

Roots
WBS Kids' Lesson #23
Genesis 46-47

Hook: Don't you love a story with a happy ending? We saw last week how God worked all the hard, sad things that were happening to Joseph for good. Well, guess what? God was just getting started...

Book: Jacob heard that his beloved Joseph was alive so he packed up his whole family and made the long, hard journey into Egypt! Even though Jacob wanted to see his son Joseph more than anything, he stopped to worship and give thanks to God before he left Canaan. The Bible tells us that God spoke to Jacob in a dream that night and told him not to be afraid to go to Egypt. God said **"I will go with you down to Egypt, and I will bring you back again."** When Jacob finally got to Egypt and saw Joseph, they hugged and cried happy tears! Jacob said he was ready to die now that he had seen Joseph again. But God wanted to give Jacob and his family so much more. Remember the famine? Because Joseph had such an important job in Pharaoh's kingdom, he was able to provide plenty of food for every person in his family. Joseph also convinced Pharaoh to give his family the very best farmland in Egypt and to keep them separate from the Egyptians so they could keep obeying God and become a strong nation. As the famine became worse, God was still with them. He also allowed Joseph to not only rescue the Egyptians from starvation, but to make it possible for them to grow their own food and become a wealthy nation.

Look: It's so amazing to see all the ways God took care of Jacob and his family in this story. God provided them with everything they needed and more than they could ask for or imagine, but best of all God let Jacob know that He was with them so they didn't have to be afraid.

Took: Can you raise your hands and name some of the ways God takes care of you and your family? *(Give the kids a chance to identify some of the ways. You may want to start with an example from your own life.)* Remember that the biggest gift God could ever give us is Himself. So let's remember to stop and give Him thanks every day.

Bible Verse: "I will go with you down to Egypt, and I will bring you back again."
Genesis 46:4 NLT

Prayer: "Dear Lord, Thank You that You are always with us and that You are all we need. Help us to remember that You are Provider God and we can always trust You to take care of us. Amen."

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what we learned

Jacob received the incredible news that his beloved son Joseph was alive! As Jacob left his home and traveled to Egypt to be with him, Jacob stopped to worship the Lord. God spoke to Jacob saying, “I will go with you to Egypt and I will bring you back again.” Jacob had no reason to fear because God was with him! When he arrived in Egypt, he and Joseph hugged and cried happy tears, enjoying a sweet reunion! God was with them both. God provided for their needs and brought them together again. God also provided for all of Egypt by putting Joseph in charge of the grain during the famine.



memory verse

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parent/child activity

God is with us and cares for us. We have nothing to fear and plenty to be thankful for! Play the THANKFUL game with your child. Take turns (you can play with the whole family around the dinner table) and tell each other what you're thankful for. Start each turn with: “I'm thankful to God for_____.” Play several rounds. Then, pray the prayer below:



daily prayer

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