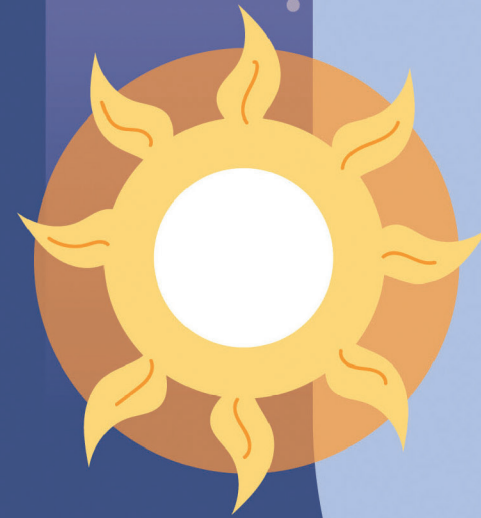


One day, Joseph told his brothers about a dream he had had.

'We were all tying up the corn into bundles in the field,' he said. 'My bundle stood up straight and tall but yours all bowed down in front of mine.'

His brothers were even more angry.

'Do you think that means we will bow down to you one day?' they demanded.



Joseph had another dream. He told his brothers and his father about it. 'In my dream the sun, the moon and eleven stars all bowed to me.'

Did this mean that he would be more important than all his family?

His brothers envied him even more.



As the brothers were looking after the sheep in a place far from home, Jacob decided to send Joseph to see how they were getting on. Joseph had to travel quite a distance to find them. The brothers noticed him coming in the distance. They hatched a wicked plot.

'Let's kill Joseph and throw his body in a pit. What will his dreams mean then?' they said.

But one brother called Reuben said, 'Don't kill him. Just throw him in the pit.'

So Joseph's beautiful coat was torn off him and he was flung into a horrible, deep, dark hole.

