

## Lesson # 13 Joseph's Family in Egypt

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### Genesis 45-50

Joseph knew that God had been with him during all his time in Egypt. He knew that the famine was going to last 4 more years, so he wanted his whole family to come to Egypt. The brothers went home to tell their father the good news that Joseph was alive. Joseph sent carts and wagons to bring their possessions to Egypt, and Pharaoh sent garments for the family and money as well. In fact, he sent 20 donkeys loaded down with goods. Pharaoh was so thankful for Joseph's leadership that he welcomed all of his family to Egypt. He even gave them the very best land – the land of Goshen – on which to make their home.

Joseph had missed his father so much and could not wait to see him. He knew that Jacob would be so surprised and happy to know that he was alive and well. Wouldn't Jacob be surprised to know that Joseph was the ruler that the boys had gotten grain from. Sure enough, Jacob could not believe that Joseph was alive. He was so happy and could not wait to get on the road to go to Joseph. The brothers packed up their wives, children, sheep, cattle, and all their belongings. It was a great caravan of wagons and people – seventy people in all. Jacob was so thankful that he had found his son again that he stopped along the way to Egypt to worship and thank God.

As the large caravan of people neared Egypt, Joseph got in his chariot and went to meet his father. They cried and hugged each other, for they were so happy to be together again. Joseph took the family to meet Pharaoh, and he gave them the wonderful pastureland for their sheep and cattle.

Jacob was a very old man then. He was so glad to meet Joseph's two sons. Jacob lived for 17 years in Egypt before he died. His sons then took him back to Canaan to bury him.

We can learn from Joseph's example. He never gave up, even when things were going bad for him. He always loved and served God. He was kind and forgiving to everyone, especially his brothers. Joseph lived to be 110 years old. His final request was for his bones to be taken back home to Canaan one day. (*Stay tuned and we will tell you if this happened.*)

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### True & False Questions

- T F 1. Joseph was mean to his brothers.
- T F 2. Joseph forgave his brothers.
- T. F 3. Joseph wanted to see his father.
- T F 4. Jacob was already dead.
- T F 5. Joseph wanted the family to move to Egypt.
- T F 6. Joseph and Pharaoh sent many gifts to the family.
- T F 7. Joseph's father would not come to Egypt.
- T F 8. Only 20 family members moved.
- T F 9. Pharaoh gave Joseph's family the best land to live on.
- T F 10. Joseph always love God.
- T F 11. Joseph wanted his bones to be taken back to Canaan.