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¹Now the famine was still severe in the land. ²So when they had eaten all the grain they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go back and buy us a little more food.”

³But Judah said to him, “The man warned us solemnly, ‘You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.’ ⁴If you will send our brother along with us, we will go down and buy food for you. ⁵But if you will not send him, we will not go down, because the man said to us, ‘You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.’”

⁶Israel asked, “Why did you bring this trouble on me by telling the man you had another brother?”

⁷They replied, “The man questioned us closely about ourselves and our family. ‘Is your father still living?’ he asked us. ‘Do you have another brother?’ We simply answered his questions. How were we to know he would say, ‘Bring your brother down here?’”

⁸Then Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the boy along with me and we will go at once, so that we and you and our children may live and not die. ⁹I myself will guarantee his safety; you can hold me personally responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him here before you, I will bear the blame before you all my life. ¹⁰As it is, if we had not delayed, we could have gone and returned twice.”

¹¹Then their father Israel said to them, “If it must be, then do this: Put some of the best products of the land in your bags and take them down to the man as a gift—a little balm and a little honey, some spices and myrrh, some pistachio nuts and almonds. ¹²Take double the amount of silver with you, for you must return the silver that was put back into the mouths of your sacks. Perhaps it was a mistake. ¹³Take your brother also and go back to the man at once. ¹⁴And may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man so that he will let your other brother and Benjamin come back with you. As for me, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved.”

¹⁵So the men took the gifts and double the amount of silver, and Benjamin also. They hurried down to Egypt and presented themselves to Joseph. ¹⁶When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, “Take these men to my house, slaughter an animal and prepare dinner; they are to eat with me at noon.”

¹⁷The man did as Joseph told him and took the men to Joseph’s house. ¹⁸Now the men were frightened when they were taken to his house. They thought, “We were brought here because of the silver that was put back into our sacks the first time. He wants to attack us and

overpower us and seize us as slaves and take our donkeys.”

¹⁹So they went up to Joseph’s steward and spoke to him at the entrance to the house. ²⁰“Please, sir,” they said, “we came down here the first time to buy food. ²¹But at the place where we stopped for the night we opened our sacks and each of us found his silver—the exact weight—in the mouth of his sack. So we have brought it back with us. ²²We have also brought additional silver with us to buy food. We don’t know who put our silver in our sacks.”

²³“It’s all right,” he said. “Don’t be afraid. Your God, the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks; I received your silver.” Then he brought Simeon out to them.

²⁴The steward took the men into Joseph’s house, gave them water to wash their feet and provided fodder for their donkeys. ²⁵They prepared their gifts for Joseph’s arrival at noon, because they had heard that they were to eat there.

²⁶When Joseph came home, they presented to him the gifts they had brought into the house, and they bowed down before him to the ground. ²⁷He asked them how they were, and then he said, “How is your aged father you told me about? Is he still living?”

²⁸They replied, “Your servant our father is still alive and well.” And they bowed low to pay him honor.

²⁹As he looked about and saw his brother Benjamin, his own mother’s son, he asked, “Is this your youngest brother, the one you told me about?” And he said, “God be gracious to you, my son.” ³⁰Deeply moved at the sight of his brother, Joseph hurried out and looked for a place to weep. He went into his private room and wept there.

³¹After he had washed his face, he came out and, controlling himself, said, “Serve the food.”

³²They served him by himself, the brothers by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because Egyptians could not eat with Hebrews, for that is detestable to Egyptians. ³³The men had been seated before him in the order of their ages, from the firstborn to the youngest; and they looked at each other in astonishment. ³⁴When portions were served to them from Joseph’s table, Benjamin’s portion was five times as much as anyone else’s. So they feasted and drank freely with him.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why were Joseph's brothers afraid when they were taken to Joseph's house? (Verse 18)
5		2.) Why did Jacob (Israel) allow Benjamin to go to Egypt with his brothers (Verse 3)
5		3.) Why do you think Jacob (Israel) sent gifts to Joseph?
5		4.) Why do you think Joseph gave Benjamin five times more food than the others?

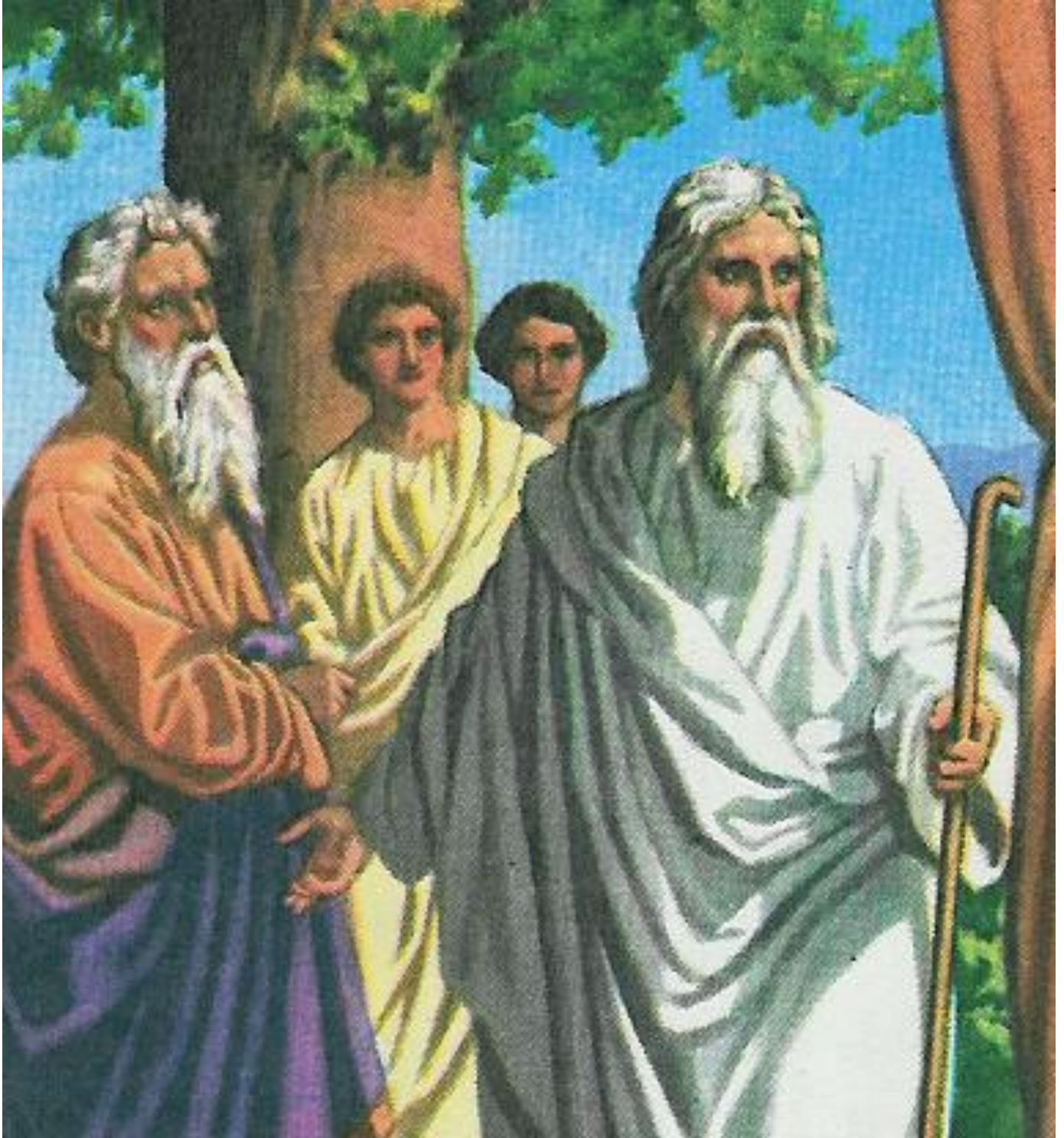
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		“He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.” Proverbs 14:31

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Joseph and his brothers ate together

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SUITCASES

Students will make a suitcase to remind them of the trip Joseph's brothers took back to Egypt for more grain.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Suitcase Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Glue
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
6. Mixed nuts



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a suitcase pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students color the suitcase pattern with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the suitcase on the black lines, and have them fold on the dotted lines.
4. Students will then put glue on the tabs that say "glue" and attach them to the corresponding tabs.
5. Cut out the handles and glue them to the suitcase.
6. Fill the suitcases with mixed nuts to represent the gifts that Jacob (Israel) sent with his sons to Egypt.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their suitcases, remind them of how God continued to provide for Joseph's family through Joseph. Joseph required that his brothers bring back his full blooded brother Benjamin before they would receive any more grain. Joseph gave his brother Benjamin five times as much as his other brothers. As our memory verse states: those that are kind to the needy honor God. Joseph honored God through his position of authority in Egypt as he cared for those in need.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

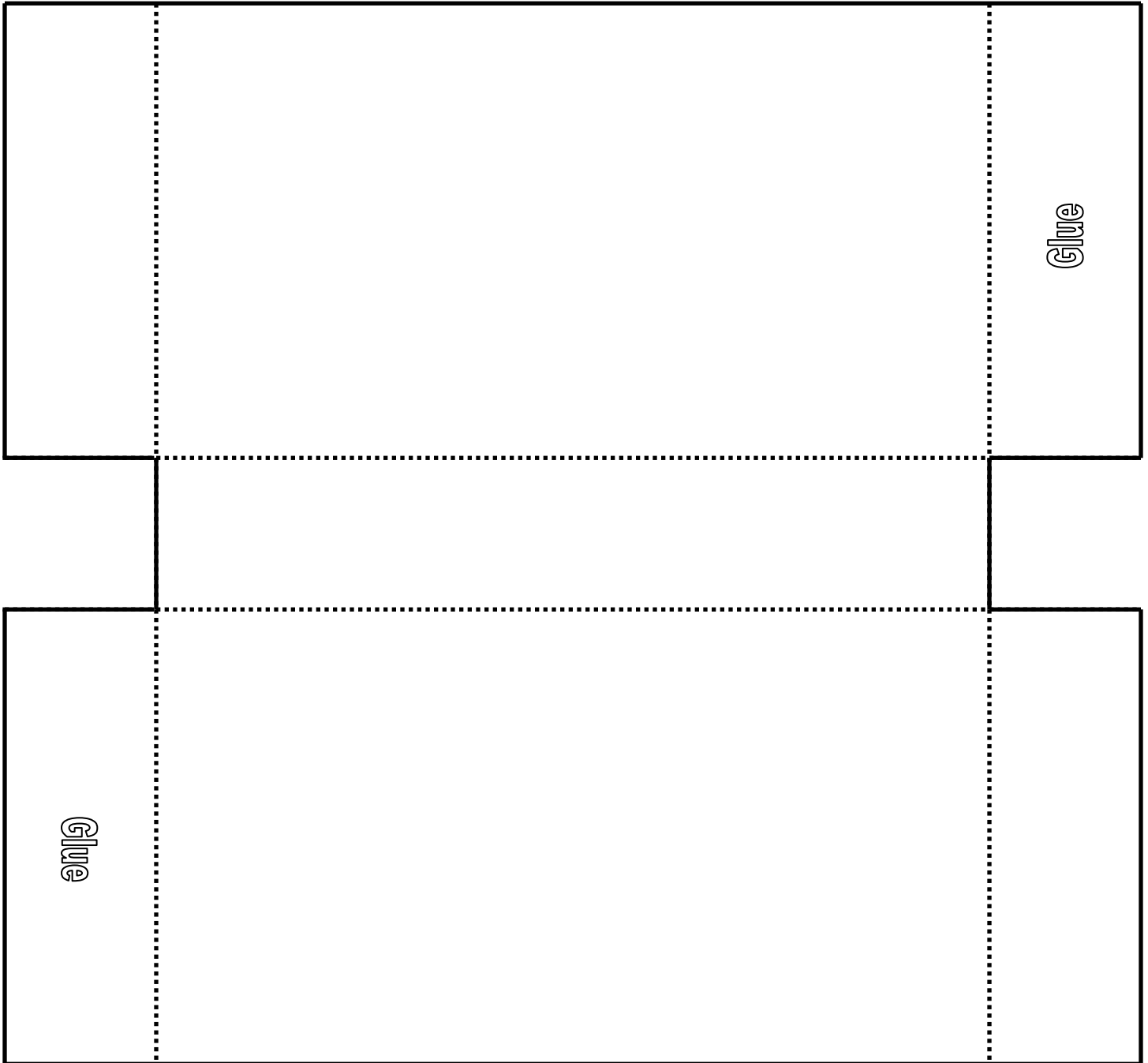
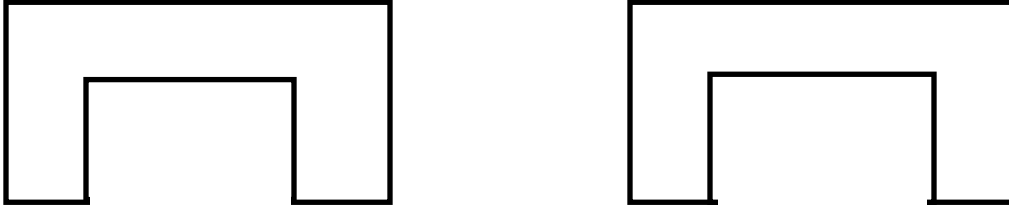
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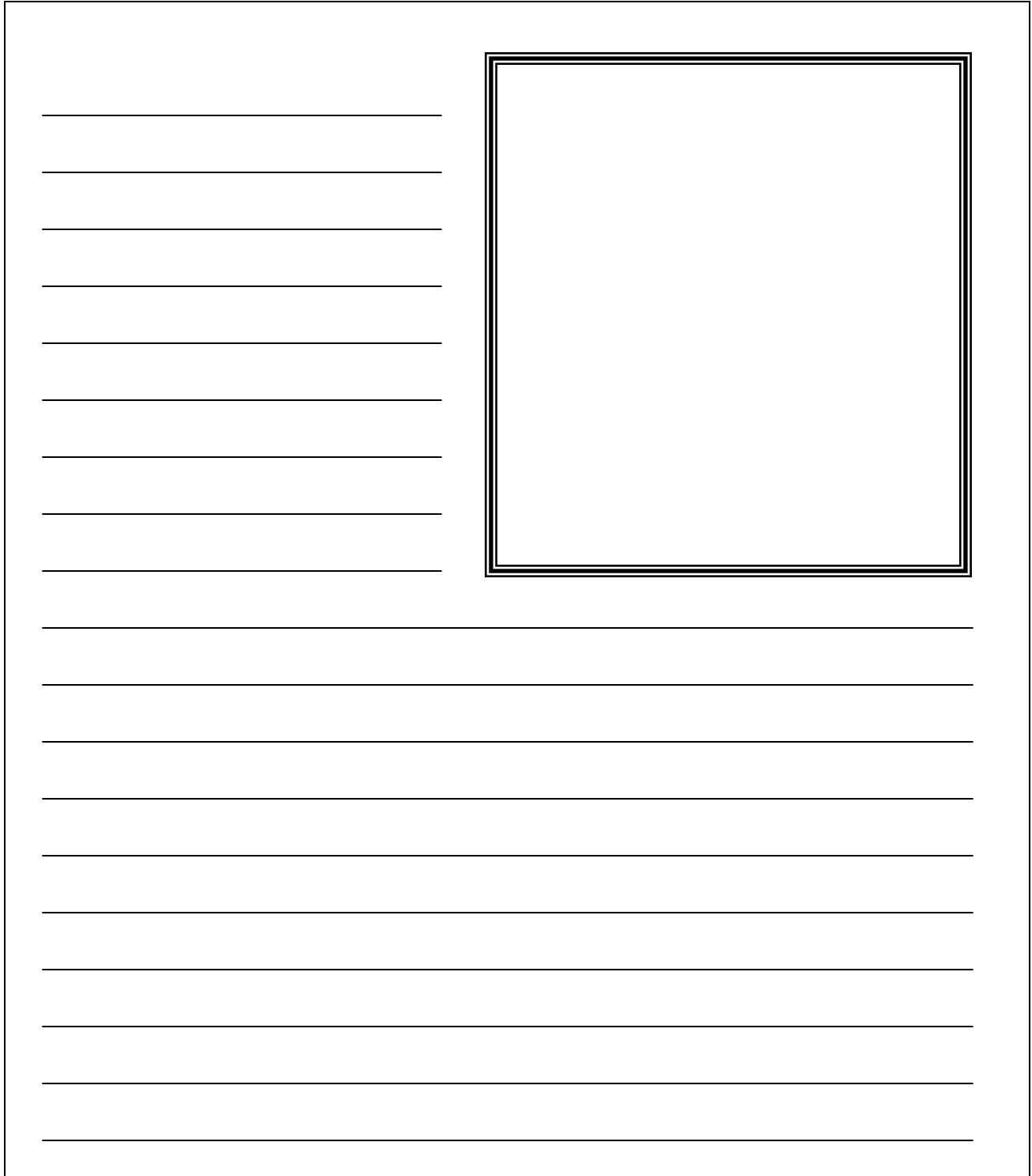
SUITCASE PATTERN



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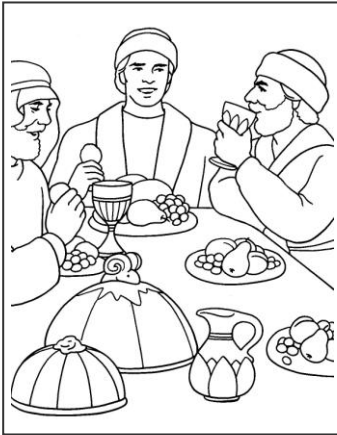


The form is enclosed in a large rectangular border. On the left side, there are ten horizontal lines for writing. To the right of these lines is a square area defined by a double-lined border, intended for drawing. Below the double-lined area, there are ten more horizontal lines for writing.

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The famine was still bad in the land where Joseph's family lived. They needed more food to eat. Joseph's brother reminded their father that Benjamin had to

go back to Egypt with them. Joseph's father told his brothers to bring twice the amount of silver to pay for the food. He also told them to bring gifts to Egypt. So Joseph's brothers traveled back to Egypt with Benjamin to buy more food to eat.

When Joseph saw his brother Benjamin, he asked his servant to prepare a special feast for them.

Joseph's brothers wondered if they were in trouble because the silver was put back in their bags when they came to Egypt the first time. They explained to the servant that the silver they brought last time was put back in their bags.

When Joseph came in, his brothers gave him the gifts they had brought. Joseph was so happy to see his youngest brother that began to cry.

They ate with Joseph. But Benjamin got five times as much food as his other brothers.

For more details, please read Genesis 43:1-34 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Joseph's brothers go back to Egypt for?
2. Who did they have to bring with them to Egypt?
3. What did Joseph tell his servant to do?
4. Why do you think Joseph cried when he saw his brother Benjamin?

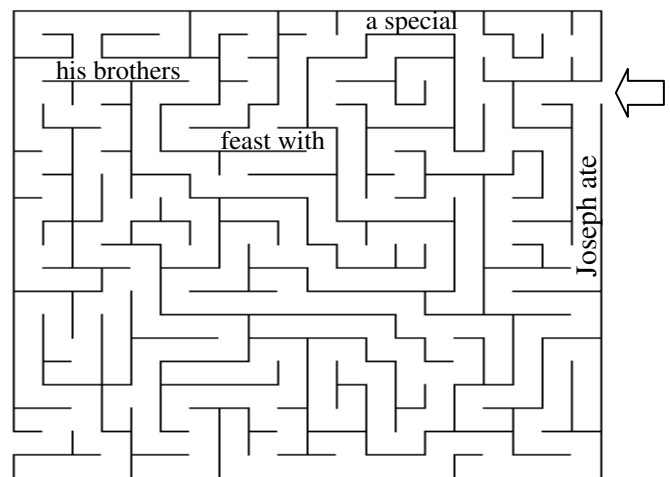
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MAZE MESSAGE

Write down each word as you come to it to find the hidden message.



Hidden message: _____