

Read Genesis 37:18-24

18 When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. As he approached, they made plans to kill him.

19 "Here comes the dreamer!" they said.

20 "Come on, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, 'A wild animal has eaten him.' Then we'll see what becomes of his dreams!"

21 But when Reuben heard of their scheme, he came to Joseph's rescue. "Let's not kill him," he said.

22 "Why should we shed any blood? Let's just throw him into this empty cistern here in the wilderness. Then he'll die without our laying a hand on him." Reuben was secretly planning to rescue Joseph and return him to his father.

23 So when Joseph arrived, his brothers ripped off the beautiful robe he was wearing.

24 Then they grabbed him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

When Joseph's brother saw him coming in the distance, how did they recognize him (v. 18)? Probably from the fancy robe he was wearing.

What did the brothers plan to do? They planned to kill Joseph.

What was the plan (v. 20)? They were going to throw him into a cistern.

What's a cistern? A hole in the ground to store water

Who Was Reuben (v. 21)? The oldest of the 12 brothers.

What did Reuben think of the plan (vv. 21-22)? He wasn't in favor of killing Joseph. He agreed with throwing Joseph into one of the cisterns.

What was Reuben's plan (v. 22b)? He was going to rescue Joseph later and take him back to their dad.

What did they do when Joseph arrived (vv. 23-24)? They took his robe off him and threw him into the cistern.

Can you imagine being that mean to your brother or sister?