

STORY

Jacob and His Family Live In Egypt - Genesis 46-50

TEACHER PRAYER

Lord God, we thank You for showing us Your loving plan for our salvation. Though mankind, lost in sin, does evil things yet You continue to show mercy and turn evil into good for the sake of Your kingdom and our salvation. Oh Lord, fill us with Your Spirit as we study Your gracious Word together that Your name may be magnified in our hearts and that Your kingdom come to us all. In Your holy name we pray. Amen

VOCABULARY

Goshen - an especially fertile part of Northern Egypt located on the eastern side of the Nile River.

Israel - Prince with God - a name given to Jacob by God (Gen. 32:28)

lion's whelp - a young lion or cub (Gen. 49:9)

From the prey, my son, you have gone up - You are a conquerer and proceed from the battle victorious.

Shiloh - Prince of Peace

OUTER AIM

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INNER AIM

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BACKGROUND

(Rupprecht Bible History References Vol. 1, pp.130-139)

Many years had passed since Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers. Jacob (Israel) was now 130 years old. The Lord directed him to make the journey to Egypt because of the famine in his homeland. There the Lord promised to make of him a great nation. With Joseph as His key human instrument, God preserved alive His chosen people and builds the nation which would bring forth the Messiah.

Gen. 46 vs. 1-5; 26,27.

As Jacob worshiped at Beersheba, God spoke to Him directing him to go down to Egypt. God promised to be with him and bring him back to his homeland. Jacob's family (including Joseph and his family) numbered 70 souls.

vs. 28-30

The emotional meeting between Jacob and his son Joseph.

Gen. 47 vs. 1-12

Pharaoh, the Ruler of Egypt, granted Jacob's family the privilege to dwell in the most fertile part of Egypt, the land of Goshen, with all of their flocks and herds.



vs. 27-38

Jacob and his family prospered in the land of Goshen. Jacob asked Joseph to promise to bury him in the land of Israel together with his forefathers.

Gen. 48

Jacob, who was about to die, blessed the two sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim.

Gen. 49 (especially 8-12)

Jacob called his sons together and predicted what would befall them in the days ahead. The prediction for Judah, who would be the carrier of the promise of the Messiah, is especially significant.

Gen. 49:33; 50:1-9

Jacob died in Egypt. He was 147 years old. He was transported to Israel and buried there.

Gen. 50:15-26

Confession of guilt by the brothers and the assurance of forgiveness by Joseph. Joseph died in Egypt and was buried there. He was 110 years old.

STUDENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Your Word is so precious to us because there we see Your hand in the lives of Your people down through the generations. You have always made all things work together for the good of those that love You. As we see these things we pray that You will give us Your Spirit that we may recognize Your hand in our lives guiding, leading and blessing us each day. In Your loving name we pray. Amen

PRESENTATION

Briefly review the previous lesson especially since it naturally flows into this lesson. The first point of primary emphasis should be based upon those special and meaningful words of faith spoken by Joseph to his brothers: "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...." God watched over Joseph and in the face of the terrible Godless actions of his brothers, Joseph was blessed and became a human instrument through which God carried out His promise of the Messiah.

The second primary point of emphasis should be the blessing given to Judah found in Gen. 49:8-12. These words show the Messianic line carried on in Judah (cf. Mat. 1:2&3 and Luke 3:33&34) The Messianic promise is primary to the proper understanding and teaching of this lesson. Without that emphasis these five chapters in Genesis become merely a nice story about Jacob and his family. It is much more than that!

APPLICATIONS

God's plan of salvation for sinful mankind is carried out in spite of the evil intentions and actions of man. So it is today. God's continual care for His people in Christ Jesus is certain regardless of the opposition of Satan and a sinful world.

God's people are not perfect. Their sinful flesh prodded by Satan is constantly threatening to get in the way of God's good and gracious will. We all need God's forgiveness every day of our lives.. And just as God forgives us, so we should pray that our Lord will give us His Spirit and strengthen us that we may forgive as He has forgiven us.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Lower

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.*

Matthew 6:12 - *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

Middle any of the above and...

Ephesians 4:32 - *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God for Christ's sake also forgave you.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

Upper any of the above and...

Luke 17:3-5 - *Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him.*

HYMN CHOICES

"I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" (TLH #428)

"How Firm A Foundation" (TLH #427)

"Lord Of My Life Whose Tender Care" (TLH #24)

"Jesus Lead Thou On" (TLH 410)

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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.

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___ acob thanked God for giving his hungry family food to eat.

___ acob took a long trip to Egypt.

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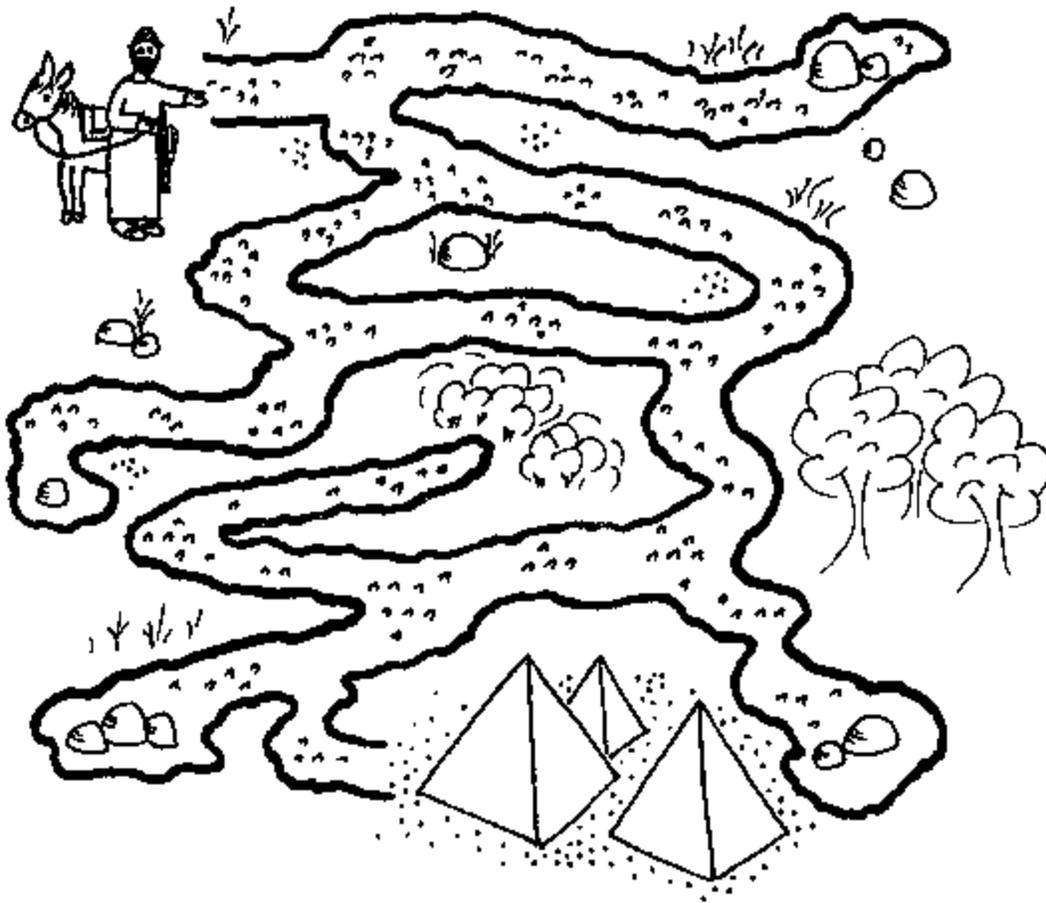
___ esus died for our sins.

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.

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The Story

God continues to protect His chosen people. He shows how He kept Jacob's family alive during the famine by taking them to live in Egypt. God also shows how the promise of a Savior is passed along in Abraham's and Jacob's family.

After Joseph's brothers returned to Canaan, Jacob and his family made preparations to move to Egypt. As they were getting ready to leave, God talked to Jacob. He said that Jacob shouldn't be afraid to move to Egypt because He would be with Jacob. He also said that Jacob's family would grow into a mighty nation in Egypt.

Jacob was 130 years old when he got to Egypt. When he was near Egypt, Joseph went out to meet him. Both men cried, for it had been a very long time since they had seen each other. Jacob said that he was ready to die because God had let him see Joseph again.

Soon after arriving in Egypt, Jacob was taken to see Pharaoh. While visiting Pharaoh, Jacob asked for the land of Goshen to raise their cattle and sheep. Pharaoh gave Jacob and his family the land of Goshen to live in. There they were able to tend their sheep. They were also put in charge of the cattle and sheep of Pharaoh.

Jacob lived in Egypt for 17 years. He was very old and it was almost time for him to die. He called for Joseph to visit him. Jacob made Joseph promise to take his body to Canaan and bury him there. Joseph

promised to take his father back to Canaan after he died.

As Jacob was on his deathbed, he blessed all of his sons. Judah was given a very special blessing. Jesus would be born from one of Judah's relatives. He also blessed Joseph's two sons Ephraim and Manasseh.

After the blessings, Jacob gave instructions of where he was to be buried in Canaan. Then he laid down and died. Joseph had Jacob's body embalmed. This means that Jacob's body was wrapped in spices and cloth. It took 40 days to embalm the body. All of Egypt was also sad over Jacob's death.

Joseph and his brothers took Jacob's body and buried it in Canaan. Then they went back to live in Egypt. Joseph's brothers were still worried that he might be angry with them for selling him to the merchants. They thought Joseph would try to hurt them.

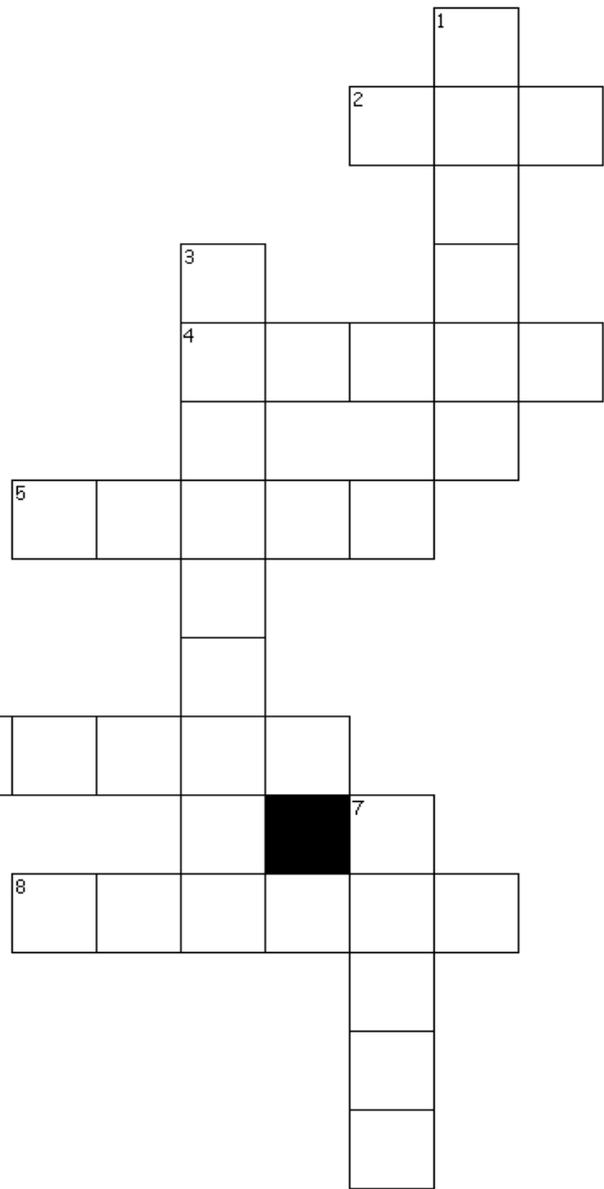
Joseph was sad at how his brothers acted. He told them that God was in charge and wanted him to be in Egypt. He also told them that he would make sure that their families had enough food and clothing.

Joseph continued living in Egypt and saw his great-great grandchildren before he died. Joseph was 110 years old when he died. He was buried in Egypt.

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Activity One - Find the answers to the following clues in the Word Box. Then write them in correct boxes in the CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

<p>WORD BOX Canaan Egypt God Goshen Jacob Joseph seventeen sheep</p>



Across

- Who wanted Joseph in Egypt to save his family?
- Where was Joseph buried?
- What animals did Jacob's family raise?
- Where did Jacob's family live in Egypt?
- On what land was Jacob buried?

Down

- Who lived to be 110 years old?
- How many years did Jacob live in Egypt?
- What is the name of Joseph's father?

Activity Two - Answer these discussion questions.

- Do you think that Jacob was afraid to move to Egypt? What clue in the story tells you that he could have been?
- How do you know that Jacob and Joseph were happy to see each other after so many years?
- What special job did Pharaoh give to Jacob's family?

4. Who did Jacob give blessings to? Who got a very special blessing?
5. Who was sad when Jacob died? Why do you think the people of Egypt were also sad?
6. What did Joseph's brother think would happen now that their father was dead?
7. How old was Joseph when he died? Where was he buried?

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Passages

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Matthew 6:12 "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

1. How did Joseph forgive his brothers?
2. How should we forgive others?

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

1. How did Joseph trust in the Lord with his heart?
2. How did God remember Joseph when he was in Egypt? *Hint: Think of all the bad things that happened to Joseph that turned into good things in the end.*
3. How can we trust in God? What do we trust God to do?

Draw a picture of what you trust God to do for you.

Hymn - TLH #410 v. 1, 4

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We will follow calm and fearless.
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To our fatherland.

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won;
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, control, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for protecting Jacob and his family in Egypt so that Jesus could be born from his family. You have made all things work together for good. We pray that You will continue to guide and lead our lives just as You guided and led Jacob's life in Egypt. Amen.

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Family reunions are a great time to catch up on news of relatives, join in activities, and visit. Many enjoy this type of fellowship with relatives every year.

In today's story there is reunion. A father who many years ago was told his son was dead, learns that his son is alive. The "dead son" wants his father to move to a foreign land so that he can take care of his father and his family. The father is more amazed to learn that his "dead son" is second in command of the most powerful country in the world at the time – truly a reunion that only God could design.

Today we travel with Jacob as he is reunited with his favorite son, Joseph, a powerful ruler in Egypt.



Prayer

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Jacob Settles in Goshen

As Jacob and his family neared the land of Goshen, he sent Judah to greet Joseph. Joseph and his sons had gone to the land of Goshen to meet Jacob. When Jacob saw Joseph, he was ready to die because he now knew that Joseph was still alive. Joseph presented his family to Pharaoh and Jacob, now one hundred and thirty years old, blessed Pharaoh. Joseph saw to it that his family was situated in the land of Goshen which Pharaoh had given to Joseph's family.

The family of Jacob, also called



Israel, lived in the land of Egypt, the country of Goshen. There the Lord blessed them with growth and many possessions. Jacob live for another seventeen years before he died.

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As was the custom in those days when a family member was about to die, the time had come for Jacob to pass on the family blessings. When Joseph heard that his father's health was failing he took his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, to their grandfather. The blessing Joseph would have received, Jacob gave to Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. Jacob went on to bless all of his sons. The special blessing, the blessing of the Savior did not go to the first born, Reuben, but to Judah.

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When Jacob finished blessing all of his sons, he breathed his last and died at the age of one hundred forty-seven years. Joseph had the Egyptian physicians embalm his father's body so that it could be carried back to Canaan for burial. All Egypt mourned for Joseph's father for seventy days. Pharaoh gave his permission to Joseph allowing him to go with his brothers to the land of Canaan and bury his father.

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When Joseph and his brothers returned from Canaan a fear came over the brothers. Now that their father was dead the brothers were concerned that Joseph would carry out an act of revenge on them for being cruel to Joseph. After all , they had sold Joseph and let Jacob think that Joseph was dead. That was very tough on their father, Jacob. Joseph reassured his brothers of the Lord's power and wisdom. Joseph pointed out to them that the Lord used their evil and turned it into good. By having Joseph in Egypt, the Lord provided a way to save Jacob's family from the famine. Moreover, the Lord provided the way for the promise of a Savior to be preserved.

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Joseph was blessed with good life in Egypt. His family grew and he had the joy of seeing his grandchildren. Before Joseph died he reminded his family that the Lord would move them back to the promised land of Canaan. He made his family promise that when they went back to Canaan they were to take his body with them. Joseph died at the age of one hundred ten years; his body was embalmed and placed in a coffin awaiting the day when it would be transported back to Canaan with his family.

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What the Story Tells Us -Choose the correct answer.

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5. Joseph was [excited – sad] to see his father again.
6. [Joseph – Pharaoh] gave Jacob and his family the land of Goshen to live in.
7. [True or False] Being pleased with everything that Joseph had done for Egypt, Pharaoh was kind to Jacob’s family.
8. Because of [God’s promise – Joseph’s dream], Jacob’s family grew to a very large number of people.
9. As Jacob’s health [improved – failed] Joseph, his sons, and his brothers gathered to receive their blessings from their father.
10. Jacob gave the blessing of a Savior to [Joseph – Judah].
11. Before Joseph died, he made his family promise to bury him in [Egypt – Canaan.]

Inner Aim - God’s hand supports and saves those who put their trust and faith in Him.

What the Bible Tells Us - Use the word bank to complete the following statements.

actions	Ephraim	heaven	ourselves	trust
children	witness	Manasseh	people	faithfulness
deeds	Goshen	obedient	temptations	

1. In Proverbs 3:5 we learn that we should _____ in the Lord and not in _____.
2. Through grace, God gives us the trust we hear of in Proverbs 3:5. That is what makes us God's _____.
3. God expects much of each of us because we are his _____.
4. Jacob obeyed the Lord and moved his family to Egypt. This reminds us that we need to be _____ to the Lord's will in our own lives.
5. Joseph followed in the ways of the Lord even when his young life was filled with troubles. The Lord continued to strengthen Joseph and bless him with two sons, _____ and _____.
6. Joseph was blessed when his father came to live in Egypt in the country of _____.
7. Through Joseph's _____ and _____ to God, the people of Egypt learned about the Lord.
8. We must remember that through our _____ and _____ as children of the Lord are showing our faith for God's power and His love.
9. It is important that we are daily strengthened in the Lord's Word so that when the _____ of Satan seek us we find comfort in the Lord.
10. Jacob and Joseph remained faithful to the Lord. Both listened and followed the will of God. May each of us look forward to joining them in _____ praising our Heavenly Father.

Passages

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."

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Hymn - Read over TLH #410. May Jesus be our guide as we travel through our lives here on earth. May His strength be our relief that makes us patient and enduring until we are in heaven.

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When temptations come alluring,
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Where we weep no more.

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For through many a woe
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As the picture clears and this good news is verified, the father learns that not only is his son alive, but also he is a leader in for the most powerful nation in the world. To top this all off the son wants his father to come to the foreign land so that he can take care of his father.

This sounds like a made-for-television movie or a title from the best seller's list but it is not. This is the true story of how God uses Joseph to care for his father, Jacob, and at the same time protecting the Lord's promise of a Savior to the world during the time of a worldwide famine. Let us journey back and learn how the Lord continues to protect while blessing his people.



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5. [Joseph – Pharaoh] gave Jacob and his family the land of Goshen to live in.
6. [True or False] Being pleased with everything that Joseph had done for Egypt, Pharaoh blessed Jacob.
7. Jacob was [130 – 147] when he moved to Egypt.
8. As Jacob’s health [improved – failed] Joseph, his sons, and his brothers gathered to receive their blessings from their father.
9. Jacob gave the blessing of a Savior to [Joseph – Judah].
10. Joseph was [117 – 110] years old when he died.

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What the Bible Tells Us - Use the following for Group Discussion.

1. When a relative, friend, or neighbor is grieved by the lost of a family member how can we help them deal with this grief?
2. God shows Jacob and his family that by remaining obedient to Him He can help overcome personal grief, brotherly hatred, and worldwide famine. What should this reminder move us to remember?
3. Jacob was an elderly man by this time. He had dealt with many issues during his 130 years. Faced with death because of the famine and aware of the instructions of his forefathers to live in the land of Canaan, Jacob realized the hand of the Lord and moves to Egypt. The Lord reassures Jacob by appearing to him and repeating His promises. How does the Lord reassure us as we continue on our life’s journey on earth?

4. The Lord had a plan and Joseph was part of it. Through Joseph's faithfulness to God, the Lord blessed all of Egypt and the countries that surrounded it. Pharaoh and the people of Egypt were grateful to Joseph and his God. How did Joseph's words and actions while in Egypt help to spread the knowledge of the only true God?

5. What are some ways that we, living in the foreign world called earth, can show our love for God and spread His love to all?

6. The time had come for Jacob to pass on the blessing of a Savior. In giving the blessing to Judah, Jacob reminded all of his children of the comfort that this Savior would bring. Name several times and/or ways that we should discuss the comfort of the Savior with our family; with our relatives; with our community; with the world.

7. Jacob blessed the most powerful, earthly ruler in his day, Pharaoh. How should we treat those who have been placed in authority over us at home, at school, in our community, and in our country?

8. The reunion of Jacob and Joseph was a joyful occasion. Sometimes reunions are not joyful because of disagreements among family members. This was evident with Joseph and his brothers after Jacob died. Joseph's brothers, even after seeing, hearing, and living all the events of the past several years, feared the power of an earthly ruler, Joseph, instead of the heavenly king God. Joseph had to point out to his brothers God's hand in everything that had happened. God may turn what is evil into our good. Give examples of how we can prepare now so that our family reunions will be joyous occasions both the reunions here on earth and our reunion in heaven.

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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."

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Luke 17:3-5 "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him." And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

Matthew 6:12 "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Ephesians 4:32 "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."

Hymn - Read over TLH #410. May Jesus be our guide as we travel through our lives here on earth. May His strength be our relief that makes us patient and enduring until we are in heaven.

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.

When we seek relief from a longfelt grief;
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

If the way be drear, if the Foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe
To our home we go.

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won;
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, control, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your Word is so precious to us because there we see Your hand in the lives of Your people down through the generations. You have always made all things work together for the good of those that love You. As we see these things we pray that You will give us Your Spirit that we may recognize Your hand in our lives guiding, leading and blessing us each day. Amen.