out a 4" x 4" square of each color construction paper.
4. Before the children arrive roll a piece of tape to place on the back of each square. Place each construction paper square on the coat.

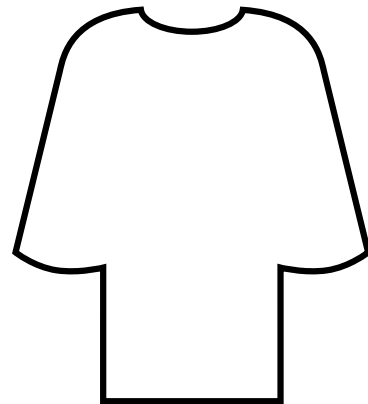


Figure A

Instructions

1. Ask the children if they remember the name of the boy whose father gave him a colorful coat. (Joseph) *God had great plans for Joseph. And God has great plans for each one of us. He wants us to feel special just as Joseph did. Joseph's dad gave him a beautiful coat to make him feel special.* Show the children the coat. Name the different colors together with them.
2. Ask for a child to volunteer. Have that child close his eyes while you remove one of the colors from the coat.
3. Have the child open his eyes and guess which color you removed.
4. After the child guesses the correct color, have them choose another child to take a turn.
5. Have the first child be the one to remove a color.
6. Continue until each child has had a turn.
7. Play again and this time, before the child can guess the missing color, have them say something great that they want to do for God.

Teacher Tips

- Laminate the construction paper squares to make them last longer.



My Dream-2

The children will be reminded of Joseph and his dreams.

Materials

For each child:

- a piece of yellow construction paper, 8" x 8"
- picture from the Preclass Activity
- 10 sequins
- markers
- 4 pieces of ziti
- 1 piece of yarn, 32"

For the teacher:

- scissors
- hole punch
- tape
- utility knife

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the star stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page C. Be sure to cut out the center circle from the stencil.
2. Trace and cut out a star for each child from yellow construction paper. NOTE: Be sure to trace and cut out the center circle on each star.
3. Write "God believes in me." outside the circle on each star.
4. Punch a hole in one arm of each star.
5. Cut a 32" piece of yarn for each child.
6. Make a model of the craft following the instructions. NOTE: To make the model you will need to draw a picture of your occupation on a 2" x 2" square of white paper.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft and remind them about Joseph. *Joseph was a young boy who dreamed that he was going to be great when he got older. God loves it when we dream about doing great things. He wants us to do great things for him.*

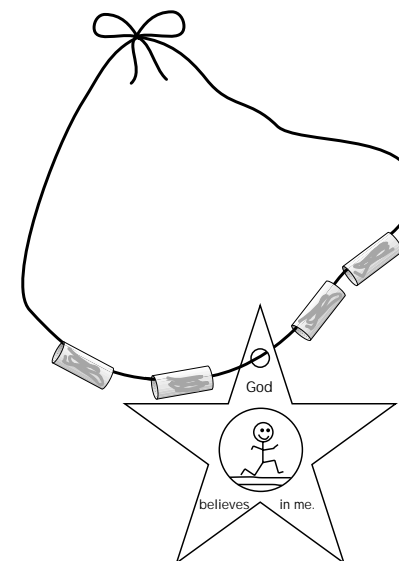
2. Give each child a star and their picture from the Preclass Activity. Help the children to tape their pictures to the back of the stars so that the pictures show through the circle in the center.
3. Give each child four pieces of ziti to color.
4. Give each child a piece of yarn. Have the children thread two pieces of ziti onto the yarn, and then the star, and then the last two pieces of ziti.
5. Help the children tie the ends of the yarn together. They can either wear it as a necklace or hang it up in their rooms to remind them of their dream.

Conclusion

Ask each child to tell you about the pictures they drew of their dream.

Teacher Tips

- Buy the ziti "with lines." It will be more colorful.
- Place hole reinforcers around the punched hole in the star to make it sturdier.



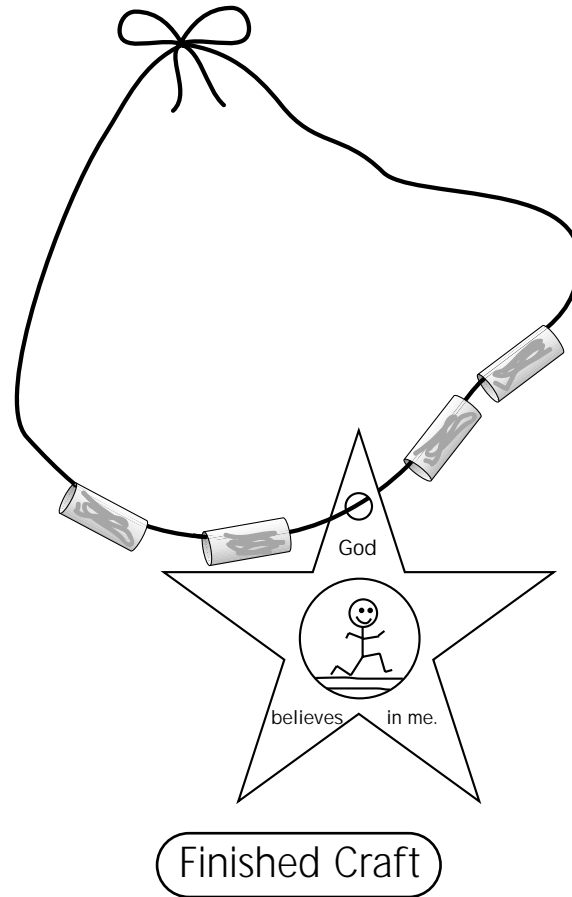
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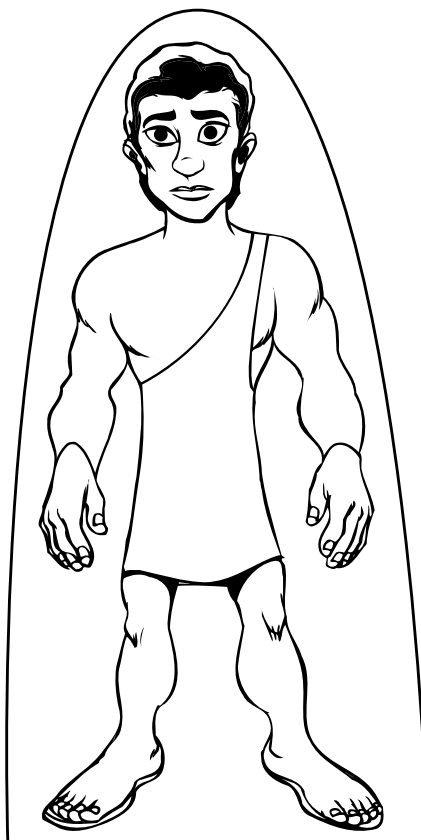
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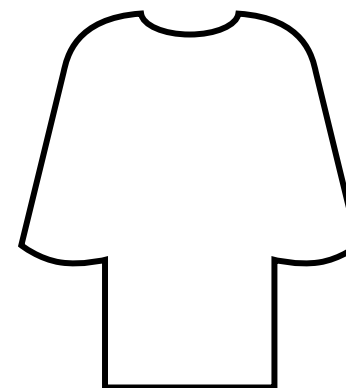
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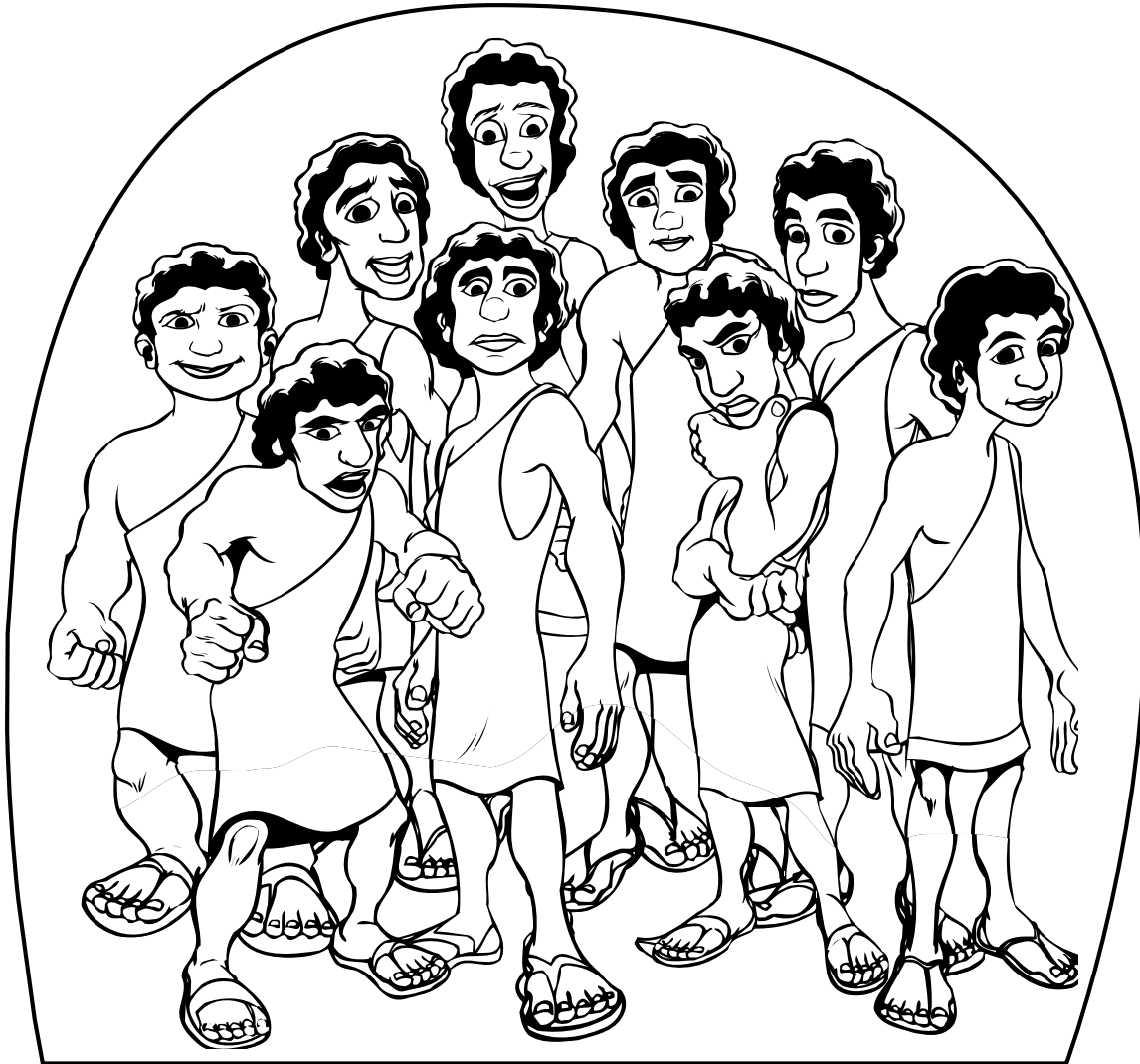


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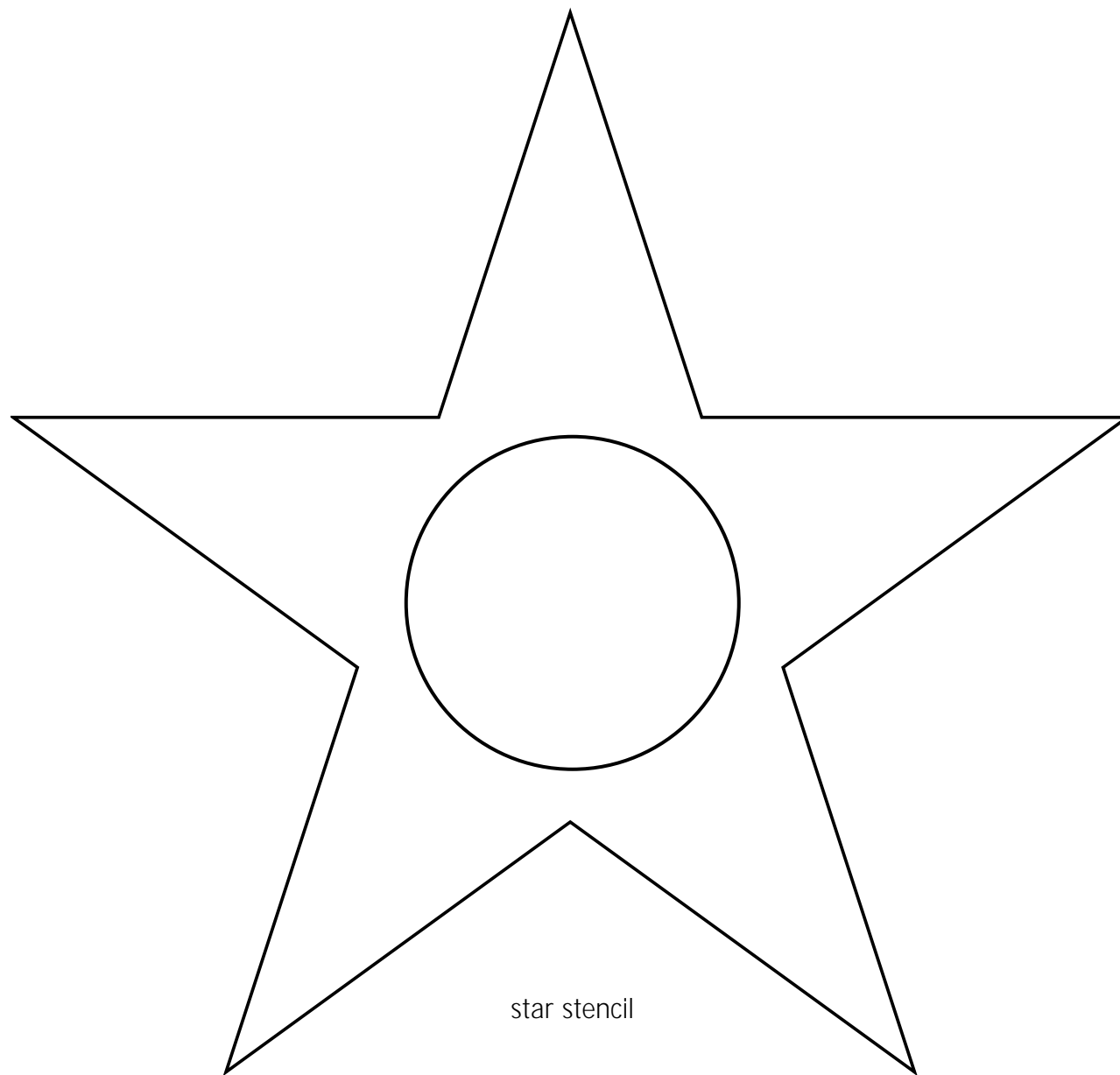
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