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Lesson No. 1 - Joseph's brothers arrive

You can read this story in your Bible





Galatians 6: 7 Ask somebody 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. Food was hard to find, but Joseph's storehouses were full of grain, and he was able to supply the hungry people.

Back in Canaan, all of Joseph's family were starving. When they 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.

Write TRUE or FALSE after each sentence:-

There were 17 years of good crops. There was plenty of food in Egypt.

There was no famine in Canaan.

Joseph's youngest brother was called Benjamin.

When Joseph's brothers arrived in Egypt, Joseph knew them at once, but they didn't recognize 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.

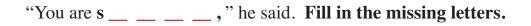
"No, my lord," they answered. "We just want to buy food." But Joseph kept on accusing them.





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The brothers were getting quite upset. They explained that they all belonged to a big family of 12 brothers, the youngest of whom was at home with their father. They also added that one brother "is no more".

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Which brother was at home? B __ __ __ __ __

Whom did they mean when they said "one is no more"? J_____

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.

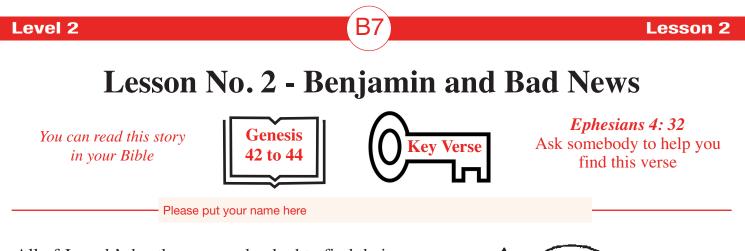


The brothers talked among themselves. "It's because of what we did to Joseph," they said. "God is punishing us for the wrong we did to him."

How important for all of us to understand that doing wrong will get us into trouble. Sooner or later, it catches up to us. The Bible says it's like sowing seeds and then, one day, reaping a crop of exactly what we sowed.



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 in his sack! With very mixed feelings, they started on the long journey home.



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

They told their father, Jacob (also called 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.

Write out the names of THREE of Jacob's sons.

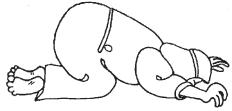


Eventually, Jacob had to agree to let Benjamin go, for all the grain was used up. So, with double money and a present for 'the man in Egypt', they set off.

Among other things, they took him a gift of :



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



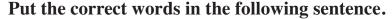
about their father and talked to Benjamin.

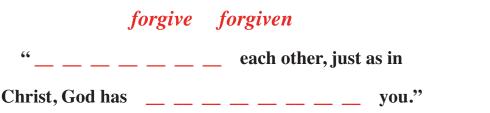
It was too much for Joseph; he was so upset that he hurried out and cried. In spite of all the wrong his brothers had done to him, he loved them very much, especially Benjamin, who was his full brother. The 6

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others were his half brothers. This story should make us think about how God loves each of us, and wants to forgive us for the wrong we have done.

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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!

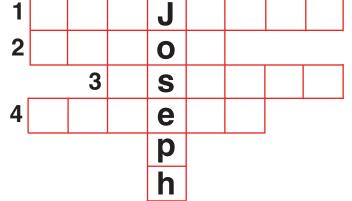




How dreadful it is when people break God's laws and then have to live with the memory of their wrongdoing! God is ready to forgive us, if we are really sorry about our sins and trust in the Lord Jesus, who died for them.

Complete the Word Grid.

- 1. Joseph's full 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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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. (This part of the story is in Genesis 44: 14-34.)

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.



When Judah finished speaking, Joseph could see plainly that his brothers had had 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, and then he said to his brothers,



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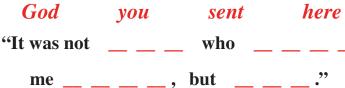
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His brothers could hardly believe it! They were so overcome that they could not speak. Joseph himself was moved to tears, especially as he hugged Benjamin.

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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. How kind of Joseph to think of it in that way!

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



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 a great 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.

Put **RIGHT** or **WRONG** after these sentences:-

Goshen was part of Egypt.

The famine would last three more years.

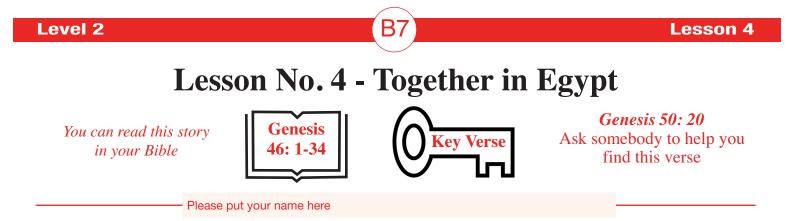
Jacob and his whole family were to come to Egypt.

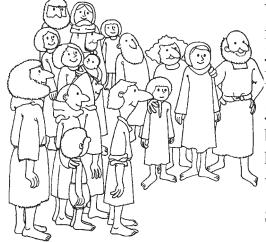
So Joseph and his brothers were good friends again. Do you know that God wants to have us as His friends, even though we have sinned against Him? To make this possible, the Lord Jesus came from Heaven and died for our sins. Have you taken Him as your Saviour? If you have, then all is well between you and God.



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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 all 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!

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 $G _ _ _$.

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.

Unscramble these words:-

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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 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.

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Write TRUE or FALSE after each sentence:-

Joseph had not seen his father for seven years.

Joseph cried a lot, when he was reunited with his father.

Pharaoh would not let Jacob stay in his country.



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

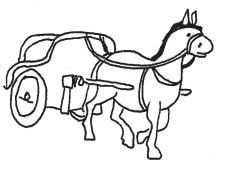
Joseph believed that everything which had happened to him was in God's plan for the saving of many lives, during the famine.

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

We, too, can count on God bringing good out of bad, if we are willing to trust Him fully.

Colour this picture of Joseph with Jacob and Benjamin.

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