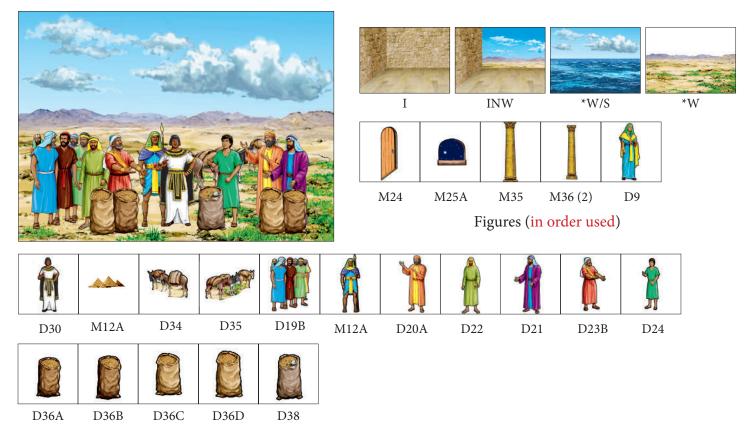
Story 11. Joseph Tests His Brothers Genesis 44:1-13

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As the previous story came to a close, the noon meal was about to be served in Joseph's home. Imagine the brother's surprise when they were welcomed as honored guests into this powerful Egyptian ruler's house. What had caused such a dramatic change? Wasn't this the same man who had accused them of being spies during their last visit? Had he not put them in prison for three days and threatened them with slavery?

Now they were sitting in his home and being served the finest food Egypt had to offer. Although the differences in culture and status did not allow the brothers to sit at Joseph's table, they were still allowed to eat in his presence—with food served directly from the ruler's table. But the biggest surprise occurred when they were seated at their table. Each of the brothers was seated in perfect birth order starting with Reuben the firstborn and ending with Benjamin. And Benjamin had apparently become the ruler's favorite. Although each of the brothers was treated with generosity and kindness, Benjamin was given five times as much as his older brothers.

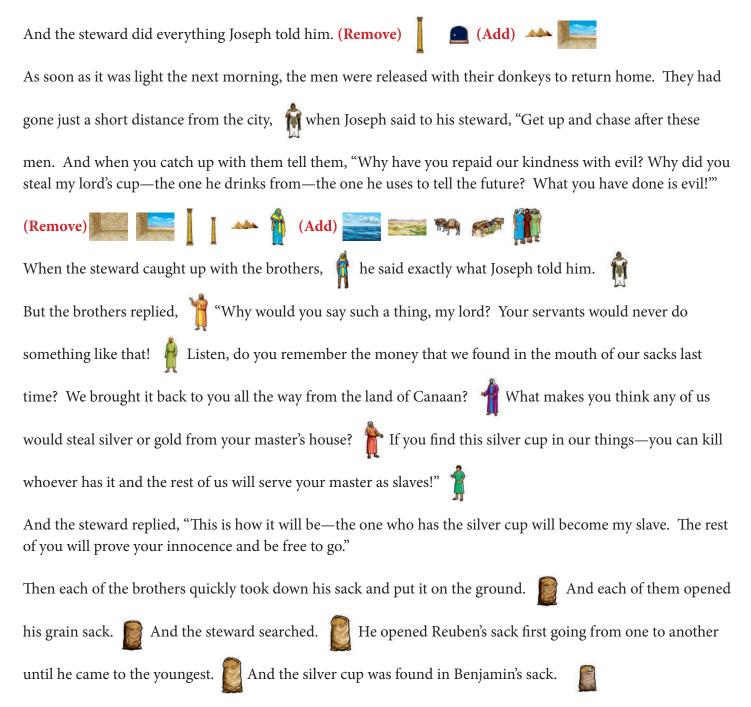
But I doubt it mattered. It looked as if all their troubles were behind them. Imagine the relief the brothers must have felt when the grain they so desperately needed was finally loaded onto their donkeys and they were free to return home. Imagine Judah's relief knowing he was returning to his father, not just with Benjamin but Simeon as well. One more night in Egypt and they could go home. Now the story continues.



as much as they can carry. And put each brother's money back in themouth of his sack. But, I want you to take my cup-the silver one-and put it in the mouth of the youngest brother's sack, right next to the money he paid

for his grain." (Remove)





The brothers tore their clothes in sorrow. Then they loaded their grain back onto their donkeys and all of them went back into the city.