The God of Joseph

 (Joseph’s Youth) Lesson 24

Genesis 37:1-38:30

Key Verse: 37:19

1. Look at 37:1-11. Why did Joseph’s brothers hate Joseph? (1-4) Describe Joseph’s dreams. What did they reveal about God's larger purpose for Joseph? (42:6) How was Joseph different from his brothers?
2. Look at v.12-36. How and why was Joseph sold? What part did Judah and Reuben play? What can you find the image of Jesus in this story? How was Jacob affected by this crime?
3. Look at 38:1-19. Why does the story of Judah suddenly appear in the middle of the story of Joseph? Why did Judah leave and what did he do?
4. Look at v.20-30. Who was Tamar? Why did Judah say, "She is more righteous than I..." (38:26) How does God use her to bring Judah back into the covenant history? (See also Mt: 1:2,3)