

Hi there, everyone!

Time for another JAM-at-Home email! We had a great time last week at St Nicholas School, West Tanfield, and at North Stainley School doing our after-school JAM club! If you missed it, here is a taster of some of the things we did, – so you can have a go at home yourself!



This time we are going to think about another one of the famous people from the Old Testament – Joseph. There are lots of stories about Joseph in the book of Genesis, but we will just be thinking about him as a young man.... Don't miss the next instalment in another JAM!

Watch this film to see what happened to him.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnlqKPIZQzI>

Joseph had lots of brothers – imagine having 11 brothers – some of the pupils thought that having one brother is quite enough! We thought about how the brothers were sometimes jealous of Joseph (with his special coat and his gift of being able to explain dreams) and they were rather mean to him and this led to something horrid happening to him.... but God had a special job for Joseph - and God kept him safe. We'll find out more about that special job another time.... As we journey through life, we can be sure that God is always with us too.

Here are some ideas of things you might like to do which remind us of this storyIf you can't get exactly these materials, just see what you can find around the house instead!

Joseph's family



You will need: stamp pad or paint pots, paper, felt pen.

Make thumb and finger prints on a piece of paper – and then turn them into Joseph and his 11 brothers and his father Jacob!

Think about the way different people make up a family – how hard it can be to live together when you feel very different from them. Talk about ways of getting on together that you have found helpful.....

Collage of Joseph and his special coat



We used strips of material and a roll of lining paper to make our Joseph pictures– you could use paint or stick on coloured paper or ribbons or material to make your Joseph picture!

Beards



At the end of the story we heard about the camel traders who bought Joseph from his brothers and took him off to Egypt. They are sometimes called “hairy Ishmaelites” – so we made beards out of a strip of

material (with holes cut out for ears and mouth) - and then we stuck on pieces of wool to make a beard and drew a moustache with felt pen!

We would love to see photos of the things that you have made. You could send them to Rev Sian by email and then maybe she could put some of them on the church website or Facebook pages! If you include yourself in the photo, please get your parent or carer to give us permission to use the photo on social media! revsianlawton@gmail.com

We learnt a new song at JAM – with actions – you can join in too.....as we sing about “Our God is a great big God!” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBiYgzDs_54

If you like word searches – there is one here which is all about Joseph! <https://www.dltk-kids.com/t.asp?t=https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/word-search/b-wordsearch-joseph-caps.gif>

And now, let's finish with a thank you prayer and our special JAM prayer

Thank you, God, that you were with Joseph and kept him safe even when his brothers threw him into the pit. Thank you that you had a special job for him and you were with him and helped him. Thank you that you are with us as we journey through life. Please be with anyone we know who really needs your help at the moment.

May God bless ME (point to yourself),

God bless YOU (point to other people),

God bless EVERYONE (open your arms out wide),

All over the world (draw a big world shape circle with your hands).

Love from all the JAM Team