

Roots  
WBS Kids' Lesson #22  
Genesis 41-45

**Hook:** Last week we learned about Joseph and how his brothers were jealous of him and sold him into slavery. Then, he was accused of something he didn't do and was thrown into prison! Well, today we're going to learn more of Joseph's story. Listen to this:

**Book:** Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was having strange dreams and wondered what they meant. Pharaoh called for Joseph because he heard that he could help him. Joseph told Pharaoh that he couldn't interpret his dreams, but that God could. So God told Joseph and Joseph told Pharaoh that the dreams meant there would be seven years with plenty of food in Egypt and then seven years of famine, which means food would not grow. Joseph said that grains should be saved up during the plentiful years so there would be enough to eat during the years of famine. Pharaoh thought that was such a wise idea that he released Joseph from prison, put fancy clothes on him, let him marry his daughter and gave him the important job of managing the grain! This turned out to not only be a blessing to Joseph, but to his brothers who had sold him into slavery *and* to everyone else! During the seven years of famine his brothers travelled to Egypt to buy grain because they were running out. There they discovered that Joseph was not only alive, but second in command only to Pharaoh. They were shocked and scared! Would Joseph punish them? No! He forgave them of the evil done against him and said: **“God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors.”**

**Look:** Joseph had gone through a lot of difficult things, but he knew that God was in control. He also knew that he needed to forgive his brothers. They had done a terrible thing, but God used it for good. Joseph was not only able to give his family members the food they needed, but a place to live near him in Egypt.

**Took:** Is there someone in your life that has hurt you in some way? Like Joseph, you can choose to forgive them. Remember that God is in control, that He knows everything and He loves you. God always has a plan, even in our hurts.

**Bible Verse:** **“God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors.” Genesis 45:7 NLT**

**Prayer:** “Dear Lord, Thank You for the story of Joseph and how it shows us Your goodness. Help us to forgive people when they hurt us and to trust You. Amen.”

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### what we learned

We learned more about Joseph's life—how he came to be second in command to Pharaoh and how he provided for Egypt and other lands by storing grain for the famine years. When his brothers, who had mistreated Joseph, came to Egypt to buy grain they were shocked and scared to discover that not only was Joseph alive, but he held a high position. They had done a terrible thing, but God used it for good. Joseph not only forgave his brothers, he also provided for them.



### memory verse

**“God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors.” Genesis 45:7 NLT**



### parent/child activity

Do some role playing with your child! Act out the story of Joseph together. You may want to re-read from a children's Bible, then act out the scene that involves Joseph revealing himself to his brothers. Focus on the verse above and the fact that Joseph forgave them, even though what they had done to him was awful. Tell your child that we can know for sure that God is always in control and has a plan for our lives even when things don't seem to be going our way. He also can help us to forgive others! (Pray the prayer below:)



### daily prayer

**“Dear Lord, Thank You for the story of Joseph and how it shows us Your goodness. Help us to forgive people when they hurt us and to trust You. Amen.”**