

# EGYPT

## **“Joseph Provided for His Family”**

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- Joseph and his brothers had a difficult relationship
- God used Joseph to explain dreams
- Joseph provided for his family in Egypt
- Moses was born and raised in Egypt

Series Theme Verse: “Nothing will separate us from the love of God.” Romans 8:39

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that God guided Joseph and Joseph forgave his brothers.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 42:1-17, 45:1-7, 25-28

Materials Needed: Bibles, Construction paper, colors, Series Theme Verse

Lesson Plan:

Talking Points:

- When Joseph’s dad, Jacob, heard there was food in Egypt, what did he do? (Sent his son’s to buy food from Egypt)
- Who did the brothers go to buy food from in Egypt? (Joseph)
- Did they know it was Joseph? (No)
- Did Joseph know they were his brothers? (Yes)
- What did Joseph accuse his brothers of being? (Spies)
- Why did he accuse them of being spies? (So they would go get his youngest brother and he could see him)
- When the brothers return to Joseph with Reuben, is Joseph excited? (Yes)
- Why did Joseph kick everybody out of the room? (So he could tell his brothers who he was)
- Was Joseph emotional at seeing his brothers? (Yes, he wept so loudly that he was heard throughout the palace)
- Why did Joseph’s brothers not respond when he revealed who he was and asked about his father, Jacob? (They were scared. They had sold him into slavery and now he was the second most powerful man in Egypt. What if Joseph was holding a grudge?!)
- Did Joseph understand their silence? (Yes, he knew they were scared)
- How did Joseph calm their fears? (He said that everything done to him was to save others and what they meant for harm to him, God used for good. He even says that God sent Joseph, not the brothers)

- Joseph wants to see his father more than anything. He even kisses his brothers to let them know they are forgiven for all the wrong he did to them in the past.
- When the brothers told Jacob that Joseph was alive in Egypt, did Jacob believe them? (Yes)
- What did Jacob do? (Loaded up all his stuff and family and headed for Egypt)
- Joseph and his family lived in Egypt for the rest of their lives.

#### The Story Retold:

- Trace each child's foot on a piece of construction paper that has the Series Theme Verse written at the top.
- Let them color the traced feet.
- Remind children that God loves them and guides them as they grow older.
- You can also use the coloring page at the end of the lesson to help children understand the importance of forgiving others, even when they do bad things to them.

#### The Story and Me:

- Remind students of the Series Theme Verse that is on the construction paper with their traced feet.
- Say the verse several times together so the children are familiar with the verse.

# Joseph Forgives His Brothers



Genesis 45