Jacob and His Family Live in Egypt

Genesis 46 - 50

The Story - *A Long Trip for Jacob*

"Joseph is alive! Joseph is alive!" said Jacob's sons. "Joseph wants us to live with him in Egypt," they said.

Jacob was very happy. He thanked God for taking care of Joseph. He also thanked God for giving his hungry family food to eat. Then God talked to Jacob. God said, "Do not be afraid to go to Egypt. I will go with you on the long trip." God promised that He would take care of Jacob's family in Egypt, just like He took care of them in Canaan. He also promised to bring Jacob's family back to Canaan one day.

Jacob got ready for the long trip to Egypt. Jacob's sons and grandsons got ready. Jacob's daughters and granddaughters got ready, too. Then they got the animals ready. At last, sixty-six people and many animals were ready for the long trip.

Jacob chose Judah to be the leader. Judah knew the way to Egypt because he had been there before. The animals had to walk all the way to Egypt. Some of the people rode in wagons, but many of the people had to walk, too. They walked, and walked, and walked. They followed Judah all the way to Egypt.

When Jacob and his family got to Egypt, Joseph was waiting for them. Joseph was so happy to see Jacob! He took Jacob to meet the king. The king was called Pharaoh. Pharaoh said, "You may live in the best part of Egypt."

Jacob and his family made their home in a part of Egypt called Goshen. They lived in Goshen for many years. God took care of them there, just as He promised.

One day, when Jacob was a very old man, he knew it was time for him to die and go to heaven. He wanted to talk to his family one more time. He had something important to tell them! He reminded them about God's promise to send Jesus to die for their sins. Then Jacob told them that Jesus would be one of Judah's great, great…grandchildren. Jacob did not know when Jesus would come, but he knew God would keep His promise. God did keep His promise! He sent Jesus to die for Jacob's sins…and for our sins, too!

God builds and preserves His chosen nation from which the Christ would be born.

Activity One - There are many **J** names in this lesson. Listen for the **J** names in each sentence: Jacob, Judah, Joseph, and Jesus. Write the letter **J** in each space.

____oseph was alive.

____acob thanked God for giving his hungry family food to eat.

____acob took a long trip to Egypt.

____udah was the leader because he knew the way.

____oseph was happy to see his father.

____oseph took his father to meet the king.

____acob was a very old man.

____udah would be the great, great...grandfather of

____esus.

____esus died for our sins.

Passage

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

God's hand supports and saves those who put their trust and faith in Him.

Activity Two - Help Judah lead Jacob's family to Egypt. Use a pencil or crayon to race a path from Canaan to Egypt.

Hymn - TLH #410 v. 1

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for taking care of Jacob on his long trip to Egypt. Help me to remember that You keep Your promises, especially Your promise to send Jesus to die for my sins. Amen.