

LESSON 3

JOSEPH MEETS HIS BROTHERS

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Joseph Meets His Brothers

Part 1: Joseph Meets His Brothers

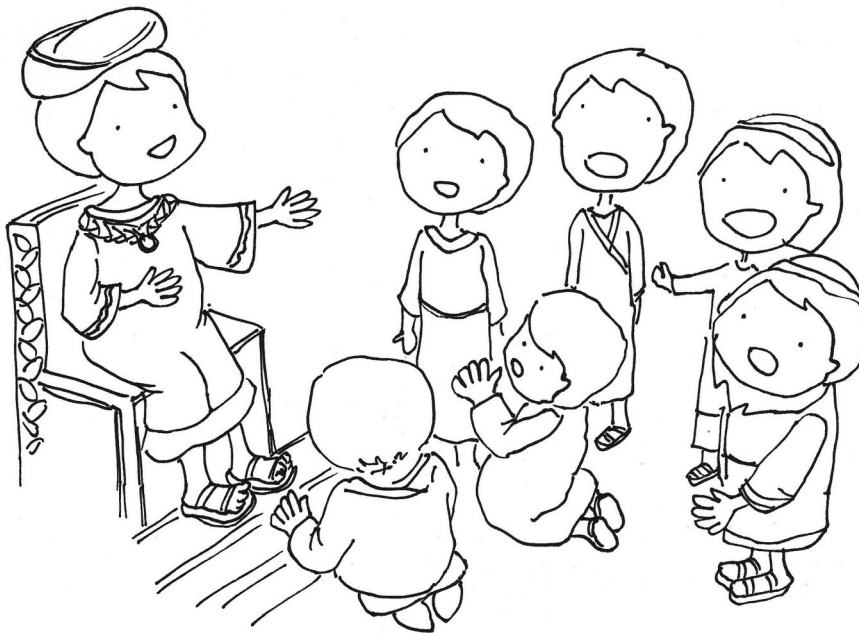
1. Joseph had been placed _____-in-command over Egypt. During the years of excess crops, he placed food in many _____ across Egypt. Because of his wisdom, Egypt was saved from the _____ years of famine.
2. Jacob sent all of his sons, except _____, to Egypt to buy food.
3. It seemed that Joseph treated his brothers poorly because of what they did to him, but Joseph allowed them to return home, filled their _____, and returned their money.

Part 2: The Brothers Return to Egypt

1. Along with _____, the brothers brought many _____ and double the money to Egypt with them.
2. Just as Joseph's _____ had predicted, his brothers all _____ down to him.
3. After their meal together, Joseph told his steward to slip his _____ into _____'s sack. He then accused his brothers of thievery!
4. Although in the past, _____ had suggested selling Joseph into slavery, this time when Benjamin was in danger, he offered _____ as a replacement.

Part 3: Joseph Reveals Himself

1. Unable to pretend anymore, Joseph _____ himself to his brothers, shocking them into silence.
2. Joseph comforted them, telling them that it was _____ who had sent him into Egypt, in order to _____ lives.
3. Even in his position of power, Joseph remained fully aware of God's _____, and still held on to his _____ in God.
4. Now, his faith had been rewarded, and he now had the opportunity and ability to _____ his family from _____.

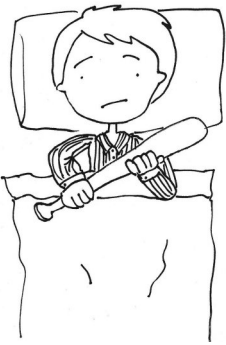


God Works for the Good of Those Who Love Him

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Rom 8:28)

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Jason and Cindy's family had been out all day visiting their grandmother. When they came home at night, they found the front door open. Jason's dad told everyone to stay outside while he checked inside the house. They waited nervously by the porch, their mom holding Jason and Cindy close to her as they prayed for God's protection. Very soon, Dad came out with a troubled face. "Someone broke in," he told them. They walked into the house and saw that not only was everything a mess, but many of their valuables had also been taken. Dad called the police and reported what had happened.



Jason and Cindy could not sleep that night. Cindy was afraid that if she fell asleep, someone might break in again. Jason put his baseball bat next to him. Jason could not understand why God let this terrible thing happen to them. For a few days, Jason had a hard time falling asleep and constantly had nightmares.

Jason's parents found out that they had been tired lately and they realized that neither of them could sleep. Their parents realized they had forgotten to do something: pray and rely on God. So they all knelt down together to pray. They prayed for a long time. After the prayer, their parents encouraged Jason and Cindy, reminding them that they must trust in God.

"Our lives are in God's hands and, as long as we fear and obey God, God will always provide a way out when we are in danger," their mom said. After the prayer and encouragement, everyone felt better.

It happened that Jason's dad had been looking for a different and better job for quite a while. However, after the robbery, he began looking outside of the city rather than close by. Once he began applying outside of the city, he immediately received a job, and the family moved to a different house.



Two months after they moved into the new house, Jason was watching the news when he cried out, recognizing their old house. The reporter was saying that a gas explosion had destroyed their house and some of the surrounding neighbors' houses.

"Wow, if we were still living in that house, then we would have gotten hurt!" Jason said, shocked.

Dad agreed with him. "That's right, but because of the robbery, we moved. It seems that God allowed the terrible thing to happen so that we would be out of danger." Jason and Cindy learned and understood how God sometimes uses bad situations to make things better for those He loves.

1. How did God turn a bad situation into something good for Jason's family?

2. How is Jason's story similar to Joseph's story?

3. What did Jason's family do when they were afraid? How did it help them?

To Forgive Just as Jesus Has Forgiven Us

What is true forgiveness? When you truly forgive, it means that you are sincere and honest in what you say. God knows our hearts. He'll know if we don't really want to forgive someone and that we're just doing it for show. This does not give us treasures in heaven. If we cannot forgive others, then God will not forgive us either.

Read the following verses on forgiveness, and then write them out in the boxes.

Mark 11:25

Colossians 3:13

Matthew 6:14

Luke 6:37

"If we cannot forgive others, then God will not forgive us either."

A Time to Forgive

Objective: To learn that forgiveness requires action on one's part.

Read each scenario below and finish the story.



Story	How would you show forgiveness?
<p>You let your friend Kris borrow your only ruler in school because he left his at home. While using it, he drops it on the floor and it breaks in half. He tells you, "Sorry, I accidentally broke your ruler."</p>	<p>Instead of being angry, what would you say? What actions would you take?</p>
<p>You asked your mom to buy you a box of cookies while she was at the grocery store. You wanted to have it as a snack for lunch tomorrow, but she forgot to buy it because she was buying a lot of other groceries for dinner.</p>	<p>Instead of demanding that your mom go back to the store, what would you say? What actions would you take?</p>
<p>Your dad has told you to clean your room many times, but you put it off every time. Finally, your dad decides to clean it for you. The next day, you realize that he accidentally threw out your bag of seashells that you collected from the beach last weekend. You had it in a trash bag by your door and he accidentally took that to the garbage can with other garbage from your room.</p>	<p>Instead of yelling and screaming, what would you say? What actions would you take?</p>

Why is it so important to be truthful to our parents and to God?

Your parents may ask you lots of questions before you go out or go do something. And it may seem like you want more freedom or you want them to mind their own business. But your parents care for you a lot and it hurts them if you don't tell them truth. They want to make sure that you are safe and that you don't get into trouble or receive bad influences. They care for your physical health as well as your spiritual health.

Lying to God is not going to help you. God knows everything; we all know that. There's nothing to hide. It also hurts God, when you do something dishonest.

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Reading: Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a check mark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Proverbs 10:12)**

Fill In the Blank

1. Joseph's brothers went to Egypt because there was a _____ in the land.
2. Joseph had his steward put the silver cup in _____ sack.
3. As soon as Joseph heard Judah defend Benjamin, he ordered all his servants to leave him and he _____.

Multiple Choice

4. _____ : Joseph said it was _____ who had sent him to Egypt to save his family's lives.
 - a. God
 - b. His brothers
 - c. The Ishmaelite merchants
5. _____ : One of the brothers bravely defended Benjamin because _____.
 - a. Benjamin was his favorite brother.
 - b. Benjamin was their baby brother.
 - c. Their father loved Benjamin very much, and he did not want his father to be sad for losing Benjamin.

Short Answer

6. After Joseph revealed his true identity, what did he ask his brothers to do?
7. Joseph tested his brothers twice. How did Joseph test his brothers? What was the purpose of each test?
8. Has anyone ever done something wrong to you? Were you able to forgive them? If so, how did you do it? If not, why was it difficult?
9. Have you ever done something wrong to someone else? Did you apologize or say sorry? Did they forgive you? If so, how did you feel when you were forgiven? If not, how did you feel?