

EGYPT

"Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt"

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- Joseph and his brothers had a difficult relationship
- Joseph interprets dreams
- Joseph's brothers come to Egypt
- Moses is born in Egypt

Series Theme Verse: "And my God will supply all your needs." Philippians 4:19

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, tape, butcher paper, colors, a color by number page for each student, markers

Lesson Plan:

Talking Points:

- When Joseph's dad, Jacob, heard there was food in Egypt, what did he do? (Sent his sons 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:

- Let the students trace the outline of a teacher on butcher paper.
- Hang the outline on the wall and ask the kids to list all the mean things that happened to Joseph during his life.
- Write those on the outline of the body.
- Remind students that Joseph forgave his brothers for everything that happened to him.
- When we forgive someone, we need to no longer think about or dwell on what they did.
- Have the kids tear up the butcher paper and throw it away to never be seen again.
- You can also give each child the color by numbers page if there is time to reinforce the truth that Joseph forgave his brothers.

The Story and Me:

- Remind students of the Series Theme Verse.
- Say the verse together a couple times.
- Now stand in a circle and say the verse one word at a time.
- Each child will say the next word in the verse going around the circle.
- Remind students that God takes care of our needs just like God did for Joseph and his brothers.

Color the picture using the color code.

- COLOR KEY
- 1 = red
 - 2 = blue
 - 3 = yellow
 - 4 = green
 - 5 = brown
 - 6 = orange



Joseph finally told his brothers who he was. Then they were afraid that he would have them killed because of the way they had treated him. Instead, Joseph promised that he would take care of all of them. He sent them home to get their families and his father to come live in Egypt.