

Joseph Forgave His Brothers

VERSE

Show love
to one another.
ROMANS 12:10

MAKE Bread

Invite your child to help you make bread (from scratch or refrigerated dough). Tell that flour is made by grinding grains. State that Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt to get grain for their families. Tell the Bible story (reverse side). Thank your child for helping make food for your family to eat together.

HELP a Family Member

Tell the Bible story (reverse side). Assist your child in selecting someone in the family she can help with something. Assist in her helping that someone. Say that Romans 12:10 says to show love to one another. Praise your child for doing what the Bible verse says to do.



Babies

LOOK at Family Pictures



Make a family photo album for your baby. Include pictures of your baby with various family members. Look at the pictures often. Remind her that God created her family. Tell the Bible story (reverse side). Pray for each family member with your child.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

LIFE POINT

Family members can love and care for one another.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

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 made families.



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

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

Babies

Ten of Joseph's brothers came to get grain.

Joseph gave grain to his brothers and sent them home.

Joseph's brothers returned and brought their youngest brother.

Joseph met them, gave them food. He told them he was their brother. He told his brothers that he forgave them for being unkind. He loved them.

1s

Some of Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to get food.

Joseph saw his brothers but they did not know he was their brother.

Joseph told the men to bring the youngest brother back to see him.

Joseph's brothers brought their brother, Benjamin.

Joseph told his brothers who he was. He told them that he loved them and forgave them for their wrong actions.

He told them to bring their father and come live close to him.

2s

Ten of Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to buy grain for food.

Joseph knew the men were his brothers, but they did not know who he was.

Joseph sent nine brothers home with grain and kept one behind. The brothers had to return with their youngest brother, Benjamin.

The brothers came for grain and brought their youngest brother, Benjamin.

Joseph met them, gave them a meal, and told them who he was. He told his brothers that he loved them and forgave them.

He said it had been God's plan for him. Joseph told the brothers to bring their father and live close to him.

WEEKLY VERSE

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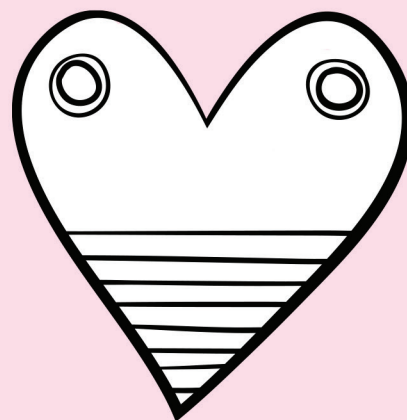
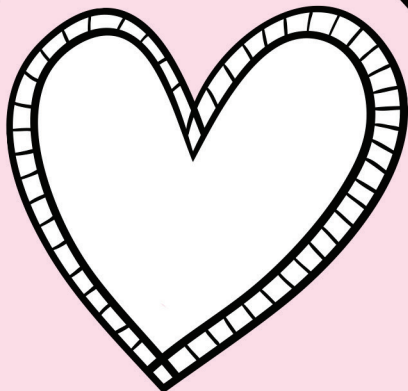
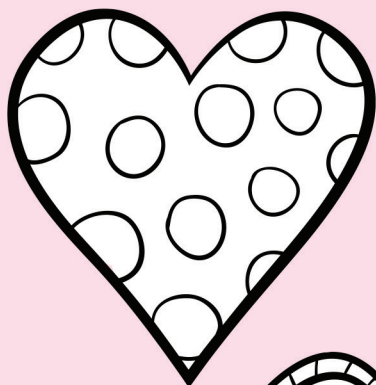
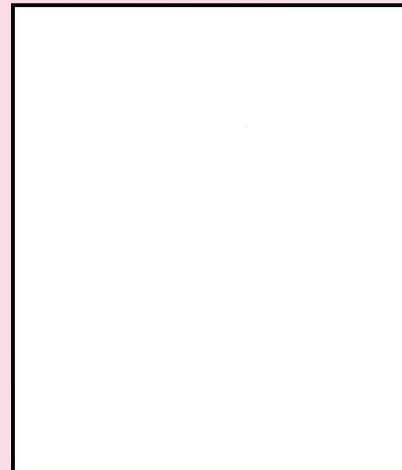
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ROMANS 12:10

COLOR and Draw Hearts

COLOR the hearts. NAME ONE WAY you can show love to your family after you finish each heart. Practice drawing hearts in the box.



TRACE the Verse

TRACE the word to complete the Bible verse.

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**BASED ON GENESIS 37; 41:53-56;
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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



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... forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13

How Many WORDS?

The Bible says Christians should always be ready to forgive just as God is always ready to forgive. Family members should give and ask for forgiveness just as the Bible says. How many new words can you create out of the word *FORGIVENESS*? The first one is done for you.

FORGIVENESS

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IN PLAIN SIGHT

It had been many years since Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, but they did not recognize him as second in command in Egypt. Joseph had a lot of power, so he could have punished his brothers for what they had done to him. Instead, he chose to forgive them. Find all the letters that spell FORGIVE in the grains of wheat.



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LIFE POINT

Family members can ask for forgiveness.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

This Bible story showed that Joseph knew God's will was done even though Joseph's brothers had planned evil against him. Joseph forgave his brothers and showed us how to forgive others.



LIVE IT OUT

Look up the word *forgive*. Help your child find and read these verses: 1 John 4:21; Proverbs 20:22; Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14. Discuss what each verse has to say about forgiveness. Pray with your family that each member will be willing to forgive.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God loves families even when family members sin. God is always ready to forgive.



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GENESIS 43-45

Joseph's family used all the grain they had brought back from Egypt. The famine was not yet over, so their father, Jacob, said, "Go back and buy us more food."

One of Joseph's brothers reminded his father that if they returned to Egypt, they must keep their promise and take Benjamin, their youngest brother, with them. (The brothers did not know that the official in charge was their brother, Joseph.) Jacob said, "If it has to be this way, take extra money and fine gifts with you. May God cause the man to show mercy."

The brothers traveled to Egypt and brought Benjamin along. They were afraid that the official in charge would punish them. Instead, Joseph, their brother whom they did not recognize, held a feast for them. The brothers bowed down to Joseph and gave him their gifts.

"How is your father? Is he alive?" Joseph asked. "Is this your youngest brother?" Joseph was overwhelmed and left the room so that he could cry alone.

Joseph planned one more test. "Fill the men's bags with food and money," he told his servants. "Then put my silver cup in the youngest brother's bag."

Later, after the brothers left, Joseph's servants chased after them. They found Joseph's cup and accused Benjamin of stealing. The brothers returned to Joseph's house and fell before him. His brother, Judah, said, "Our father's life is wrapped up in this boy's life. If Benjamin does not return, our father will die. Let me stay and be your slave instead."

Joseph could not hold back his tears any longer and sent away his servants. Alone in the room with his terrified brothers, he said, "I am Joseph, the one you sold. Don't be worried or angry with yourselves. God sent me here to save lives. Return quickly and tell my father to come live with me here. All of you can live near me, and I will take care of you."

The brothers hurried home and told Jacob, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all of Egypt!" Jacob was surprised at the amazing news and quickly decided to go to Egypt to see his long-lost son.



WEEKLY VERSE Colossians 3:13



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Each day you read, have a parent/guardian initial. Return your calendar to earn \$200 Kids' Kash				1 Matthew 11:28	2 John 16:33	3 2 Timothy 1:8	4 James 1:2-3
5 Philippians 2:4	6 1 Peter 4:8	7 1 John 4:16	8 Galatians 5:13	9 1 Thessalonians 5:11	10 Ephesians 2:10	11 Galatians 6:2	
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