

Theme: Kindness and Obedience

Your Child should be able to:

- 1) Name the 12 Sons of Jacob
- 2) Tell why Jacob sent his sons to Egypt
- 3) Tell why Jacob did not want Benjamin to go to Egypt
- 4) Recognize Joseph's forgiveness towards his Brothers and our responsibility to forgive others

Memory Verse: Genesis 50:19-20

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid... You planned to harm me But God planned it for good... He wanted to save many lives."

Story:

- * Jacob had 12 sons
- * Jacob didn't know that Joseph was still alive
- * Jacob was right about the famine
- * After 7 years of lots of wheat and grain for food a famine came upon the land
- * Jacob and his sons needed grain
- * They knew they could buy grain in Egypt
- * Jacob sent all his sons to Egypt except Benjamin the youngest to Egypt to buy grain
- * Jacob could not bear to send Benjamin because he thought he had lost Joseph
- * When the brothers got to Egypt, Joseph knew who they were but the brothers didn't know Joseph
- * Because he looked like a Egyptian
- * He told the men that they were spies and almost got them in trouble
- * Joseph told his servants to fill their bags and to put their money back into their bags
- * The servants did as they had been told
- * He also told them to bring back their little brother or he would not believe they were not spies
- * Simeon was held over till they brought Benjamin back
- * On their way home one of them got some grain out to feed the donkey's and found their money in their sacks
- * They were all terrified and when they got home they told Jacob
- * Some time later they needed more grain and they had to go back. Jacob was not going to let Benjamin go But finally let him go to get grain with his brothers.
- * Jacob sent double the money for the grain and they returned to Egypt
- * Joseph saw Benjamin and asked his servant to bring them to his house
- * The brothers were afraid but they were told it was ok then they saw Simeon
- * Joseph arrived later and asked them is your father well? Is he still alive?
- * They sat down and ate
- * Joseph told the servants to fill the men's bags with grain and their money and in the youngest one's sack put the money and my silver cup
- * The next morning they left. Joseph told his servant to follow them. When they caught up with them they asked Them why did they repay evil for good
- * They opened the sacks from the oldest to the youngest and found their money and in the Benjamin's sack they Found the money and a silver cup
- * They were told to return to the city
- * They pleaded with Joseph to save the boy and told him about his older brother was lost and how his father Had acted when he found out about Joseph's supposed death and Joseph couldn't help it he told everyone to leave And then he started weeping and told them who he was.
- * He kissed all his brothers and told them he forgave them for doing what they did to him long ago
- * He told his brothers to go home a bring everyone back to live with him in Egypt.
- * Joseph said that God had sent him to Egypt to save them.

Theme: Faith—God keeps His promises

Your child should be able to:

1. Identify Ephraim and Manasseh as Joseph's two sons
2. Tell how Jacob blessed his sons before he died
3. Identify why Joseph's brothers became afraid after their Father died.
4. Identify Genesis 50:19-20 as Joseph's answer to his brothers fears

Memory Verses:

1. Genesis 1:1-3
2. Genesis 12:1-3
3. Genesis 50:19-20

Story:

Jacob's family, the Israelites, had lived in the land of Egypt for 17 years

Jacob became very sick

Joseph and his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim, went to be with Jacob when he was about to die

Before Jacob died, he spoke to Joseph and his sons about God's promise to him

He told them how God had appeared to him long ago and blessed him

Jacob told them that God had said He would give him a big family and give them the land of Canaan.

Jacob told Joseph that God would be with him and some day return him to the land of Canaan.

He also blessed Joseph's two sons. But Jacob crossed his hands over and gave a better blessing to

Ephraim, even though Ephraim was younger than Manasseh

Jacob then called all his sons together to speak with them.

He told how things would be for each son's family when they lived in the promised land.

Joseph's family would be blessed the most.

Jacob asked his sons to bury him in the promised land.

Soon after Jacob finished talking to them he died.

Joseph cried and cried when Jacob died. He went to Pharaoh to ask if he could go to Canaan to bury

His father there as he had promised to do.

Pharaoh let Joseph and all of his family go to Canaan to bury Jacob

All of Egypt's important leaders went with Joseph and his family to Canaan.

After the sons of Jacob buried their father in the land of Canaan, they and their families went back to Egypt.

Now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers were afraid Joseph would hate them because they had once been so mean to him.

Joseph was very sad when he heard this, Genesis 50:19-20 says this: "But Joseph said to them, Don't be afraid...

You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He wanted to save many lives."

Joseph and his brothers stayed in the land of Egypt.

As Joseph grew old he got to see many of his grandchildren.

Just before Joseph died, he asked his family, the Israelites, to bury him in the land of Canaan.

He told the Israelites that God keeps his promises. The Scriptures about Joseph teach us

that our God is an awesome God who always does what He says He will do for His people!