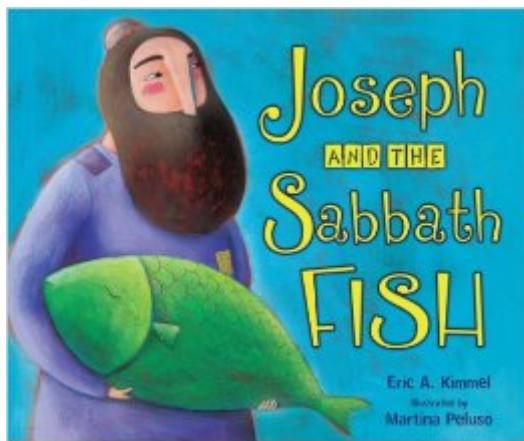


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# Joseph And The Sabbath Fish (Shabbat)



## Synopsis

Joseph always welcomes guests to his Sabbath table, while his greedy neighbor Judah scoffs at Joseph's generosity. Even as his fortunes decline, Joseph's door remains open. But times change and Judah finds himself turning to Joseph for help. A very special fish helps Joseph save the day.

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Joseph was an Israeli who lived in Tiberias. The swaying palm trees reached to the blue skies and the Sea of Galilee was rich with many different kinds of fish. Joseph's eyes twinkled as he prepared for the Sabbath. His table was set with only the finest foods money could buy from the challah loaves to the fish and the wine. Everything was fit to welcome a king, but when he opened his doors "travelers are from home, beggars from the alleys, young and old, rich or poor," streamed into his home to celebrate, a home that was richer than the seas themselves. The home of Judah, Joseph's neighbor, had a finely set table as well, but had a door that remained closed on the Sabbath. No beggars would cross his threshold to celebrate the Sabbath with him! Judah could not understand why Joseph would throw good money to the winds feeding lowly beggars, but his friend was adamant that it was necessary. "Everyone is important. Those who come to my table are honoring me, and together we honor the Sabbath. What we give to the Sabbath is repaid a thousandfold." Judah was equally adamant thinking his friend's actions were foolhardy and was

certain that Joseph would be penniless in the end. Such thinking was nonsense! Slowly, but surely Judah's prediction came true and Joseph's fortunes dwindled, but his door was still open to everyone. One night Judah had a strange dream. In it Joseph was "sitting in his house, overseeing his lands, and counting his money as if it were his own." Was Judah going to lose his fortune to that fool, Joseph? Should he flee Galilee in order to save it? This is a wonderful parable of how Joseph was repaid a thousandfold for his generosity on the Sabbath. I loved this tale, a tale which had a wonderfully unique twist to it at the end.

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