The Story of Joseph

1. Jacob chooses a favorite son (Joseph) and gives him a fancy, multi-colored, one of a kind coat.
2. Joseph takes advantage of being the favorite son and brags to his brothers, tells them about a dream where they all bow down to him, and tattles on them to their father Jacob.
3. The brothers decide to throw Joseph into a pit and kill him, but then change their minds and decide to sell him into slavery instead.
4. The brothers cover up their crime by putting goat blood on the fancy coat and telling their father Joseph in dead.
5. Joseph gets thrown into jail for something he didn’t do in Egypt.
6. Joseph helps the Pharaoh’s servants with some confusing dreams.
7. 2 years later, Joseph interprets a dream for Pharaoh, and Pharaoh puts him in charge of everything.
8. A famine hits and Joseph’s brothers come to Egypt to find food.
9. Joseph recognizes his brothers, but they don’t recognize him. He tests their loyalties to see if they have changed.
10. Joseph tells the brothers who he is and forgives them for everything.

The lessons we learned:

1. Even when life is not fair, it is not ok to pitch a fit.
2. Don’t take advantage of your good fortune by bragging and making others feel bad.
3. Being faithful to God’s law, even in a bad situation, is very important.
4. It is never too late to say you’re sorry and do better.
5. We should forgive others for their sins against us, like God forgives our sins against him.

Vocabulary:

**Sin:** action we take that hurts our relationship with God

**Mortal Sin:** Sin that ends your relationship with God

**Venial Sin:** Sin that hurts your relationship with God

To repair your relationship with God, you have to do 2 things:

1. Confess your sins

2. Ask for forgiveness