

All Things Made New



Lesson 11

Joseph's Family in Egypt

Theme: Kindness and obedience—Forgiving others

Memory Verses:

“But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for am I in God’s place? And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.’”

Genesis 50:19-20

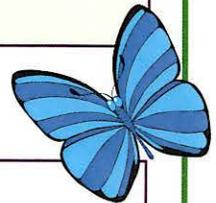
Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Genesis 42:1-17
- 2 Genesis 42:18-38
- 3 Genesis 43:1-10, 16-17, 26-34
- 4 Genesis 44:1-4, 12-34
- 5 Genesis 45:1-15

Just as Pharaoh had dreamed many years before, a famine hit the world and people did not have food to eat. In Canaan, Jacob and his family did not have enough food. He heard about grain in the land of Egypt, so Jacob sent ten sons, all except Benjamin, to Egypt for food.

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Tell why Joseph’s brothers came to Egypt
- Name the youngest brother and why Joseph wanted to see him
- Tell the relationship of Joseph’s dream when he was a boy and what happened when his brothers came to Egypt
- Describe the reunion between the brothers
- Define forgiveness and tell how it relates to the lesson



Genesis 42:1-17

Jacob sent his sons to Egypt for _____.

Why did Egypt have food to spare?

it had rained more

God loved them more

Joseph had saved it



Genesis 42:18-38

Who did Joseph keep in Egypt when he sent the other brothers home?

When the brothers told Jacob of all that happened in Egypt, how did he feel about sending his youngest son Benjamin to Egypt?

very happy angry afraid

Benjamin was Rachel's son. Jacob had loved Rachel, and she had died in giving birth to Benjamin. Jacob did not want to lose Benjamin, as he had lost Rachel's other son Joseph, so he kept him home while the other sons went to Egypt.

Remember that Egypt had food during the famine because God had provided through Joseph. Pharaoh had raised Joseph to a position of power

to manage the food supply during the years of plenty. When the famine hit, Egypt had food that Joseph controlled. In these events, God was taking care of Jacob's family.

The Brothers Bow Before Joseph

Jacob's sons thought their brother Joseph was dead. When they came to Egypt and greeted the ruler from whom they wished to buy grain, they bowed down before him. This ruler was Joseph!

Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. Joseph asked questions about their family. They told him about their father and their younger brother, whom they had left back in Canaan. Joseph told them to go back to Canaan and get their younger brother. Joseph kept Simeon in Egypt, while nine brothers returned to Canaan with grain.

Jacob's Family Needs Food

Jacob's sons returned to Canaan and told him everything that happened in Egypt. When the brothers told Jacob that the ruler in Egypt wanted Benjamin to come back with them, Jacob refused. He was afraid he would lose Benjamin as he had lost Joseph.

After a while, the food the brothers brought from Egypt ran out. They needed more grain. The brothers convinced Jacob to allow Benjamin to go with them to Egypt. Judah promised his father he would take care of Benjamin.



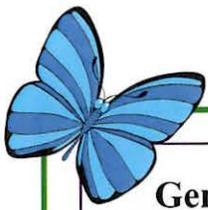
Genesis 43:1-10, 16-17, 26-34

When the brothers came before Joseph again, what did they do?

demanded food

bowed before him

demanded to have Simeon back



Genesis 44:1-4, 12-34

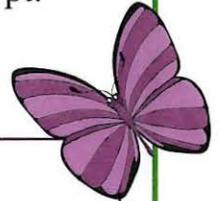
Why did Jacob love Benjamin so much?

God Provides

When they arrived in Egypt, the brothers bowed before Joseph again. This is just what Joseph had dreamed many years before, and now it was happening. Joseph cried when he saw his younger brother Benjamin. Joseph sent all Egyptians out of the room and began weeping and sobbing in front of his brothers. He told the brothers he was Joseph.

At first his brothers worried that Joseph would get back at them since they had thrown him in the pit and sold him into slavery. Joseph explained that they should not be afraid. He had learned that God was working through him to provide for his family.

Joseph told his brothers to bring their father Jacob and their families to Egypt. Only two years of the famine had passed, and Joseph knew five more hard years were ahead. He told them they could all live in Egypt, in an area called Goshen, and enjoy the best things in Egypt. Everyone learned that God was taking care of His people through Joseph. Bad things happened to Joseph, but in the end God provided good things. God is a great God of power and love.



Genesis 45:1-15

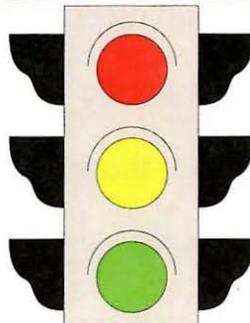
When Joseph told his brothers who he was, he ...

shouted whispered cried

Joseph's family moved to a part of Egypt called _____.

Who was really taking care of Jacob and his family?

I forgive my brothers and sisters quickly.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — usually not

Yellow — sometimes

Green — all the time

Think About It...



Your best friend Tom and you do everything together. You have been best friends for five years. Last week he told a terrible lie about you, and you ended up in the principal's office. Everyone believed him and not you. How do you feel about Tom now?

In a couple of days, Tom asks you to forgive him. Should you forgive him? Why?



Brush Up on Bible Facts

Which book in the Old Testament is about people returning to Jerusalem and rebuilding the temple?

Name the beatitudes from Matthew 5:3-10. "Blessed are the _____ in spirit, for theirs is the _____ of heaven. Blessed are those who _____, for they shall be _____. Blessed are the _____, for they shall inherit the _____. Blessed are those who _____ and _____ for righteousness, for they shall be _____. Blessed are the _____, for they shall receive _____. Blessed are the _____ in heart, for they shall see _____. Blessed are the _____ for they shall be called the _____ of God. Blessed are those who have been _____ for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the _____ of heaven."