

LIFE POINT

Family members can love and care for one another.



Joseph's brothers were unkind to him, but Joseph forgave them. God wants us to love and forgive our family members.



LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story. Give your child a piece of paper, craft sticks, crayons, and tape. Guide her to draw Joseph and his brothers. Assist her in cutting out the figures and taping them to craft sticks. Review the story using the puppets.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God loves families even when bad things happen.



DAILY BIBLE READING

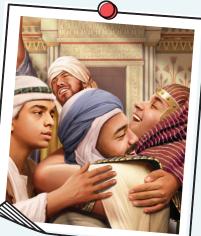
Sunday: Romans 12:10 Monday: Matthew 6:14 Tuesday: Isaiah 55:7 Wednesday: Colossians 3:13 Thursday: Matthew 6:15 Friday: Matthew 18:21-22 Saturday: Mark 11:25



Joseph Forgave His Brothers

BASED ON GENESIS 37; 41:53-56; 42-43; 45; 46:28-34; 50:15-21

Joseph was a leader in the country of Egypt. He had helped Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, store a lot of grain. There was a famine and not enough food grew for all the people. People traveled to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph and Pharaoh.



Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy grain

so they could have food to eat. They had not seen Joseph in a long time. They did not recognize Joseph. But Joseph recognized them. For a while, Joseph did not tell his brothers who he was.

Joseph told all of his helpers to leave the room. Joseph said, "I am Joseph. I am your brother. Is my father still alive?" Joseph's brothers could not speak. They were very surprised. They were afraid, too. When they were younger, they had been mean to Joseph. Now Joseph was a powerful man in Egypt. The brothers did not know what Joseph would do to them.

Joseph said, "Do not be afraid. Do not worry about what happened a long time ago. God sent me here. God had a plan for me to help many people." Joseph chose to forgive his brothers. He told them that he would take care of them.

Joseph said, "Go back to Canaan. Tell my father that I am here, alive, in Egypt. Tell him everything you have seen here. Bring him here to Egypt. Bring all of your families here. The famine will last five more years. You will have enough food here to eat. I love you. I will take care of you." He was happy to see his brothers and hugged all of them.

WEEKLY VERSE SHOW LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER. ROMANS 12:10

