

Story Time: Read the story to the children:
Lesson 33: JACOB MOVES TO EGYPT
Genesis 45:17 through Genesis 50:26

So the king told Joseph: Tell your brothers to go back to Canaan and bring their father and their families here, and I will give them the best land in Egypt. Let them take some wagons to Canaan for the women and children to ride in, and tell them they don't need to bring anything with them here because we will give them anything they need from the best things in Egypt! Joseph's brothers agreed and they left Egypt, and when they arrived in Canaan, they told their father that Joseph was still alive and was the ruler of Egypt, but their father was so surprised that he couldn't believe them. Then they told him everything Joseph had said. When he saw the wagons Joseph had sent, he felt much better and said, "Now I can believe you! My son Joseph must really be alive, and I will get to see him before I die." Jacob packed up everything he owned and left for Egypt. On the way he stopped near the town of Beersheba and offered sacrifices to God. That night, God spoke to him and said, "Jacob! Jacob!" "Here I am," Jacob answered. God said, "I am God, the same God your father worshiped. Don't be afraid to go to Egypt. I will give you so many descendants that one day they will become a great nation. I will go with you to Egypt, and later I will bring your descendants back here. Your son Joseph will be at your side when you die." Jacob and his family left Beersheba and headed for Egypt. His sons put him in the wagon that the king had sent for him, and they put their small children and their wives in the other wagons. Jacob's whole family went to Egypt, including his sons, his grandsons, his daughters, and his granddaughters. They took along their animals and everything else they owned. Sixty-six members of Jacob's family went to Egypt with him. Jacob's two grandsons who were born there and his daughters-in-law made it a total of seventy members of Jacob's family that lived in Egypt. Jacob had sent his son Judah ahead of him to ask Joseph to meet them in Goshen. So Joseph got in his chariot and went to meet his father. When they met, Joseph hugged his father around the neck and cried for a long time. Jacob said to Joseph, "Now that I have seen you and know you are still alive, I am ready to die."

The famine was bad everywhere in Egypt and Canaan, and the people bought the grain Joseph had saved up with money. When their money ran out, they gave Joseph their animals, and when they ran out of animals they sold themselves as slaves to the king of Egypt. The famine was so bad that Joseph ended up buying all the land in Egypt for the king.

Jacob himself lived in Egypt in the land of Goshen for seventeen years, then he died when he was 147 years old. Before Jacob died, he called in Joseph and said, "If you really love me, you must make a promise not to bury me here in Egypt. Instead, bury me in the place where my ancestors are buried." "I will do what you have asked," Joseph promised.

When Jacob was very old and sick, he told Joseph that God had appeared to him in a dream and said that he would have a very large family that would grow into a

large nation. He blessed Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh and said that God would bless them also.

After that, Jacob said, "Joseph, you can see that I won't live much longer. But God will be with you and will bring you back to the land he promised to our family a long time ago. Jacob then called all twelve of his sons to his room and told each one what was going to happen in their lives. Then he told them: Soon I will die, and I want you to bury me in Machpelah (Match-pelah) Cave. Abraham bought this cave as a burial place from Ephron the Hittite, and it is near the town of Mamre in Canaan. Abraham and Sarah are buried there, and so are Isaac and Rebekah. I buried Leah there too. When Jacob had finished giving these instructions to his sons, he lay down on his bed and died.

Joseph started crying, then he leaned over to hug and kiss his father. He then went to the Pharaoh and asked permission to go to Canaan to bury Jacob his father there like he promised he would do. The Pharaoh agreed and Joseph's whole family went. After the funeral, Joseph, his brothers, and everyone else came back to Egypt. After Jacob died, Joseph's brothers were afraid that Joseph would be mad at them for everything they did to him, but Joseph told his brothers that it was God's will that he was a slave in Egypt, and that it saved all their lives. He promised them that he would always take care of them and their families. After Joseph said this, his brothers felt much better. Joseph lived in Egypt with his brothers until he was 110 years old, then he died. But before he died, he told his brothers that God would take care of them and lead them out of Egypt and back to the land He had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, then Joseph made his brothers promise to bury him there in the land when they left Egypt.

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(GENESIS 45:17-50:26)



“And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you
The good of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.”

GENESIS 45:18

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MEMORY VERSE:

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God.” ROMANS 8:28

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Pharaoh told Joseph to tell his brothers to go back home and bring their father and everything they had back to the best land in Egypt. TRUE or FALSE
2. At first when Joseph's brothers told their Father that Joseph was still alive he did not believe them. TRUE or FALSE
3. God spoke to Israel (Jacob) in a vision and told him not to go to Egypt. TRUE or FALSE
4. They took all their animals and things from Canaan and brought it all to America. TRUE or FALSE
5. Joseph's father Jacob made Joseph promise not to bury him in Egypt when he died. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

6. After Joseph's father Jacob died, were his brothers afraid he might be mean to them because they sold him as a slave a long time ago?
7. Joseph told his brothers not to be afraid because of everything they had done to him. Who had a plan all along for Joseph to bring him into Egypt? Was it his brothers?
8. When Joseph was old and ready to die, he told someone that God would bring them back to their promised land. Who did he say that to?

LESSON 33 ACTIVITY

Help! I'm Hungry

You will need oyster crackers and a set of cut-outs (money, livestock, land, myself) for each child.

Seat children in a circle and pass out a set of cut outs to each child.

You may want to choose a child to play Joseph or you could do it yourself.

Ask your class what they think the Egyptians said to Joseph when all their food was gone. They probably said, "We're hungry; please let us buy food with our money."

Have Joseph take up all the money, and pass out one oyster cracker to each child.

Then repeat with the livestock, the land, and finally the "myself" cutouts. This should reinforce the desperation of the famine.

All Things Puzzle

You need copies of the "all things" puzzle. You may want to make just a few of these for your class to work on together, or give each child one and let him cut it out and put it together.

Point out that [God works all things together for good to those who love Him](#).

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God's grace and mercy and wonderful work in our lives. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity

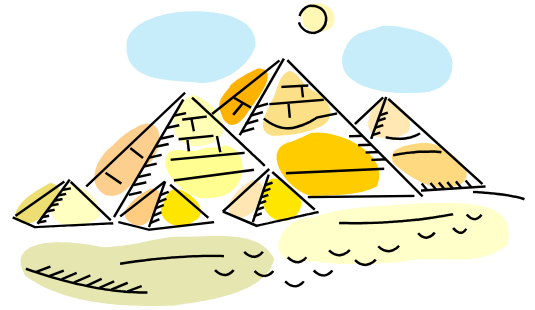
ALL THINGS PUZZLE



MATCH THE WORD TO THE PICTURE

Draw a line from the word to the right picture.

Jacob



Egypt



Brothers



Pharaoh

