

All Things Made New



Lesson 13

Jacob and Joseph Die in Egypt

Theme: Faith—God keeps His promises

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 48:1-11
- 2 Genesis 48:12-22
- 3 Genesis 49:28-33; Hebrews 11:21
- 4 Genesis 50:1-13
- 5 Genesis 50:14-26; Hebrews 11:22

God made great and important promises to Abraham. God would give Abraham a large family and make his family into a great nation. He would give this nation a land. He would make Abraham’s name great and bless the world through him. God repeated these promises to Isaac and then Jacob. Each man and his

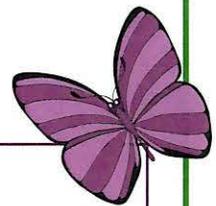
After this lesson you should be able to ...

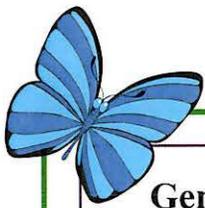
- Describe the instructions Jacob gave his sons about burying him
- Identify why the brothers were afraid of Joseph after Jacob died and what Joseph said
- Identify how God took care of Jacob’s family

Genesis 48:1-11

Name Joseph’s two sons whom Jacob blessed:

Who did Jacob see that he thought he would never see?





Genesis 48:12-22

How did Jacob bless Joseph’s son in an unexpected way?

What did Joseph receive that was one more than his brothers received?

family were important parts of God’s plan. God often worked in their lives behind the scenes and in ways nobody expected. After all, He is God!

Jacob Talks to His Sons

Jacob moved from Canaan to Egypt when he was 130 years old. Jacob’s life had been hard in many ways. The final seventeen years of his life, Jacob and his family lived

in Egypt. Though life in Egypt was good for Jacob’s family, he knew they belonged in Canaan. Jacob wished to be buried in Canaan and wanted his family to return there one day.

Just before he died, Jacob told his sons something about what would happen to each of them. Jacob blessed Joseph in a special way by blessing both of Joseph’s sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Jacob surprised Joseph by blessing the youngest son, Ephraim, over Manasseh. Jacob had faith that God would be with and take care of his sons in the best way (Hebrews 11:21).

Jacob Dies

Just before he died, Jacob told his sons to bury him in Canaan and not Egypt. Once he spoke to his sons and arranged where he would be buried, Jacob was ready to die.

Joseph asked Pharaoh’s permission to take Jacob’s body back to Canaan and bury him. Jacob’s entire family, plus some Egyptians, traveled to the land of Canaan to bury their father. After this, Jacob’s family returned to Egypt.

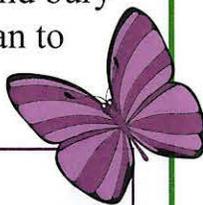
Joseph Cares for His Brothers

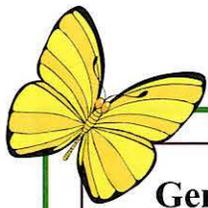
Once Jacob died, his sons thought their brother Joseph would pay them back because they had thrown him in the pit many years before. The brothers came before Joseph to beg his forgiveness. When they did this, they bowed before him one more time. Joseph’s dream about the bundles of grain came true again!

Genesis 49:28-33; Hebrews 11:21

Jacob’s twelve sons became the twelve _____ of Israel.

What instructions did Jacob give his sons about where he should be buried?





Genesis 50:1-13

When Jacob died, what did Joseph ask of Pharaoh?

Who returned to Canaan to bury Jacob?

Instead of paying them back for their evil deeds, Joseph spoke kindly to his brothers about their actions and said, "...you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good ... do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." Joseph forgave his brothers for their evil against him. We, too, must learn to be forgiving. God forgives us, and we should forgive each other.

We'll make life hard for ourselves if we don't learn to forgive.

Joseph lived to be 110 years old! He had great faith in God. Joseph had seen God take care of him and believed God would continue to take care of his family.

Joseph also believed God would see that his people returned to Canaan. In fact, Joseph was so sure of this that he gave instruction for his bones to be taken to Canaan. God made great promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and Joseph believed God would do everything He said.



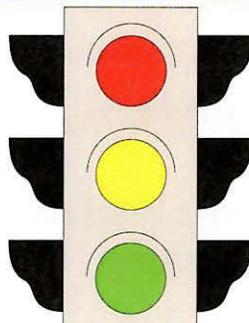
Genesis 50:14-26; Hebrews 11:22

Once their father was buried, what did the brothers worry that Joseph would do?

Why was Joseph kind to his brothers?

What instructions did Joseph give about his bones?

I forgive others and I don't stay mad for long when someone hurts me.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — usually not

Yellow — sometimes

Green — all the time

Think About It...

Joseph treated his brothers kindly because he knew God had been good to him and his family. Write down two ways that God has been good to you. Then, tell how God's kind actions will help you treat others kindly.



Brush Up on Bible Facts

Which book in the Old Testament is about a Jewish queen rescuing her people?

Using numbers, put the major stages of Bible history in the proper order:

- ___ Salvation in Jesus Christ
- ___ Law at Mount Sinai
- ___ Punished by Captivity
- ___ Living in the Promised Land
- ___ Wilderness Wanderings
- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Slavery in Egypt

On a map inside the back cover, locate Israel and the Nations—circle Edom, Ammon, Moab, Philistia, Assyria / Babylon / Persia.