

# LESSON 3

## JOSEPH MEETS HIS BROTHERS

### OBJECTIVES

1. To trust God in everything, even when we may not understand.
2. To learn that sometimes hardships may occur for good purposes and that God works for the good of those who love Him.
3. To learn about forgiving others.

### MEMORY VERSE

“Hatred stirs up strife,  
but love covers all sins.”

(Proverbs 10:12)

### PRAYER

1. We thank God for gathering us here so that we can worship and learn more about His word.
2. Lord, please help us to be wise in all that we do.
3. Lord, please help us through the trials we encounter.
4. And Lord, You have forgiven us many times already; may You give us the power to forgive others.
5. May God help us focus on this lesson and apply its teachings to our lives.



### Overview

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### Background Knowledge for Teachers

#### Famine

The Bible records many instances of famine. It is one of the many major natural disasters that strikes man. When a famine hits, people who live in the affected area suffer hunger and starvation because the land cannot produce any food. This is usually the result of long periods of drought in the land. We see such cases nowadays in many regions of Africa.



### Reaching Out to Your Students

Students at this age still think of life in the short term; immediate action and immediate consequences are generally all that they think about. They may have begun to consider some long-term concepts, such as saving up their spending money or planning their school projects ahead of time. However, when they encounter hardships at home or at school, the long-term is probably the furthest thing from their mind. As you teach this story, remind them that it was only after close to two decades of hardship that Joseph realized what God had sent him to Egypt for, and why God had allowed him to be abused and sold by his brothers.

As you teach the lesson, also take the opportunity to remind your students about forgiveness, and about love for their family. At this age, they may be more concerned with their school friends or their valuable possessions. However, learning about how much more valuable their family is, and how important it is to forgive their family when they have argued with them or done something to annoy them, should be emphasized constantly throughout their lives.



## Opener

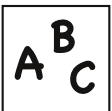
5 Minutes

Give the students each a piece of paper and a pencil, and have them write the numbers 1 through 5 down the left side of the paper. Explain that you are going to give them a quiz about forgiving. All the questions can be answered with a "yes" or "no."

1. Are you forgiving when you say, "I forgive you, but I will never forget how unkind you have been to me"?
2. Are you forgiving when you are happy that something bad happened to someone you do not like?
3. Are you forgiving when you want to get even with someone who pushed or hit you?
4. Are you forgiving when you stop talking to someone who told lies about you?
5. Are you forgiving when you speak unkindly about someone who does not choose you to be on his or her team?

**Point out that the correct answer to all the questions is "No." Explain that to truly forgive we must:**

1. Overcome our angry feelings.
2. Not judge or criticize others.
3. Forgive and forget about what had been done.



## Vocabulary

**aromatic resin:** a substance from wood or plants that produces a pleasant odor when burned



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

### FOR TEACHERS

Pass out the Bible Discovery worksheet for the students to fill out as you go through the lesson. The answers have been underlined here.

Last week, we learned about the many trials that Joseph endured. We also learned how Joseph overcame all of these trials with his faith and trust in God, and how God continued to protect him. Eventually, Joseph became second-in-command of the entire country of Egypt because of his wisdom and faith. The story is going to continue today, beginning with the famine that Joseph had predicted.

When Joseph was placed in charge, he immediately began to gather excess crops from all of the Egyptians, in order to prepare for the upcoming famine. As Joseph had interpreted, the Egyptians harvested an enormous amount for seven years. The storehouses that he had prepared eventually became so full that he could no longer keep track of how much they had!

Then, the next part of his interpretation came true; after seven years of plenty came seven years of famine, harsh

enough that no one could grow any crops. Back then, not being able to grow crops meant not being able to eat. It was due to Joseph's foresight that the Egyptians were saved. However, it wasn't just Egypt that experienced this famine. The entire surrounding area also became short on food, including Joseph's family in Canaan. Today's lesson is going to focus not on Joseph, but on his brothers.

### Joseph Meets His Brothers

Now, due to Joseph's wisdom, Egypt was safe for the upcoming seven years; anyone who ran out of food could go to him and buy from the storehouses that he had filled up. However, those in Canaan did not have any storehouses, so they had to travel to Egypt to buy food.

Jacob's family was also suffering from the famine, and when they were running out of food, Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy grain. He sent all of his sons, except Benjamin. Why do you think he favored Benjamin? (Because he was Rachel's only other son, and Joseph's only full brother.)

Now, let's read what happened when the brothers encountered Joseph in Genesis 42:6-8. The brothers did

not recognize Joseph at all, probably because they thought he was long dead. Moreover, they hardly expected their brother to rise to such an important position. Joseph pretended not to know them, and treated them roughly, even placing them in jail for three days! Why do you think he did this? Well, let's read on to see why Joseph acted this way.

Let's read Genesis 42:18-25. It might seem at first that he was treating them poorly because of what they did to him, but Joseph, knowing that they had families to feed, let them out of prison to take food home. On top of this, the Bible says that he wept upon hearing his brothers speak remorsefully, and even commanded that their sacks be filled with food, provisions for their journey, *and* with the money they had brought! These were actions of love, not of hate.

In the end, Joseph kept Simeon back, and allowed the other brothers to return home, demanding that they bring their younger brother to prove that they were not spies. So the brothers returned home, and Simeon remained with Joseph in Egypt. Let's read Genesis 42:35-38 to see what happened when they got home. Do you remember that Reuben was the only brother who tried to protect Joseph? Again, he is taking responsibility for his youngest brother. But Jacob refused to let Benjamin go, and they remained in Canaan.

### The Brothers Return to Egypt

We are now in the next chapter of the story. Jacob's family had run out of food again, and he told his sons to go to Egypt to buy food. However, Joseph had explicitly warned them that they were not to appear without their younger brother. Let's read what happened in Genesis 43:8-14. Do you remember that Judah was the same one who had suggested to sell Joseph into slavery? Now he was offering his own life for Benjamin's. He had changed a lot since back then! Since they had no choice, Jacob allowed Benjamin to leave, and also told them to bring gifts and double the money back to Egypt, hoping that these were enough to bring his sons back safely.

Once again, they traveled to Egypt, and once there, they immediately received a scare: Joseph sent them to his house! Was he going to punish them for taking money? Or perhaps he still thought they were spies? So the brothers approached the steward and told him about the money, but the steward assured them saying, "Do not be afraid. I have your money!" Of course, this was not entirely true, but the brothers were reassured, and they prepared their gifts for Joseph.

After being reunited with Simeon, the brothers then presented their gifts to Joseph when he returned home, and they bowed down before him. Do you remember

Joseph's very first dreams? He had dreamed that his brothers would bow down to him, and they hated him for his dreams. But now his dreams had come true! After presenting their gifts, they sat down to eat a meal together. It must have been a very moving moment for Joseph, who had been separated from his family for more than ten years, to be able to sit with his brothers and eat together peacefully. However, Joseph had one more test for his brothers.

After the meal, he sent them back home, but first he gave their money back again, and told his steward to slip his personal silver cup into Benjamin's sack. After they had gone some distance away, he then sent his steward to follow them and accuse them of thievery! What was Joseph up to? Let's read what happened in Genesis 44:10-13. Of course, the cup was found in Benjamin's sack, and they returned to Joseph, who told them that he was going to take Benjamin as his slave for being a thief. However, before he could take Benjamin away, Judah stepped forward! Let's see what he said in verses 33-34.

Joseph had imprisoned them, kept Simeon back, demanded that they bring Benjamin, and tricked them by putting his silver cup into Benjamin's sack. Why do you think he did all of this? Joseph was testing his brothers to see if they were the same as before. By targeting Benjamin, his father's other favorite son, Joseph was testing to see if his brothers would treat Benjamin the same way they had treated him. If they abandoned Benjamin, then they were the same as before. But unlike the past, they did their best to protect their brother. In fact, Judah, the same one who suggested selling Joseph into slavery, offered himself as a sacrifice for Benjamin's sake. It was now clear to Joseph that his brothers had truly changed for the better.

### Joseph Reveals Himself

At long last, unable to pretend anymore, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. However, upon his announcement of his true identity, the brothers were stunned into silence. Their long lost brother—the same brother they had thought to be long lost or dead—was standing in front of them, not only alive, but healthy, whole, and in a position of such great power! What if Joseph wanted to use his power to take revenge? But Joseph spoke gently to them, explaining how God had sent him to Egypt and raised him into this position so that he could save the lives of so many people. Let's read what he said in Genesis 45:5-9.

Even in his position of power, Joseph remained fully aware of God's power, and still held on to his faith in God. Now, his faith had been rewarded, and he now had the opportunity and ability to save his family from starvation. So he sent his brothers back home with provisions and carts so that they could bring their father and their

families to Egypt. When they finally arrived home and delivered the news, Jacob was astonished. The son he had thought to be dead all these years was actually alive! So Jacob and his sons traveled to Egypt, and Joseph was finally reunited with his family.

#### What can we learn from Joseph's brothers?

In Genesis 44:14-34, we can see that there was a big difference in their attitudes from years before. In verse 14, it said, "they fell before [Joseph] on the ground." This gesture fulfilled what Joseph had dreamt before he was sold to Egypt.

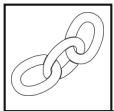
Then, in verse 16, Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; here we are, my lord's slaves, both we and he also with whom the cup was found." This was a clear admitting through Judah their guilt of selling Joseph into slavery. It was "we," not "he."

In verses 33-34, Judah continued, "Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers. For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me, lest perhaps I see the evil that would come upon my father?" Judah had had a change of heart! Originally, Judah had led his brothers to sell Joseph into slavery, but now, he plead to give himself in exchange for Benjamin.

The Bible teaches us that true repentance is turning away from our sins. We can see very clearly the change in Judah's heart. Likewise, we need to examine our hearts constantly to see if we are turning away from iniquity and letting God work in us to mold us and change us.

#### What can we learn from Joseph meeting with his brothers?

When Joseph said in Genesis 45:3, "I am Joseph," we can see that these are the words that he had longed to say since he first saw his brothers coming to Egypt for food. His early dreams of them bowing down to him had come true! Right at this moment, Joseph could have put them to death, but he didn't. We could see that Joseph was a man of honor. The Bible records that: in verse 2, "He wept aloud"; in verse 4, he said, "Please come near to me"; in verse 5, "Do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves"; and in verses 7-8, "God sent me." All these expressions of Joseph's emotions only proved one thing: he showed full forgiveness and no desire for revenge. He displayed what it meant to have the full love of God and compassion. In Genesis 50:20-21, Joseph said, "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." **Only Joseph, who really had deep faith in God, could have said these words. His faith helped him overcome all the difficulties he encountered and allowed God to work out His plan.**



### Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

#### One True God

Joseph went through a lot of suffering and many difficulties before he was appointed governor. At no point did Joseph complain to God or curse God. Thus, God continued to bring him success in everything he did. God had a plan for him and his family. Joseph's journey to Egypt was not in vain—it was to save his family. Sometimes, we may not know what God has in store for us, but we need to know that He is the true and living God. He's always watching and guiding us. We need to believe in God's promises and put our trust in Him always.



### Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

- 1. Why did Joseph pretend not to know his brothers and accuse them of being spies when they first went to Egypt for food?** Because Joseph wanted to test his brothers' love towards one another.
- 2. When did Joseph's dreams come true?** When all his brothers came and bowed down to the ground before him.
- 3. In whose sack did Joseph command his steward to place his silver cup? And who came forth, offering himself to take that brother's place to become Joseph's slave?** Benjamin, Judah.
- 4. After Joseph revealed his true identity, what did he ask his brothers to do?** Joseph asked his brothers to go back to their father quickly and bring him and the rest of the household to Egypt.





## Life Application

10 Minutes

### 1. God Works for the Good of Those Who Love Him

[Pass out the story and ask students to read it. Then, answer the questions that follow.]

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

Their home was robbed, but this made them decide to move away. This was to protect their family from the disaster that was to come.

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

Joseph also went through many bad situations and difficult times, but they all happened so something better could come, and in the end, they saved his family.

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

They prayed to God and they were comforted.

### Who is God to you?

Is He **big** or small?

Is He *all-powerful* or is He a wimp?

Does He love you or does He just put up with you?

Jesus said:

- "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28)
- "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Mt 28:20b)
- "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." (Jn 14:14)

### 2A. To Forgive Just as Jesus Has Forgiven Us

[Pass out Worksheet #2A, and ask students to complete it before moving on to Worksheet #2B.]

**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** *"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."*

**Colossians 3:13** *"Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."*

**Matthew 6:14** *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."*

**Luke 6:37** *"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."*

## 2B. 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?
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>Instead of being angry, what would you say? What actions would you take?</p> <p><i>It's alright, Kris, don't worry about it. It's not a big deal. I can borrow someone else's later. Or, if you want, you can buy me a new one when you have the chance.</i></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>Instead of demanding that your mom return to the store, what would you say? What actions would you take?</p> <p><i>Thanks for making dinner for us and preparing my lunch for tomorrow. When you're at the grocery store next time, can you please pick up a box for me?</i></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>Instead of yelling and screaming, what would you say? What actions would you take?</p> <p><i>Dad, that was my collection of shells that I worked really hard to collect last time. But, I should have washed and cleaned the shells and put them with the rest of my collection. I guess if I had listened to you and cleaned my room myself, I wouldn't have this problem right now. Thanks for cleaning my room for me.</i></p>

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

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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.

#### HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. famine
2. Benjamin's
3. wept
4. A
5. C
6. Joseph asked his brothers to go back to their father quickly and bring him and the rest of the household to Egypt.
7. The first test involved putting their money back into their sacks. He asked the brothers to bring Benjamin to prove their innocence. The second test involved putting his silver cup in Benjamin's sack. He wanted to see what his older brothers would do when Benjamin was in trouble.
8. Answers may vary.
9. Answers may vary.



## Activity

### Bowl of Forgiveness

10-15 Minutes

**Objective:** To help the students remember to forgive others.

**This is a paper mache project, which will be very messy.** If you've never worked with paper mache before, you might want to try it at home so you can get the hang of it. To make cleaning up easier in the classroom, you can bring several sheets of newspaper to spread out on the working surface. If possible, also have aprons or makeshift covers for the students' Sabbath clothing! Also note that there are several websites with instructions for this particular craft, complete with pictures and more detailed instructions. Simply do a web search for "paper mache balloon bowl."

#### Materials

- Plain paper (either computer or lined)
- Paint, optional
- Scissors
- Paper mache glue, mixed in a disposable container (2 parts white school glue, 1 part water)
- Paintbrushes for each student
- A medium-sized balloon, one for each student
- A Sharpie
- Smallish containers or bowls to prop their balloons in

#### Preparations

1. Either pre-mix the glue and store in an airtight container, or bring the glue and water and mix in a container (or several containers, depending on the number of students).
2. Cut several pieces of paper into strips that are roughly 4" x 1". You need enough to cover the bottom of each balloon with 2 or 3 layers of paper. If you have a lot of students, consider using a paper cutter.

#### Instructions

1. Hand a blank piece of paper to each of the students. Ask them to write down a list of things they are finding difficult to forgive, or can't easily forget (e.g. "My brother stole my toy and broke it.").
2. While they are writing, blow up each of the balloons (the width to which you blow it up will become the diameter of the bowl), and using the Sharpie, draw a line around the widest part of the balloon. This marks the height of the bowl. Prop them in the containers that you brought, tied side down.
3. Once they are finished writing, ask them to either rip or cut their paper into strips, roughly 4" long and 1" wide, and give them each a balloon and brush. Place the glue container(s) where they can all reach.
4. Have them cut out their favorite verse(s) from Life Application Worksheet #2, and set the verses aside. (If the students wrote in pencil, have them re-write the verses with a ballpoint pen.)
5. Begin gluing the paper strips to the top half of the balloon by first brushing glue on the balloon surface, placing a strip of paper on top of the glue, and then painting more glue on top of the paper. Repeat this process until there are around 2 or 3 layers of paper on the balloon (make sure they know not to add any below the line that you drew).
6. When they are done, have the students carefully glue the verses that they cut out from Life Application Worksheet #2 as the last layer, upside down and near the line that you drew. Paint another thin layer of glue on top.
7. Set them aside in the classroom so that they can dry (this will take at least a day). For the last step, carefully pop the balloon, and you should be left with a paper mache bowl.
8. Optional: When it is dry, allow the students to paint the bowl. Make sure they paint around the verses!

## Joseph Meets His Brothers

### Part 1: Joseph Meets His Brothers

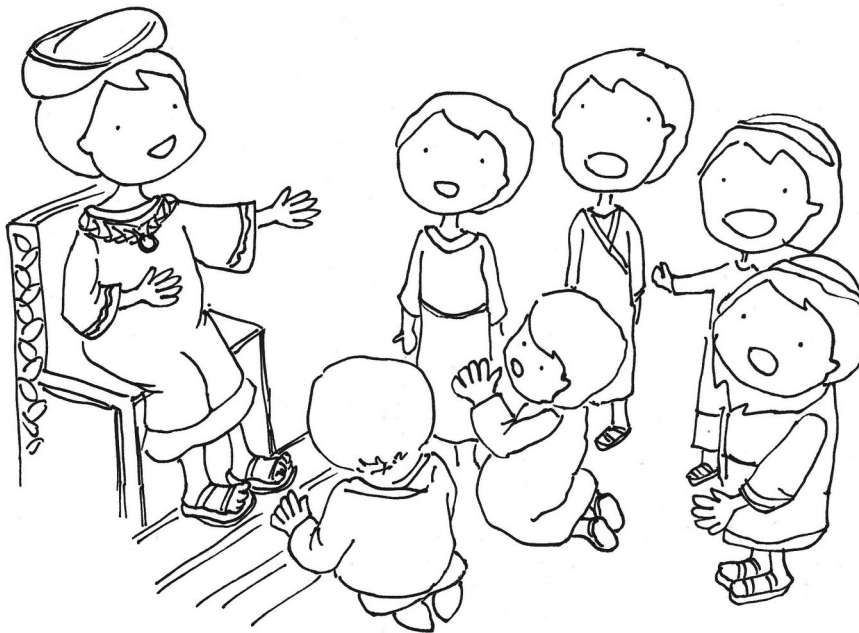
1. Joseph had been placed \_\_\_\_\_-in-command over Egypt. During the years of excess crops, he placed food in many \_\_\_\_\_ across Egypt. Because of his wisdom, Egypt was saved from the \_\_\_\_\_ years of famine.
2. Jacob sent all of his sons, except \_\_\_\_\_, to Egypt to buy food.
3. It seemed 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 \_\_\_\_\_.



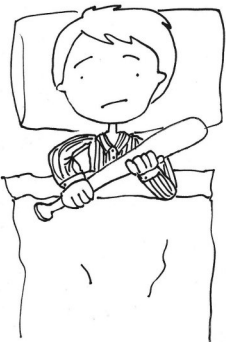


## God Works for the Good of Those Who Love Him

*"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.

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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. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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	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?