



These Daily Devotionals on the Life of Joseph are designed for the young, i.e. the young in age and the young in their faith. Originally designed for our grandchildren, they are meant to be a starting point, a basic framework, for parents and mentors to launch out into further explanation, understanding and application to your specific life situations. Bible readings are taken from the New Living Translation.

Grandpa Devotional #1

The Robe

Read Genesis 37:1-4

1 So Jacob settled in the land of Canaan, where his father had lived as a foreigner.

2 This is the account of Jacob and his family. When Joseph was seventeen years old, he often tended his father's flocks. He worked for his half-brothers, the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing.

3 Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So, one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe.

4 But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him.

Who was Joseph's dad? Jacob. **Where did Joseph grow up (v. 1)?** In the land of Canaan (The Promised Land). **How old was Joseph at this time (v. 2)?** Seventeen

What was Joseph's job? He was a shepherd. **Who was he tending the sheep with?** His brothers.

What did Joseph do next (v. 2)? He tattle-taled on his brothers.

What do we know about Joseph's dad Israel (or Jacob) (v. 3)? He loved Joseph more than his other sons.

Why did Jacob love Joseph more than his brothers? Because Joseph was born to him when he was old.

What special thing did Jacob do for Joseph? He made him a beautiful robe. **What's the problem with that?** That's showing favoritism which will divide a family if dad or mom loves one child more than the others.

What did Joseph's brothers do when they saw that their father loved Joseph more than them (v. 4)? They hated Joseph and wouldn't say anything nice to him. They were mean to Joseph. They were jealous of him.