

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard *it*.

³Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I *am* Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. ⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

⁹"Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for *there are* still five years of famine.' "

¹²"And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here."

¹⁴Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.



LESSON 44



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

How can we wait patiently on the Lord?

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 33:10-11

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. (The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.)

Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: What could Pharaoh see about Jacob? What was Joseph's plan? Where did that plan come from? How do you know that?

Day 2: Why did Pharaoh make Joseph ruler? What did Joseph do as a ruler?

Day 3: What is a drought? What happened because of the drought?

Day 4: What did Joseph's brothers do before Joseph? Why didn't they know it was Joseph?

Day 5: Why were the brothers afraid when they found out it was Joseph? Why didn't they have to be afraid of Joseph?

Day 6: What did Joseph understand about God?

Concluding Lesson

Review: Why did Pharaoh make Joseph ruler? What did Joseph do as a ruler? What happened because of the drought? Why were the brothers afraid when they found out it was Joseph? Why didn't they have to be afraid of Joseph?

Prayer: Thank God that he is always near and that he knows everything about you. Thank God that he takes the bad things that happen and makes good come out of them. Pray that you would learn to trust God in all circumstances.

Application: A very important biblical truth to remember is that God is always with us and that he causes bad things to work for the good of those who love and serve him. What have you learned from Joseph that way? What are situations where you

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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How can we wait patiently on the Lord?



We know God's plans will
come to pass.

Day 1

Draw a picture of Joseph.

Pharaoh saw that Joseph
was capable and wise.
So he asked of Joseph
what plan he would devise.
In the good years Joseph said
to store up extra grain.
So there'd be food in Egypt
when there wasn't any rain.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 41:33-34: ³³ "Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of *the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.

Day 6

Draw a picture of brothers eating.

He knew that into Egypt
God had sent him on ahead.
So in the midst of famine,
his family would have bread.
Joseph knew in all things,
God does work for good,
For those who follow after him
and trust him as they should.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 45:7-8: ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Day 5

Draw a picture of Joseph talking to brothers.

When Joseph told them who he was,
they were quite afraid.
As they had sold him as a slave,
a big mistake had made.
But Joseph was a good man;
in God's spirit he did live.
He didn't hate his brothers;
he was able to forgive.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 45:4-5: ⁴ And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Day 2

Draw a picture of bags of wheat with gold.

Pharaoh recognized that Joseph
was a godly man.
And so he made him ruler
to put in place his plan.
So for seven years Joseph
stored up all the extra grain.
Then there was food in Egypt
when there wasn't any rain.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 41:41-42: ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

Day 3

Draw a picture of brothers going to Egypt.

All around the world
there were seven years of drought.
And in all the other places
the food did soon run out.
Joseph's father sent his sons
to Egypt to buy grain.
They could no longer grow it
as there wasn't any rain.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 42:1-2: When Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?"² And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die."

Day 4

Draw a picture of brothers bowing to Joseph.

Into Joseph's presence
the brothers had to go.
And before him as a ruler
they did then bow low.
They didn't recognize him
as he was now a man.
He was ruler over Egypt;
it was part of God's good plan.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 42:6-7: ⁶ Now Joseph was governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with *their* faces to the earth. ⁷ Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. Then he said to them, "Where do you come from?"