

## **Joseph's Silver Cup**

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When his brothers were ready to leave, Joseph gave instructions to the manager of his house: "Fill their sacks with as much food as they can carry. Then put my personal silver cup into the sack of the youngest brother."

The brothers started on their journey. But Joseph sent his manager after them, and he demanded, "Why have you stolen my master's silver cup?"

They protested. "We wouldn't do such a thing. If any of us is found with this cup, he will die, and the rest of us will become your slaves."

The manager searched and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. They went back to the city, bowed down to Joseph, and said, "We are innocent, but we have no way to convince you. We are all now your slaves."

"No," said Joseph. "Only the one who stole the cup will be my slave. The rest of you are free to go."

Judah said, "Sir, I promised my father that I would keep Benjamin safe. Please, allow me to stay here as your slave instead of him. If he does not return home, my father will die of grief."

Joseph could contain himself no longer. He cried out, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery. But don't be afraid, and don't be angry with yourselves for what you did. God sent me here to save your lives and to prepare a place for you."

Joseph's brothers went home and told their father what had happened. He said, "My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him again before I die."