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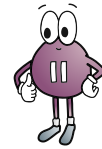
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STORY 1: Joseph's brothers arrive

Spies in Egypt

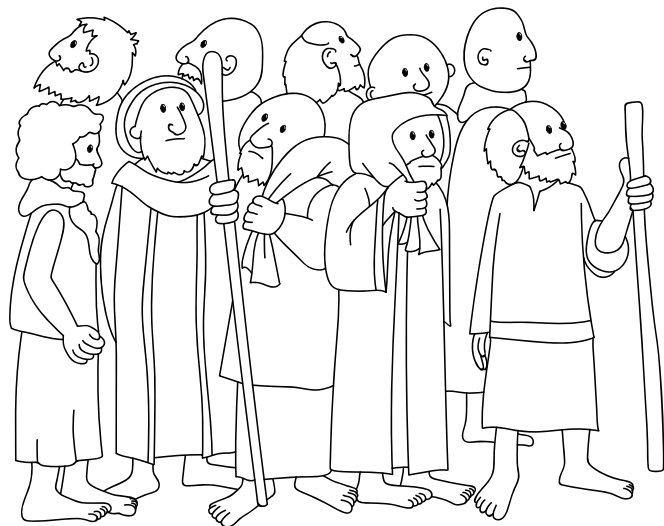


READ:
Genesis 42: 1-26



KEY VERSE:
Galatians 6: 7
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

Everything happened just as Joseph had said. Seven years of good harvests were followed by seven years of famine in Canaan. Food was very scarce, but Joseph's storehouses were full of grain, and he was able to supply the hungry people. When Joseph's family heard that there was plenty of grain in Egypt, Jacob sent his sons to buy some. Off they went, leaving their youngest brother, Benjamin, at home.



Q: Write TRUE or FALSE after each sentence:

There were 17 years of good crops.

There was plenty of food in Joseph's storehouses.

There was a famine in Canaan.

Joseph's youngest brother was called Benjamin.

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When Joseph's brothers arrived in Egypt, Joseph knew them at once, but they didn't recognise him. (It was more than 20 years since they had sold him.) Joseph didn't tell them who he was. He pretended to be very cross, and spoke roughly to them. "You are spies," he said.

"No, my lord," they answered. "Your servants have come to buy food." But Joseph kept on accusing them.

Q: Fill in the missing letters.

“You are s p _ _ _ ,” he said.

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The brothers explained that they all belonged to a big family of 12, the youngest of whom was at home with their father, Jacob (also known as Israel). They also added that one brother “is no more”.

Q: Which brother was at home?

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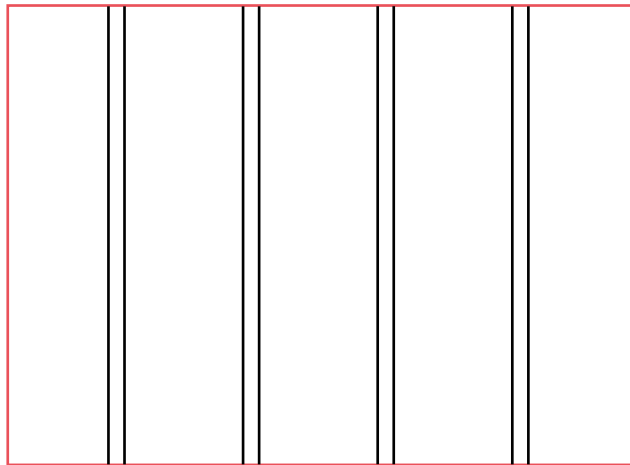
Q: To whom were they referring when they said, “One is no more”?

J _ _ _ _ _

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Still acting as a stranger to them, Joseph said they would have to prove that they were not spies. One of them would be kept in prison; the others would go home with food for their hungry families. Then they would have to come back, bringing Benjamin with them, if the one held in prison was to be set free.

Q: Draw Joseph’s brother in prison.



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The brothers talked among themselves. They thought this was happening because of what they had done to Joseph. They said, “Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was... but we would not listen.”

The Bible says that doing wrong will get us into trouble. Sooner or later, it catches up with us. It’s like sowing seeds and then, one day, reaping a crop of exactly what we sowed.



Q: Colour the letters.

“A man reaps
what he sows.”

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Galatians 6: 7

It was Simeon who had to stay in Egypt. He was chained, and taken away to prison. Joseph ordered his men to fill the bags of the others with grain. He also secretly gave instructions for each man’s money to be hidden at the top of his sack! With very mixed feelings, they started on the long journey home.

TOTAL:

STORY 2: Benjamin and bad news

Back to Egypt



READ:
Genesis 42: 27-38;
43: 1-34; & 44:13

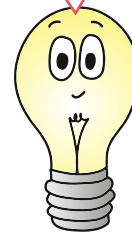


KEY VERSE:
Ephesians 4: 32
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

All of Joseph's brothers were shocked to find their money in their sacks of corn. They were very afraid of what might happen to them, if they went back to Egypt. But with Simeon being in prison, they really had to go.

They told their father, Jacob (also known as Israel), that Benjamin would have to go with them. This upset the old man - he just couldn't bear the thought of any harm coming to Benjamin.

*Joseph's brothers cared
about Simeon and wanted to
help him. Already we can see a
change in their behaviour.*



Q: Fill in the missing letters in the names of three of Jacob's sons.

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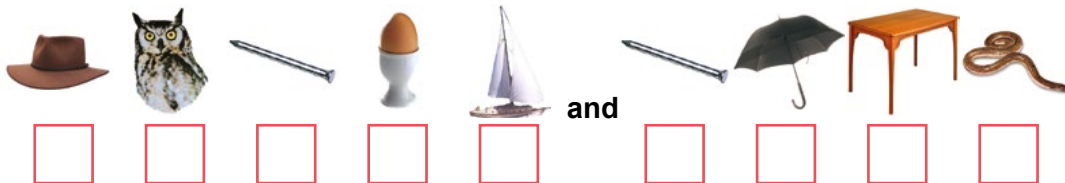
2) S _ m _ _ _

3) _ _ _ j _ _ _ n

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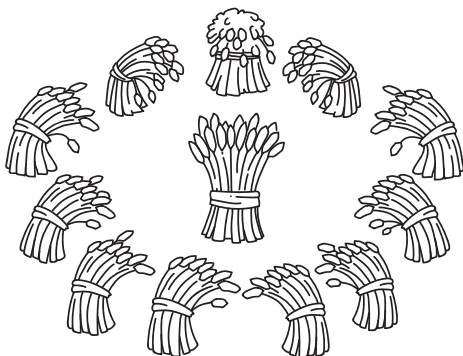
Eventually, Jacob had to agree to let Benjamin go, for all the grain was used up. So, with double money and a present for 'the man in Egypt', they set off.

Q: Among other things, they took him a gift of :



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On arrival, they were taken to Joseph's house. They gave him their present, and bowed low before him! (Do you remember Joseph's dreams?)



Joseph asked about their father and talked to Benjamin. It was too much for Joseph; he was so upset that he hurried out and cried. In spite of all the wrong his brothers had done to him, he loved them very much, especially Benjamin, who was his full brother. The others were his half brothers. This Bible story is a reminder that God loves each of us, and wants to forgive us for the wrong we have done.

Q: Put the correct words in the following sentence. (see Key Verse)

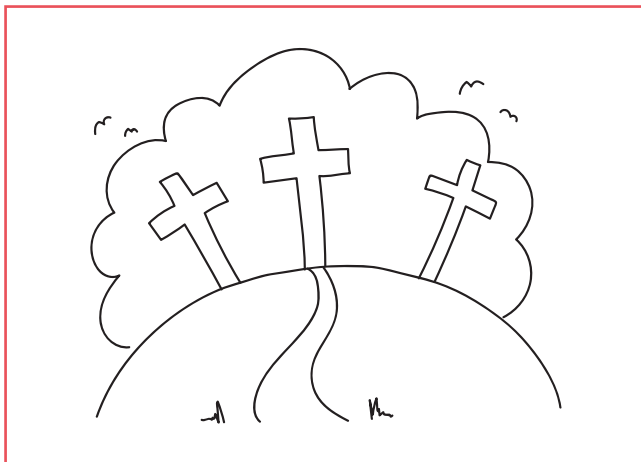
forgave forgiving

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, _____
each other, just as in Christ God _____ you.”

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Soon the brothers were ready to set out for home. This time, Joseph hid his special silver cup in Benjamin’s sack. He allowed them to leave the city, and then he sent his servant after them. The servant caught up with them, and accused them of stealing the cup! They all denied it, and said that if it was found with any of them, that one would be put to death!

They were searched and to their great horror, the cup was found in Benjamin’s bag of grain. Now they were in great trouble! How could they ever go back to their father without Benjamin? They were sure that God was punishing them for their sin against Joseph, so many years ago!



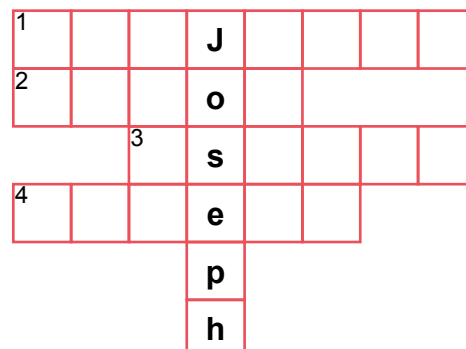
What do you think will happen to Benjamin now?



The Good News of the Bible is that even when we break God’s laws, forgiveness is possible. Jesus took our blame when He died on the cross. If we believe this and we’re sorry for the wrong things we have done, God is ready to forgive us.

Q: Complete the Word Grid.

1. Joseph’s youngest brother.
2. A name for Joseph’s father.
3. Another name for Joseph’s father.
4. The brother who was kept in prison.



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TOTAL:

STORY 3: Forgiveness and good news

A change of heart



READ:
Genesis 44: 14 -
45: 28



KEY VERSE:
Genesis 45: 8
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

When Joseph's silver cup was found in Benjamin's sack, they all had to go back to Joseph. He pretended to be very angry with them. After a little while, however, he said none of them would be put to death, but Benjamin would become his slave. The others could go home to their father.

When they heard this, they were really upset, and one of them, named Judah, begged Joseph to take him as a slave, instead of Benjamin. He tried to explain that their father would die of grief, if Benjamin didn't come home safely.



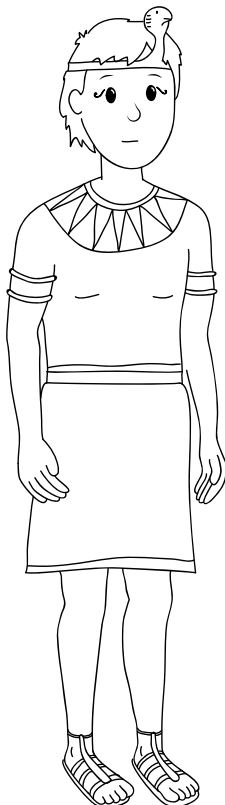
Q: Underline the right word in each sentence.

The silver cup was in the sack belonging to **Judah** / **Simeon** / **Benjamin**.

Reuben / **Simeon** / **Judah** offered to become a slave, instead of Benjamin.

Benjamin / **Joseph** / **Judah** had not yet told his brothers who he was.

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When Judah finished speaking, Joseph could see clearly that his brothers had experienced a change of heart. Now they cared about each other, and also about their elderly father. The time was right for him to tell them who he was! He ordered everyone else to leave the room. Then he said to his brothers,

“I am
Joseph!”

Q: Colour the picture of Joseph and the words that he said to his brothers.

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His brothers could hardly believe it! They were so overcome that they could not speak. Joseph himself was moved to tears, especially as he hugged Benjamin.

Joseph forgave his brothers for what they had done to him, so many years ago. Indeed, he said it was God's plan for his life. God had sent him to Egypt, so that their lives could be spared in time of famine.

Q: Fill in the missing words to show what Joseph said to them.

God you sent here

"It was not ____ who ____
me ____, but ____."

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There were still five years of famine to come, so Joseph quickly thought of a plan. He told his brothers to hurry home, and tell their father about what an important person Joseph had become. Then they were all to come to Egypt. Joseph promised them land in a part of Egypt called Goshen. He would see to it that they would be well cared for until the famine was over.



Q: Put TRUE or FALSE after these sentences:

Goshen was part of Egypt.

The famine would last three more years.

Jacob and his whole family were to come to Egypt.

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So Joseph and his brothers were good friends again. The Bible tells us that God wants to have us as His friends, even though we have sinned against Him. To make this possible, Jesus came from Heaven and died for our sins, so that we could be forgiven.

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STORY 4: Together in Egypt

God reassures Jacob



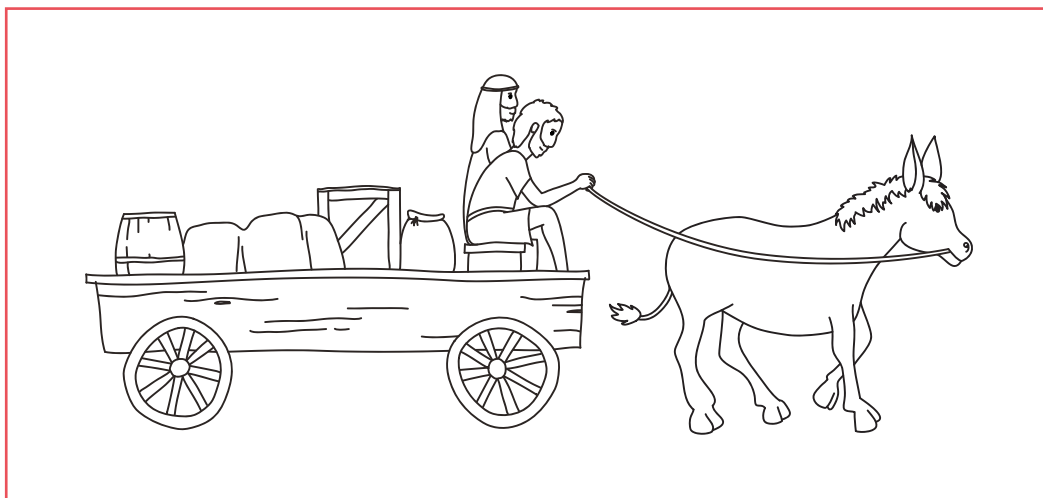
READ:
Genesis 46: 1-34



KEY VERSE:
Genesis 50: 20
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

When Joseph's brothers returned to Canaan, the first thing they had to do was to tell their father that Joseph was still alive, and that he was ruler of Egypt.

Jacob (or Israel, as he is sometimes called) couldn't believe it, until he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him to Goshen, the part of Egypt where they were to live.



Soon they got ready for the long journey. Everything had to be packed up. The animals, too, had to be rounded up. Then the wives and children had to get ready, so by the time they were all set, they were a very big crowd!

Q: Fill in the blanks in these sentences:

Joseph's father had TWO names, J _____ and I _____ .

Joseph sent w _____ to carry his old father to Egypt.

They were going to a part of Egypt called G _____ .

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When they arrived at a place called BEERSHEBA, God spoke to Jacob one night in a vision. God told him not to be afraid to go to Egypt, for His plan was to make him into a great nation there. God promised to go with him, and assured him that there he would meet his long-lost son, Joseph.

Q: Unjumble these words:

God spoke to Jacob at **SAEEBRHBE** _____ .

God would make from Jacob a great **OITNAN** _____ .

In Egypt, Jacob would meet his son **PHJSEO** _____ .

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When Jacob and his big family arrived in Goshen, Joseph went in his chariot to meet his father. It was a great moment!

Joseph threw his arms around his father, and cried for a long time! What a lot they must have had to talk about! It was more than 22 years since Joseph had left home!

When Joseph told King Pharaoh that his father and brothers had come, the king sent for them and they were all presented to him. He made them very welcome and allowed them to live in Goshen.

Q: Write TRUE or FALSE after each sentence:

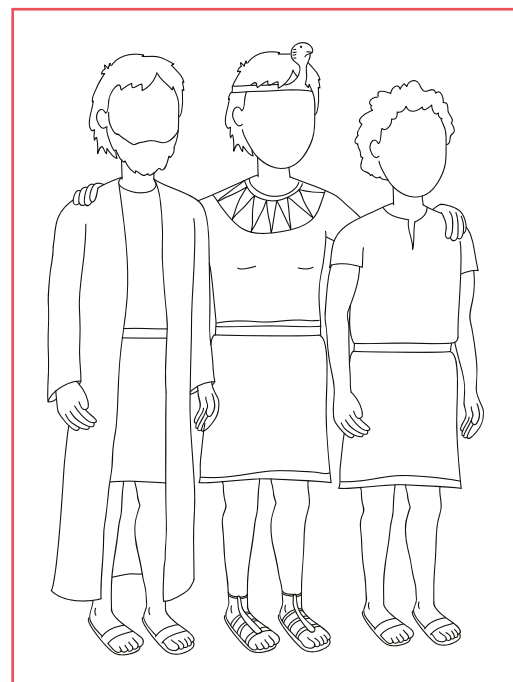
Joseph had not seen his father for seven years.

Joseph cried a lot, when he was re-united with his father.

King Pharaoh let Jacob stay in his country.

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Q: In the picture of Joseph with Jacob and Benjamin draw their faces and colour their clothes.



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What a good ending this story has! The whole family was together again, and they were happy.

Joseph believed that everything which had happened to him was in God's plan for the saving of many lives, during the famine.

Find the Key Verse in the Bible and read what Joseph said about it.



The Bible makes it clear that God has the power to turn a bad situation into something good. He just asks us to trust that He knows best.

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