



## Joseph – Strong To The End

Having a good understanding of Genesis chapters 37, 39-45 will be very helpful for the Higher Games Coach. Each unit will start with a brief summary of the ‘team talk’ text.

### Unit 1: Family Friction (Genesis 37: 1-36)

Briefly recount Joseph’s adolescent years with his family

- Significant dreams as a 17 year old
- Rift with brothers because of Joseph’s insensitivity together with parental favour
- Brothers take severe action
- Joseph sold to travelling merchants

Just like the game(s) we’ve played, our lives can have mixed results.

### Think!

#### What’s more important than the result?

- the way we play the game/live our life
- our attitude to those we play against
- our respect to those in charge
- our reaction to the result

#### How did Joseph play the ‘family game’ in his teenage years?

- poor team player– spoke badly of his brothers (37:2)
- tending to boast – **how could he have communicated his dreams differently and to more effect**
- pandered to his parents’ favouritism – **how would you have reacted to the coat of many colours**
- lack of respect for his parents? – i.e. bowing down to him in his dream

