



## GALILEE KIDS

### JACOB AND HIS FAMILY IN EGYPT

**Verse to be memorized:** “A wise man restrains his anger and overlooks insults. This is to his credit.” (Proverbs 19:11)

#### Introduction

What a sad situation it is when a dear one is away for a long time or someone in a family is found missing. We should also pray that such people be found again. Today we are to learn an incident of a father and brother meeting a ‘missing’ person.

#### Reading Passage

Jacob was a father who mourned for long over the loss of his dear son Joseph. Jacob tore his garments and put on sack cloth and mourned for his son in deepest mourning for many weeks. (Genesis 37:34)

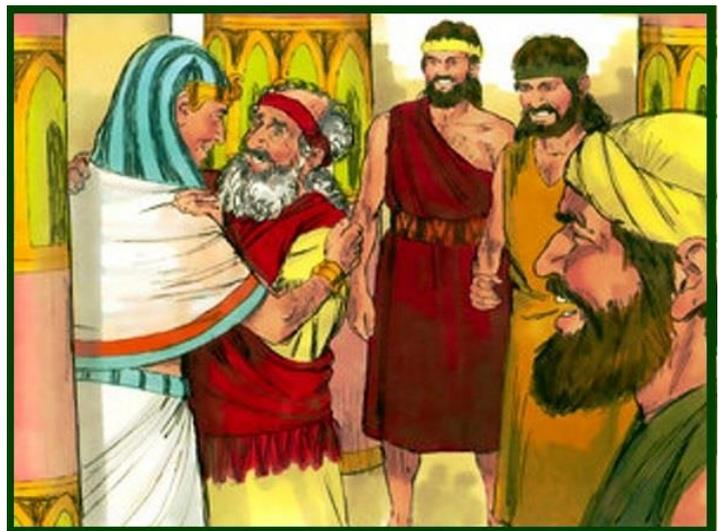
Joseph who was wronged by his brothers rose to the position of Pharaoh’s second-in-command in Egypt. Neither his father, Jacob, nor his brothers came to know about this. Years passed by.

There was a great famine in the land. However, there was plenty of grains in the store houses of Egypt. Joseph who was the minister had collected plenty of grains during the seven years of plenty. This was used during the seven years of famine. When Jacob heard that there was grain available in Egypt, he sent his sons with money to buy it. The grains were sold under the supervision of Joseph. The brothers did not recognize Joseph who was wearing the chief minister’s clothes and ornaments of authority. But Joseph recognized them instantly. Joseph took pity on his brothers and gave them grain. He asked about their home and instructed them to bring their youngest brother Benjamin the next time they came. Till then one of the brothers would be detained in Joseph’s palace. The brothers were in distress as they had to leave behind Simeon. They returned home and told all that happened, to their father. Jacob was worried that they had left behind Simeon and had to take Benjamin to Egypt. However, he let Benjamin go with others to Egypt. When Joseph saw his younger brother Benjamin, he was overcome with emotions and bursted out in tears. He also revealed to his brothers who he was.

What an emotional event that meeting would be!

Later Joseph brought Jacob and his entire household to Egypt. They were seventy in member altogether. Since Joseph was an efficient minister of Egypt, King Pharaoh gave Joseph and family special concessions and farm lands. Joseph lived there for seventeen years and died. Before his death he blessed his sons.

Joseph lived upto the age of 110. He saw his sons and grandsons. Since he relied on God, the Lord delivered him from all misery and raised him to a high position in life.





1. How did the Egyptians manage the famine under Joseph's leadership?  
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2. Why did the brothers of Joseph come to Egypt?  
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3. They could not recognize Joseph, Why?  
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4. What did Joseph tell his brothers after giving them grain?  
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5. Who was the brother detained in the palace?  
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6. When did Joseph burst into tears?  
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7. What do you think of Joseph who did not take revenge on his brothers?  
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8. How did Joseph become the chief minister of Egypt?  
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9. How did Joseph's brothers recognize him?  
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10. How did Jacob and his family come to live in Egypt?  
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**PRAYER:**

*O Lord we realize that to forgive is divine. Let our sins be forgiven. Give us the wisdom and humility to forgive that who do us wrong.*

**OUR DECISION:**

We will try to cultivate the quality of forgiving others and will lead our lives as good Christians.