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Joseph's father, Jacob, loved Joseph more than any of Joseph's other brothers. Jacob gave Joseph a special coat to show that Joseph was his favorite son. Joseph had dreams about being in charge of the family even though he was one of the youngest brothers. Joseph's brothers thought that Joseph was always bragging.

One day Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers while they were taking care of the sheep. Joseph walked a long time. Finally he found his brothers and the sheep.

When his brothers saw Joseph coming, they decided to get rid of Joseph by throwing him into a dry well. While the brothers were eating lunch, they saw a caravan headed for Egypt. They pulled Joseph out of the well and sold him as a slave to the people in the caravan.

Then Joseph's brothers took Joseph's coat and tore it up so that it looked like a wild animal had attacked him. They told their father, Jacob, that they found Joseph's coat in a field. Jacob was sad because he thought that Joseph was dead.