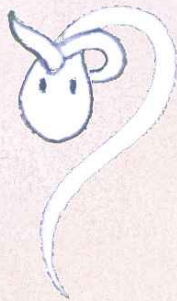
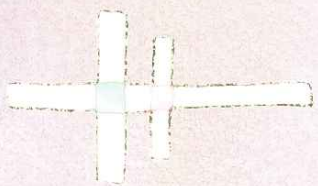


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Joseph was Jacob's favorite son. He gave Joseph a coat of many colors to show him how much he loved him. Joseph's eleven brothers knew he was the favorite, and they hated him for it.

One night Joseph had a dream. "Listen," he said to his brothers. "I dreamt we were all in the field, binding sheaves of grain. My sheaf stood upright, and all your sheaves bowed down to it." The next night he dreamed again. "Listen," he said. "I dreamt that the sun, the moon, and eleven stars all bowed down to me." Now his brothers hated him even more. "He thinks he is better than us," they said.





One day Jacob sent Joseph to visit his brothers, who were watching over their flock. When they saw him coming, they said to one another, "Here comes the dreamer." They plotted to kill him, but Reuben, the eldest, stopped them. "No!" he shouted. "We cannot murder our own brother." So when Joseph arrived, they threw him into a pit instead. But first they tore off his coat of many colors.



Soon a caravan of traders passed by on their way to Egypt. The brothers pulled Joseph out of the pit and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver. Then they smeared Joseph's coat with goat's blood and took it to their father. "It is Joseph's robe," Jacob cried. "A wild beast has torn him to pieces." Jacob was stricken with grief. He wept for many days, and no one could comfort him.



Meanwhile, the traders took Joseph down to Egypt and sold him in the slave market to Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard.

