

Today we're going to be hearing about another big bible word:

holiness.

And we're going to see how God

grows it and how God

shows it in his people.

The first thing we need to know is that growing holiness is usually painful and

slow.

Do you remember the 3 holiness

tests Joseph set for his

brothers last week?

This week, we're going to see the biggest test yet, the

sacrifice test.

Joseph sends his brothers back home but

sneaks his special silver cup

and money into his youngest brother's sack.

Joseph is acting in the same way God acts

towards his children, in love,

to refine his family, helping them to

grow in holiness.

What happens when the cup is found? Will the brothers let Benjamin be punished? We see that Judah has been

transformed!

He begs to be allowed to take Benjamin's place, to be punished instead so

Benjamin can go back

to their Father.

This is the work of the Holy Spirit and next we see that it is not just Judah who is

affected, the whole family

is being healed.

Joseph finally tells his brothers who he is and shows

forgiveness to

them.

Pray with your grown-up, asking God to help you grow in holiness and to be able to forgive people. Colour the picture of Joseph and his brothers to remind you of today's story.



Good

helps us be

Holy