

## “It’s not fair...” “Be Happy!”

- Ed: *(As children come in – having a cup of coffee & eating a doughnut - dressed in Krispy Kreme attire!)* I’ve been working so very hard making doughnuts all day – thought it was about time I tried one! Mmm, they’re actually really yummy!
- Puppet: *(Moves from side to side whilst wearing a sombrero, singing & playing a guitar – all children can see is the hat!)* *(Pops up)* Hello!
- Ed: Oh hey Jerry! Oh I like your hat – it looks wonderful! *(Takes off hat & compares)* Hang on a minute, how come you’ve got a hat like that & I’ve got a hat like this? *(Ponders)* Hmmm, it’s not really fair.
- Puppet: Well I dunno, I just thought that as I’m packing for my holiday, I’d obviously need a hat!
- Ed: I know, *(has idea)* how about we swap - just for a minute?! **I mean, it’s only fair!**
- Puppet: Ah ok then *(Swaps hats – Ed with massive grin on his face)* *(Long pause)* Right then, time to swap back!
- Ed: Oh – do I have to? I was really enjoying that! Oh, go on then. Ah look, this’d make a good Frisbee too! Here you go, catch *(launches hat, puppet falls back – clash of cymbals to be heard!)* *(Peers over screen)* Oh dear, are you okay Jerry?
- Puppet: Yeah I’m fine Ed... just preferred it as a hat & not a Frisbee! I’m off to find my passport.
- Ed: Oh, why can’t I have a cool hat like that?! It’s not fair.
- Liz: Cor, you sound just like Joseph’s brothers!
- Ed : Who? Don’t tell me they’ve got some cool hats too?
- Liz: No actually it was all about a cool coat! They didn’t think it was fair either!
- Ed: What wasn’t fair?
- Liz: Let me tell you their story.... *(BIBLE STORY - Genesis 37)*

Narrator: Explain sign language for :- **Joseph, dad, brothers, coat.**

“It’s not fair,” said his **brothers** when his **dad** gave **Joseph** a brand new **coat**. It had the most colourful stripes, all the colours of the rainbow! It was very special **coat**, not one for every day, but **Joseph** wore it all the time!

Ed: “Look at me and my new **coat**”

Narrator: **Joseph** had some **brothers** & they all thought it was so unfair. Their **dad** was always giving him things. None of them had new **coats** like his. It really wasn’t fair! The **brothers** were jealous. Then **Joseph** began to tell them his dreams. (*Joseph mimes*) “We were cutting the corn & tying it in bundles. Your bundles bowed down to mine! I had another dream: the sun, the moon & the stars all bowed down to me!”

“Who do you think you are?” his **brothers** shrieked. They really hated **Joseph** now!

One day when his **brothers** were looking after the sheep, **Joseph’s dad** sent him out to see if they were alright. So off he went wearing his special **coat**. (*Joseph walks up & down whistling across stage*) When his **brothers** saw him, they said, “Here comes dream boy, now’s our chance to get rid of him. We can tell **dad** a fierce wild animal killed him!” One of the **brothers** tried to save **Joseph** & told them not to kill him but to throw him down a well instead. So they pulled off **Joseph’s coat** (*Joseph throws coat towards narrator*) & threw him down a well (*Joseph goes into tunnel!*) Well that’s not good enough, we can still see you! (Tunnel doubles in size) So they threw him down the well!

Ed: “Let me out, please let me out!”

Narrator: Some men came riding by on their way to Egypt. The **brothers** had a new idea - instead of killing **Joseph**, they sold him to these men. (*Joseph climbs out of well, mimes being taken away & exits*) Then

the brothers tore his **coat** (*Narrator tears coat*) & dipped it in goat's blood. They took it back to their **dad** & told him a fierce wild animal must have killed him. **Joseph's dad** cried & cried. He thought he would never see **Joseph** again!

Once in Egypt, Potiphar, an officer of the King, bought **Joseph** as a slave to work for him in the royal household. God was with **Joseph** & he became a successful man! But that's not the end of the story! You'll have to wait until next time to find out more.

Ed: We're going to teach you a song now. The song's called 'Jump up & down' & some of you may know the actions. Liz knows the actions very well...

## **SONG (I'm gonna jump up and down - Doug Horley)**

Liz: So that song was all about being happy no matter what we've got. The brothers in the story were jealous; they thought it was unfair that Joseph had a special coat, just like you thought it was unfair that... had a special hat.

Ed: Yeah, you're right! It's not good to want what others have.

Liz: It didn't make the brothers happy, in fact, they really upset their dad too.

Ed: So really, I should be happy with what I've got. At least I've got a hat!

Liz: Yes, we should all be happy with what we've got. Let's just take a few moments, close our eyes & think of some things we're thankful for...

## **PRAYER**

Thank you God for all the things we have – help us to be happy with what we've got. AMEN