

When his brothers saw him coming they said, "Here comes this proud dreamer! Let us kill him and throw his body into a pit. We can then say that a wild beast ate him up; so we shall get rid of him and his dreams."

They were all pleased with the plan except Reuben, who pleaded for Joseph's life; but the others were determined against him. Then said Reuben, "Let us put him for the present into that empty cistern yonder," so they agreed. Now Reuben thought that when his brothers were gone, he could return and set Joseph free and send him back safely to his father.

Then the brothers seized hold of Joseph roughly and took away his coat of many colors and dropped him into the dark pit. Then Reuben went away and the cruel men sat down in the field to eat their dinner.

By and by they saw a procession of traders passing on their way to Egypt with camels and spices. Then said Judah, one of the brothers, "Would it not be better to sell Joseph to these merchants? Do not let us kill him. After all, he is our own brother." So they ran and pulled Joseph out of the pit and sold him as a slave, for twenty pieces of

money, and the merchants took him away.

When Reuben came back and found the pit empty he was greatly troubled, saying, "What shall I say to my father?"

Then they killed a kid and dipped Joseph's coat in its blood and took it back to Jacob, saying, "We found this lying on the ground. Is it your son's coat or not?" And Jacob knew it was Joseph's coat, and said, "Surely some wild beast has eaten him." And Jacob made great mourning for Joseph and wept bitterly, and no one could comfort him.

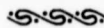
#### Questions on the Lesson

1. How many sons had Jacob? 2. Which did he love best? 3. What kind of boy was Joseph? 4. Why did his brothers hate him? 5. Upon what errand did his father send him? 6. What did his brothers say when they saw him coming? 7. Which brother tried to save Joseph? 8. Where did his brothers put him? 9. What were the cruel brothers doing when the traders came in sight? 10. What was Judah's plan for getting rid of Joseph? 11. For how much did they sell him? 12. What did they do with Joseph's coat? 13. What lie did they tell their father? 14. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

**To trust even when I cannot see**



**Primary Catechism—48.** How long did Jesus remain on earth after He rose from the dead? Jesus remained forty days on earth after His resurrection. **49.** What was Jesus doing for His disciples during the forty days after His resurrection? He came to His disciples at different times to comfort and teach them.

**Shorter Catechism—96.** What is the Lord's supper?

A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

#### Lesson Hymn

Singing, if my way be clear;  
Praying, if the path be drear;  
If in danger, for Him call:  
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

*Trusting as the moments fly,  
Trusting as the days go by;  
Trusting Him whate'er befall:  
Trusting Jesus—that is all.*

Amen.

—Hymn 293, Book of Praise