

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. <sup>2</sup>And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard *it*.

<sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>For 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. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>"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. <sup>10</sup>You 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. <sup>11</sup>There 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.' "

<sup>12</sup>"And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>So 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."

<sup>14</sup>Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. <sup>15</sup>Moreover 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?

### LESSON RHYME

R—R—Ruler  
Joseph was very wise  
R—R—Ruler  
A good plan did devise



## Level 2—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Read the entire booklet to the child. Go back to the appropriate day, reread the content and have the child answer questions about it from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Include personal ideas and additional questions. Read and discuss the daily Bible verse if appropriate for the child. Have the child draw a picture related to the content.
- **Lesson Rhyme:** Read the **Lesson Rhyme** on the next page, saying the sound of the letter instead of its name. Point to each word as you read it. Discuss the meaning of the rhyme. Have the child trace the letter with a finger and say its sound. Practice with the child the signs that go along with the **Lesson Rhyme** (included below). Review and repeat the rhyme every day.
- **Concluding Lesson:** Complete the activities under **Concluding Lesson** at the back of the book.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson rhyme 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.*

# This week I learned

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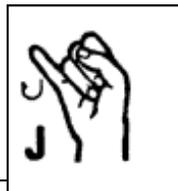
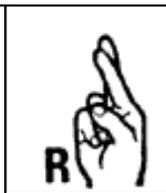
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### **Lesson Rhyme Signs**

R—R            Make sign of "R"  
Ruler           Close fist like holding a scepter  
Joseph was    Make sign of "J" with both hands  
very wise      Tap temple with "J" signs  
R—R—Ruler   Same as above  
A good plan    Thumbs up sign  
did devise     Tap temple with thumb



## 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?

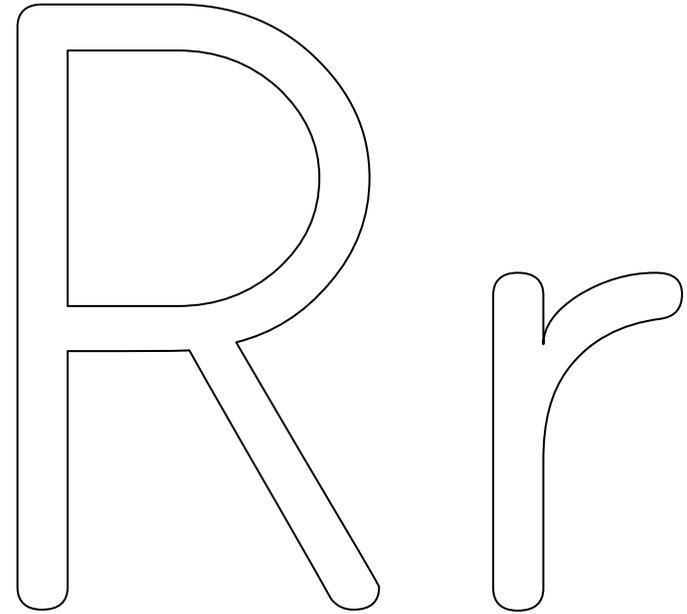
Prayer: Thank God that he is always near and that he knows everything about you. Thank God that he takes the bad things that happen and makes good come out of them. Pray that you would learn to trust God in all circumstances.

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 need to learn to trust God more?

Dictation: Have the child dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson. Have the child repeat back the dictation, trace over the letters and draw a picture to go with it.

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# What did Joseph do as ruler of Egypt?



R—R—Ruler

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A good plan did devise

## 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.

## 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.

Genesis 41:33-34: <sup>33</sup> "Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup> 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.

Genesis 45:7-8: <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup> 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.

## 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.

Genesis 45:4-5: <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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.

Genesis 41:41-42: <sup>41</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." <sup>42</sup> 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.

## 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.

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?" <sup>2</sup> 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."

Genesis 42:6-7: <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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?"