

Some farmers have dogs to round up their cows or sheep, but Uncle Paul doesn't need one. He just calls the cows, or rounds them up on the quad bike. So Lefty isn't a working dog; he's just a pet. Auntie Chris says Uncle Paul "spoils him rotten" with special food treats, a comfy chair and a special blanket. That's not because Lefty does anything particularly clever or helpful. He doesn't even bark at strangers. It's just because Uncle Paul loves him.

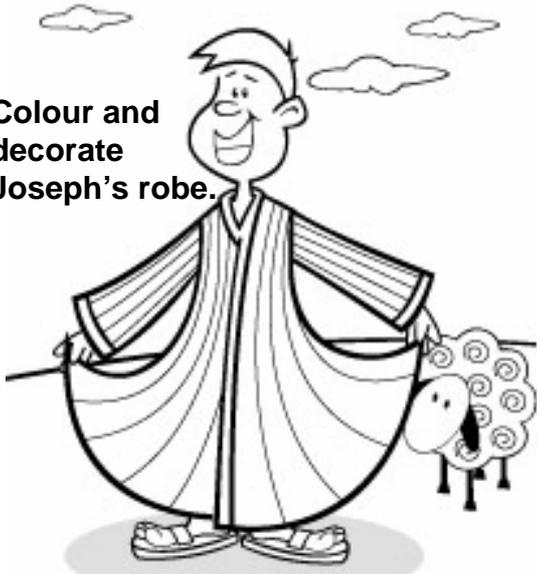
## Because he loves me



### Listen to God! Genesis 37:3

The robe (coat) that Joseph's father gave him was probably more suitable for a king than a shepherd. It was beautiful! Joseph had eleven brothers and sisters too but his father Jacob loved him the most. Jacob was not very wise to treat Joseph differently to the others because it made his brothers jealous. But we can understand him wanting to give something special to someone he loved. We like to do that too. Our heavenly father likes to give us special gifts too. And he doesn't show favouritism like Jacob did. Father God loves us all the same.

Colour and decorate Joseph's robe.



### Talk to God!

Heavenly father, it's fun to give and receive special gifts, especially when it's just because we love someone. Thank you for the best gift of all that you are longing to give us. Thank you that when we ask, you will give it to us.

Mimi had a special birthday gift of a flower brooch for cousin Meredith. "I hope she accepts it," said Melvin. "When I tried to give her that spider last year, she wouldn't take it."



Use the code to find the letters to fill the gaps and find out what God's best gift to us is. e = 1 g = 2 i = 3 l = 4 o = 5 r = 6 s = 7 t = 8

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