

Bible Stories
From Genesis
For Sunday School

Creation (Genesis Chapters 1-2)

In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth.

On the first day God made the light and saw that it was good.

On the second day God made a firmament and divided the clouds from the waters.

On the third day God separated the waters from the land and made the plants to grow.

On the fourth day God made the sun, moon, and stars.

On the fifth day God made the sea animals and birds.

On the sixth day God made the land animals and man.

God saw that everything was good and rested the seventh day.

Questions:

1. What did God make in the beginning?
2. What did God make the first day?
3. What did God make the second day?
4. What did God make the third day?
5. What did God make the fourth day?
6. What did God make the fifth day?

7. What did God make the sixth day?
8. What did God do the seventh day?

Adam and Eve (Genesis Chapters 2-3)

God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat from one tree in the garden. One day the snake tricked Eve into eating from that tree. And Eve gave Adam some of the fruit to eat.

Because they ate the fruit they knew that they were naked. Then they hid from God.

Adam told God that Eve had given him some of the fruit to eat. Eve told God that the snake had tricked her into eating.

God punished Adam and Eve for not obeying His commands. And God punished the snake for tricking Eve.

Adam and Eve had to leave the garden and could never go back again because they had disobeyed God. But God still loved them and they had a family.

Questions:

1. What did God command Adam and Eve not to eat?
2. Did the snake trick Eve into disobeying God?
3. Did Eve give Adam some of the fruit to eat?
4. Why did they hide from God?
5. Did God punish Adam, Eve, and the snake?
6. Should we obey God?

7. Does God love us?

Cain and Abel (Genesis Chapter 4)

Adam and Eve had a son. Eve called him Cain. She said: "I have gotten a man from the Lord."

Adam and Eve had another son. They called his name Abel. Abel was a shepherd and Cain was a farmer.

One day Cain and Abel offered sacrifices to God. God respected Abel's sacrifice. But He did not respect Cain's sacrifice.

Cain became angry. God told him to do what was right so that he would be accepted. If Cain did not do what was right then he would sin. God told Cain to rule over sin.

Cain talked with Abel and they went out in the field. Cain killed Abel.

Later God asked Cain: "Where is Abel?" Cain said that he was not his brother's keeper. But God knew that Cain had killed Abel.

God punished Cain. He could not be a good farmer anymore and he would be a criminal forever.

God loved Cain. Cain was afraid that people would hurt him. So God gave him a special mark so that no one would kill him.

Questions:

1. What were the names of Adam and Eve's first two sons?

2. What did Cain and Abel do for a living?
3. Did God respect Abel's sacrifice? Did God respect Cain's sacrifice?
4. Why did Cain become angry?
5. What did Cain do to Abel?
6. Did God love Cain? Did God punish Cain for killing Abel?

The Tower of Babel (Genesis Chapter 11)

One day after the flood people began to move toward the east. Then some of the people decided to build a city.

The people wanted it to be the best city in the world. So, they decided to build a very high tower.

The Lord went down to see the tower. He saw that they wanted to build a great city to make a name for themselves. So, he confused their language.

God confused their language and the people moved to different parts of the earth. Then they stopped building the city and the tower.

They named the city Babel since they could not understand each other's words.

Questions:

1. What happened several years after the flood?
2. What did some of the people decide to build?
3. Why did God confuse their language?
4. What happened after God confused their language?
5. Why did they name the city Babel?

God Makes a Promise to Abram (Genesis 12:1-9)

One day God told Abram to leave home and go to a different place to live. Abram was 75 years old when he left home.

God promised to make Abram a great nation and bless him. God said that he would bless the people who were good to Abram and curse the people who were bad to Abram.

Abram left home. He took Sarai who was his wife. And he took Lot who was his nephew. He also took everything that he owned.

Abram went to Canaan as God had commanded him.

God said that He would give the land to Abram's children. Abram built an altar so that he could worship God.

Questions:

1. What did God tell Abram to do?
2. What promise did God make to Abram?
3. Who did Abram take with him when he left home?
4. What did Abram take with him when he left home?

5. Did Abram obey God?
6. Should we obey God?
7. What did Abram build after God spoke to him in Canaan?

Abram Goes to Egypt and Returns to Canaan (Genesis 12:10-13:18)

One day there was a famine in Canaan. So, Abram moved to Egypt. In Egypt there was enough food for Abram and his family.

When Abram arrived in Egypt, he asked his wife to tell the Egyptians that she was his sister.

Sarai obeyed Abram and told everyone that she was Abram's sister. Abram and Sarai had the same father but different mothers.

Pharaoh saw that Sarai was beautiful and thought about marrying her. But God plagued Pharaoh so that he would not marry her. Sarai was already married to Abram. Pharaoh returned Sarai to Abram and sent them away.

Abram and Sarai returned to Canaan. Lot was with them. Soon, Abram told Lot that they should not live in the same place since they had so many animals. Lot moved to the west and Abram moved to the east.

Then God gave all of the land in Canaan to Abram and his children. So, Abram traveled throughout the land to see what God had given him.

Questions:

1. Why did Abram move to Egypt?

2. Did Abram ask Sarai to tell the Egyptians that she was his sister?
3. Did Abram and Sarai have the same father?
4. Did Pharaoh think that Sarai was beautiful? Did he think about marrying her?
5. Why did Abram and Sarai return to Canaan?
6. Where did Abram move? Where did Lot move?
7. What did God give Abram and his family?

Lot's Capture and Rescue (Genesis Chapter 14)

One day the people that lived around Lot refused to pay taxes to a far away king. So, the king got some other kings and conquered the cities. They took Lot and the people with their possessions.

One man escaped from the king and told Abram what had happened. So, Abram got some of his friends and formed an army. They rescued Lot and all the people with their possessions.

On the way home, Abram stopped and gave a tithe to the king of Salem who was God's priest.

Then Abram took all the people home, but he would not keep anything for himself. He only wanted to be sure that the soldiers had food to eat and that his friends received their portion of the bounty.

Questions:

1. Why did the king capture Lot and the people?
2. How did Abram learn that Lot had been captured?
3. What did Abram do to rescue Lot?

4. What did Abram stop to do on the way home?
5. After Abram took the people home, did he keep anything for himself?

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Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis Chapter 16)

One day Sarai began to think that God was not going to let her have a baby. So she thought that she could have a baby through her servant whose name was Hagar.

Abram took Hagar to be his wife and she had a baby. Hagar began to think that she was better than Sarai and Sarai became angry.

Sarai complained to Abram and he said that she could do whatever she liked with Hagar. Sarai was harsh toward Hagar and Hagar ran away.

The Angel of the Lord came to Hagar and asked her what she was doing. After she explained, the Angel of the Lord promised that she would have many descendants. Then the Angel said that her son's name would be Ishmael and commanded that she return to Sarai.

Hagar returned to Sarai and bore Abram a son. Abram called his son's name Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when he had his first son.

Questions:

1. Did Sarai think that God was going to let her have a baby?

2. What did Sarai do with Hagar?
3. What happened after Hagar knew that she was going to have a baby?
4. What did the Angel of the Lord tell Hagar? Did it come true?
5. What did Hagar do after the Angel of the Lord spoke to her?
6. How old was Abram when he had his first son?

The Lord Appeared to Abram Two Times (Genesis 17:1-18:15)

One day the Lord appeared to Abram when he was ninety-nine years old. The Lord told him to walk before Him and to do what is right.

The Lord told Abram that He would make Him a great nation. God changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah and told Abraham to circumcise everyone in his family.

The Lord told Abraham that Sara would have a son in a year. And He told Abraham to call his name Isaac. Then the Lord went back to heaven and Abraham obeyed Him that very same day.

A few days later Abraham saw three people. Abraham knew that one of them was the Lord who had made Himself look like a man and invited them to stay for a while.

The Lord again told Abraham that Sarah would have a son. Sarah heard the Lord and laughed within herself. The Lord asked Abraham why Sarah had laughed since nothing was too hard for the Lord.

Sarah was afraid and said that she had not laughed. But the Lord knew the truth and told her that she really had laughed.

Questions:

1. Who appeared to Abram?
2. Did the Lord change Abram's and Sarai's names?
2. What did the Lord tell Abraham to do?
3. Did Abraham obey the Lord?
4. Should we obey the Lord?
5. What did Sarah do when she heard that she would have a son?
6. Is anything too hard for the Lord?
7. Sarah made a mistake and did not really tell the truth when she was afraid. Should we tell the truth even when we are afraid?

Lot, Sodom, and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:16-19:29)

One day the Lord told Abraham that He was going to destroy Sodom. Abraham asked Him if He would destroy it if there were righteous people living there. The Lord said that He would not destroy it if ten righteous people were living there.

Two angels went to Sodom. They found that the city was very wicked. They did not find ten righteous people, but they helped Lot and his family escape before destroying Sodom and Gomorrah.

The angels told Lot that he could go live in Zoar. But they could not stay in the plain nor look back.

On the way to Zoar, Lot's wife disobeyed God. She looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.

After Lot arrived in Zoar with his two daughters, the Lord rained brimstone and fire. All of the people and the plants were destroyed because of the people's wickedness.

Questions:

1. What did the Lord tell Abraham?

2. Did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?
3. Why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?
4. Did the Lord save Lot and his family?
5. What happened to Lot's wife?
6. Why was Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt?
7. Should we obey God?

Isaac is Born (Genesis 21:1-21)

The Lord visited Sarah as He had promised. In a few months Sarah bore a son.

Abraham obeyed God. He called his son's name Isaac. Then he circumcised Isaac on the eighth day.

Sarah was very happy that God had blessed her with a child. She laughed and everyone who heard about her baby laughed with her because they were happy.

Isaac grew and could eat regular food. Abraham had a great feast on the same day that Isaac could eat regular food.

Sarah saw that Ishmael scoffed. So she asked Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away.

Abraham was not pleased with Sarah's request. But he sent Hagar and Ishmael away because God told him to do as Sarah had asked him.

Hagar was lost in the desert. She thought that Ishmael was going to die and she cried.

God heard Ishmael and sent the angel of God. The angel told Hagar that Ishmael

would be a great nation and opened her eyes to see a well of water.

Ishmael grew and became an archer. Later he married a woman from Egypt.

Questions:

1. Did the Lord visit Sarah? Did she have a baby?
2. Did Abraham obey God?
3. What did Abraham name his son?
4. Should we obey God?
5. Did God take care of Hagar and Ishmael?
6. Does God take care of us?

God Tested Abraham (Genesis Chapter 22)

One day God tested Abraham. God commanded him to offer his only son as a burnt offering. Abraham did not understand how God could keep His promise if Isaac were dead. But, Abraham believed God and obeyed.

Abraham rose up early the next morning to obey God. He got the wood, fire, and knife. Abraham left home to go to Moriah with Isaac, two young men, and a donkey.

After three days Abraham arrived in Moriah and saw the mountain that God wanted him to offer the sacrifice. Abraham told the two young men that he and the lad would return. Abraham was confident that God would save Isaac.

Isaac asked his father about the lamb for the sacrifice. Abraham told him that God would provide the lamb. Isaac obeyed his father.

Abraham got everything ready for the sacrifice and put Isaac on the wood to slay him. Then the Lord stopped Abraham and provided a ram for the sacrifice.

Abraham offer the ram in place of Isaac. Abraham obeyed God.

Questions:

1. God tested Abraham. What did God command Abraham to do?
2. Did Abraham believe God and obey Him?
3. Should we believe God and obey Him?
4. Did Abraham rise up early in the morning to obey God?
5. Did Isaac obey his father?
6. Should you obey your parents?
7. What kind of animal did God provide for a sacrifice?

Sarah died and Isaac Marries Rebekah (Genesis Chapters 23-24)

Sarah died and Isaac Married Rebekah Sarah was one hundred and twenty-seven years old when she died. Abraham bought a cave and buried Sarah.

Abraham was getting old. So he asked the servant who ruled over his house to find a wife for Isaac. Abraham made him swear that he would not take a wife from the people of Canaan. And he promised take he would take a wife from Abraham's relatives. He also made him promise not to take Isaac with him.

God's angel went with Abraham's servant and the servant found a wife for Isaac. Her name was Rebekah. Her brother and father said that she could marry Isaac. Then the servant gave Rebekah, her brother, and her mother many gifts.

The next day Rebekah left with Abraham's servant. Rebekah's nurse and maids also went with her.

As they were traveling, Rebekah looked up and saw a man. She found out that it was Isaac. Then she got off the camel and veiled her face.

Abraham's servant told Isaac what had happened on their trip. Isaac took Rebekah to

be his wife and he loved her. Then he was comforted after his mother's death.

Questions:

1. How old was Sarah when she died?
2. What did Abraham send his servant to do?
3. Could his servant take a wife for Isaac from the Canaanites?
4. What did the servant give Rebekah?
5. Who did Rebekah take with her?
6. What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac?
7. Were Isaac and Rebekah married?

Abraham Dies and Esau Sells His Birthright (Genesis Chapter 25)

Abraham married Keturah and she bore him many children. One day Abraham gave everything to Isaac and gave gifts to his other children. Then he sent them all away except for Isaac.

Abraham lived one hundred and seventy-five years. After Abraham died, Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the same cave as Sarah.

Isaac and Ishmael had children. Isaac prayed that God would allow Rebekah to have children and she gave birth to twin boys. The first boy's name was Esau because he had red skin. He was also hairy. The second boy's name was Jacob because he took hold of Esau's heel as they were being born.

Esau and Jacob grew. One day Esau had been out in the field and was very tired. He asked Jacob for some red stew that he had cooked. Jacob told Esau to sell him his birthright. Esau sold Jacob his birthright and Jacob gave him some bread and stew.

Questions:

1. Did Abraham marry Keturah?
2. How many years did Abraham live?
3. What were the names of Isaac's twin boys?
4. What did Esau sell to Jacob for some stew?
5. God gives us a birthright to be his children and go to heaven. Should we sell our birthright?

Isaac Blesses Jacob (Genesis 27:1-40)

One day Isaac did not know whether he would live or die. So, he called Esau. Isaac asked Esau to bring him some food so that he could eat and then bless him.

Rebekah heard what Isaac said to Esau. She told Jacob to get two choice kids from the flock so that she could cook it. Then, Jacob could take the food to Isaac and receive the blessing.

Jacob was afraid that Isaac would find out that he was deceiving him. But Rebekah said that the curse would be on her if he were caught.

After Rebekah cooked the food, she put Esau's clothes on Jacob with the animal skins on his hands and neck. Then Jacob took the food to Isaac. He deceived Isaac by saying that he was Esau. Isaac knew that it sounded like Jacob, but he felt and smelled like Esau.

After Isaac finished eating, he blessed Jacob. As Jacob was leaving, Esau came in with some food for his father. Isaac was surprised that it was Esau because he had been

deceived.

Esau was very sad and wept. He asked his father for a blessing. But, Isaac had already blessed Jacob. Esau would have to serve Jacob.

Questions:

1. Did Isaac want to give Esau his blessing?
2. Was Isaac deceived into blessing Jacob instead of Esau?
3. What did Rebekah and Jacob do to deceive Isaac?
4. Was Isaac surprised that he had been deceived?
5. Should we tell a lie or tell the truth?

Jacob Lives in Haran (Genesis 27:40-30:24)

One day Rebekah found out that Esau was planning to kill Jacob. Rebekah told Jacob what Esau was going to do and told him to live in Haran for a while. Isaac also told him to go to Haran to find a wife.

On the way to Haran, Jacob had a dream. He saw a ladder that reached to heaven. Angels were going up and down the ladder and the Lord stood at the top. Jacob knew that God was with him. And he knew that God would keep him safe and bring him back home one day.

Jacob saw Rachel at a well and fell in love with her. He stayed in her father's house for a month. Then Laban asked him what he should be paid. Jacob said that he would work seven years for Rachel to be his wife.

After Jacob worked seven year, Laban tricked him and gave him Leah to be his wife. The next day Jacob complained to Laban. Laban then gave him Rachel to be his wife

but he had to work another seven years.

Leah, Rachel, and their maids bore Jacob twelve children. They had eleven boys and one girl. After Rachel bore Joseph, they left Haran and then she bore Benjamin. These boys grew up to become the twelve patriarchs of Israel.

Questions:

1. Was Esau planning to kill Jacob?
2. How did Jacob find out what Esau was planning to do?
3. What did Jacob do?
4. Who did Jacob marry?
5. How many children did Jacob have while living in Haran?
6. Who was born before Jacob and his family left Haran? Who was born after they left Haran?

Jacob Returns to Canaan (Genesis 30:25-33:20)

Jacob wanted to return to Canaan, but Laban convinced him to stay and take care of his flocks. Jacob agreed to stay as long as he could have all of the speckled, spotted, and brown animals.

After six years, God commanded Jacob to go back to Canaan. Jacob told Rachel and Leah. They all obeyed God and departed for Canaan.

Three days later Laban heard that Jacob and his family had departed. Laban pursued them for seven days. The night before Laban met with Jacob, God warned him not to speak anything good or bad to Jacob.

Rachel had stolen Laban's idols. Laban accused Jacob of stealing them so Jacob told him to search for them. Laban did not find them. Then, Jacob rebuked Laban. Laban had treated him poorly by changing his wages ten times. Then Jacob and Laban made

a covenant not to harm each other.

Jacob sent messengers to Esau. The messengers told Jacob that Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred men. Jacob was afraid that Esau was coming to hurt him. So, he sent a present of many animals to Esau so that he would not be mad. Then Jacob split his family into two companies and prayed that God would protect them.

Later Jacob wrestled with a Man. It was an Angel from God. They wrestled all night. The Angel could not beat Jacob so He touched his hip socket and put it out of joint. Jacob would not give up until the Angel blessed Him. The Angel changed his name to Israel and blessed him.

Jacob met Esau. Esau was happy to meet him and cried. Jacob visited Esau in Seir. Then Jacob lived in Succoth before moving to Shechem.

Questions:

1. Did Laban convince Jacob to stay and take care of his flocks? What did Jacob receive in return?
2. God commanded Jacob to return back to Canaan. Did Jacob obey God? Should we obey God?
3. What did Laban do after he heard that Jacob and his family had departed?
4. Did Jacob send Esau a big present? Why?
5. Jacob wrestled with God's Angel. Did Jacob give up? Did he receive the blessing?
6. Was Esau happy to see Jacob? Were they friends or enemies?

Jacob's Journey to Hebron (Genesis Chapters 34-35)

While living in Shechem, Hamor's son defiled Abraham's daughter. This made Jacob's sons very angry and they deceitfully persuaded the men of Shechem to be circumcised. Then Jacob's sons rescued her while attacking the city.

Then God commanded Jacob and his family to return to Bethel and make an altar. Jacob obeyed God. There, God came to him and again blessed him changing his name a second time to Israel.

Jacob journeyed from Bethel to Bethlehem. On the way to Bethlehem, Rachel gave birth to Benjamin and died. After burying Rachel, Jacob continued his journey to

Bethlehem.

Then Jacob went to see Isaac. Isaac was one hundred and eighty years old when he died. Isaac was buried by Esau and Jacob.

Questions:

1. What did a man do to Jacob's daughter in Shechem?
2. What did her brother's do?
3. God commanded Jacob to return to Bethel and to make an altar. Did Jacob obey God?
4. Should we obey God?
5. What was the name of Jacob's son that was born on the way to Bethlehem?
6. How old was Isaac when he died?

Joseph Sold into Slavery (Genesis Chapter 37)

Joseph was seventeen. Israel loved him more than his brothers since he was born in his old age. Because Israel loved Joseph so much, he gave him a coat of many colors.

Joseph's brothers hated him since Israel loved him more than them. Then Joseph had two dreams. In the dreams he learned that his brothers and parents would bow down to him. When he told his brothers about the dreams, they hated him more than before. But when he told Israel about the dreams, he rebuked him and kept his words in mind.

One day Israel asked Joseph to go to Schechem and check on his brothers. Joseph eventually found them in Dothan. There they threw Joseph into a pit and sold him to

Midianite traders. Then the Midianites took him and sold him to Potiphar in Egypt. Joseph's brothers took Joseph's coat and dipped it in blood. They gave it to Israel and deceived him. Israel thought that Joseph had been devoured by a wild beast.

Joseph's brothers did not tell their father the truth.

Questions:

1. How old was Joseph?
2. What did Israel give Joseph?
3. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?
4. What did Joseph's brothers do to him?
5. Did Joseph's brothers deceive their father? Did they tell a lie?
6. Should we deceive anyone? Should we tell a lie?

Joseph is Potiphar's Slave (Genesis 39:1-23)

Potiphar bought Joseph from the Ishmaelites. The Lord was with Joseph, so he was a successful man. Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph, so he made him overseer of his house. Joseph was in charge of everything that Potiphar owned. God blessed Potiphar's house because of Joseph.

Potiphar's wife tried to get Joseph to sin. Joseph refused to sin but she tried and tried to tempt him. One day she was mad and made it look like Joseph had sinned, but Joseph was innocent.

Potiphar's wife told her husband a lie saying that Joseph had sinned. Potiphar believed

his wife's lie and put Joseph in prison. While in prison the prison keeper saw that the Lord was with Joseph and put him in charge of the prisoners. The Lord blessed Joseph and he prospered.

Questions:

1. Who bought Joseph?
2. Why was Joseph a successful man?
3. What job did Potiphar give Joseph?
4. Potiphar's wife tried to get Joseph to sin. Did Joseph sin?
5. Should we listen to people who are trying to get us to sin? What should we do?
6. Potiphar's wife told her husband a lie saying that Joseph had sinned. Where did Potiphar put Joseph?
7. The Lord was with Joseph in prison and blessed him. What was Joseph's job in prison?

Joseph's Rise to Power (Genesis Chapters 40-41)

Joseph was in prison with the chief butler and chief baker. The butler and baker had dreams and were sad since no one was there to interpret the dreams. Joseph told them that interpretations belonged to God and asked them to tell him the dreams.

Joseph interpreted the dreams and in three days they came true. Pharaoh had his birthday feast and restored the butler to service but he had the baker hung.

Two years later, Pharaoh had two dreams that the Egyptians could not interpret. The butler remembered that Joseph had correctly interpreted the dreams in prison and told

Pharaoh. So, Pharaoh called for Joseph.

Pharaoh told Joseph his dreams. Joseph said that the interpretation belonged to God. Then he interpreted Pharaoh's dreams. There would be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Joseph suggested that Pharaoh appoint a man to store up food during the plentiful years so that there would be food during the famine. Pharaoh thought that Joseph's advice was good. Then, he appointed Joseph to rule over his house and all of the people.

During the seven plentiful years Joseph had two sons. One was named Manasseh and the other was named Ephraim. During the plentiful years Joseph stored up food. Then, when the famine came he sold food to the Egyptians and all the other countries.

Questions:

1. Did Joseph interpret the butler and baker's dreams while in prison? Was his interpretation correct?
2. Did Joseph interpret Pharaoh's dreams two years later? Was his interpretation correct?
3. What did Joseph do during the plentiful years? What did he do during the years of famine?
4. Did Joseph give God credit for interpreting the dreams?

Joseph's Ten Brothers Go to Egypt (Genesis Chapter 42)

There was a great famine in Canaan and Joseph's family ran out of food. They were going to die if they did not get some more food. So, Jacob sent ten of his sons to Egypt to buy food. He did not send Benjamin because he was afraid something bad would happen to him.

When they arrived in Egypt they went to buy food. Joseph recognized them. But Joseph acted like a stranger so that they would not recognize him.

Joseph spoke roughly to them and accused them of being spies. His brothers said that

they were in Egypt to buy food and told him about their family.

Joseph said that he would test them to see if they were honest. He said that he would keep nine of them in prison while the other brother returned to Canaan and brought Benjamin to Egypt. Joseph's brothers did not like that test and Joseph put them in prison for three days.

After his brothers had been in prison for three days, Joseph told them that he would give them a different test. He would let all but one of them return to Canaan with food. Then they were to return to Egypt with Benjamin to prove that they were honest men. They agreed to this test and Simeon was bound and put in prison until they returned with Benjamin.

On the way home, one of Joseph's brothers opened his sack of grain and found that his money was in the sack. They were all afraid that they would get in trouble for stealing the money. But Joseph had told his men to put the money in the sack with the food.

They returned to Jacob and told him about their trip. Then they found that they had all of the money with which they had bought food. They were all afraid. He would not let them take Benjamin to Egypt because he was afraid something bad would happen to him.

Questions:

1. Why did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt?
2. Why did Jacob not send Benjamin to Egypt with his brothers?
3. How did Joseph act toward his brothers?
4. Why did Joseph put them in prison?
5. What test did Joseph give them to see if they were honest?
6. Should we be honest and always tell the truth?

Benjamin Goes to Egypt with His Brothers (Genesis Chapter 43)

The famine was very bad. One day Israel and his sons ran out of food. Israel told them to go again to Egypt and buy food.

Judah insisted that they take Benjamin with them. Joseph had told them that they could not buy more food unless they brought Benjamin with them.

Israel did not want to send Benjamin with them because he was afraid that something bad would happen to him. Then Judah said that he would guarantee Benjamin's safe

return.

Israel trusted God and sent Benjamin to Egypt with his brothers. He also sent a present to Joseph and extra money with his sons.

When they arrived in Egypt, Joseph saw Benjamin and ordered his steward to take them to his house and get ready to eat lunch. The steward gave them water to wash their feet and fed their donkeys.

Joseph asked about their father and blessed Benjamin. Then Joseph went to his room and cried. When he returned, his servants served the food. Joseph ate alone. Joseph gave five times as much food to Benjamin than to his other brothers.

Questions:

1. Why did Israel send his sons to Egypt a second time?
2. Why did Judah want to take Benjamin to Egypt? Why did Israel not want Benjamin to go to Egypt?
3. Did Israel trust God? Should we trust God?
4. How much more food did Benjamin receive than his brothers?

Joseph's Brothers and the Silver Cup (Genesis 44:1-45:2)

It was time for Joseph's brothers to go home. So, Joseph commanded his steward to put food along with their money in his brother's sacks. Joseph also told his steward to put his silver cup in Benjamin's sack.

After his brothers left, Joseph told his steward to catch them and accuse them of stealing his cup. His steward caught Joseph's brothers and found the cup in Benjamin's sack. So, Benjamin had to be a slave. Then they returned with the steward

to see Joseph.

Joseph acted as if he were upset with his brothers. His brothers thought that God had found out their sin against Joseph (God always knows everything).

Joseph's brothers were very sorry for what had happened and offered to be slaves with Benjamin. Joseph told them that they could go home and that only Benjamin had to be a slave. Joseph's brothers would not leave Benjamin alone in Egypt.

Judah spoke to Joseph and explained that their father would die if Benjamin did not return with them. Joseph was very sad because he did not want his father to die. Then Joseph told them that he was their brother and cried aloud.

Questions:

1. What did Joseph command his steward to put in his brother's sacks?
2. What did Joseph command his steward to put in Benjamin's sack?
3. After the steward caught Joseph's brothers, where did he find Joseph's cup?
4. Did Joseph pretend to be upset when his brothers returned?
5. Does God know everything that happens?
6. Did Joseph's brothers want to leave Benjamin all alone in Egypt?
7. What would have happened to their father if Benjamin did not return home?
8. Did Joseph want his father to die?
9. What did Joseph do after telling them that he was their brother?

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers (Genesis Chapter 45)

Joseph's brothers returned to Egypt with Joseph's cup and Judah asked that Benjamin be allowed to return to Canaan. Then Joseph told his brothers that he was their brother Joseph.

Joseph asked them to come near to him. He explained that God had made him governor over Egypt to save their lives. Then Joseph commanded them to bring his

father to Goshen so that he could provide for them.

Joseph wept on Benjamin's neck. Then he wept on all his brothers' necks and kissed them.

Pharaoh and his servants heard that Joseph's brothers had come from Canaan and they were very happy for Joseph. Pharaoh commanded them to bring Joseph's father to Egypt. Pharaoh sent donkeys, mules, and carts with them to bring their families back to Egypt. Pharaoh told them not to worry about bringing all of their possessions to Egypt since they would be given the best of the land.

Joseph's brothers return to their father in Canaan. They told Jacob what had happened and that Joseph was alive. But, he did not believe them at first. Finally after they had told him everything that Joseph had said and showed him everything that Joseph had sent home, he believed them.

Questions:

1. Did Joseph tell his brothers who he was?
2. Did Joseph tell them to bring his father to Egypt?
3. Did Joseph weep and kiss his brothers?
4. Was Pharaoh happy that Joseph's brothers had come to Egypt?
5. What did Pharaoh command Joseph's brothers to do?
6. Did Jacob believe that Joseph was alive at first?
7. When did Jacob believe that Joseph was still alive?

Jacob's Journey and Settlement in Egypt (Genesis 46:1-47:12)

Jacob and his family journeyed to Egypt as Joseph had told them. There were seventy person in all that moved to Egypt.

On the way, Israel stopped in Beersheba to worship God. God told him in a night

vision not to be afraid to go to Egypt because he would be with him.

Jacob sent Judah ahead of them to prepare for their entrance into Goshen. Joseph got in his chariot and went to Goshen to meet his father. When Joseph arrived in Goshen, he fell on his father's neck and wept a long time.

Joseph told his family what he would tell Pharaoh. Then he told them what they should say to Pharaoh when they met him.

Joseph took five of his brothers in to meet Pharaoh. They told Pharaoh what Joseph had told them to say then asked if they could live in Goshen. Pharaoh told Joseph to let them live in Goshen.

Then Joseph took his father in to meet Pharaoh. Jacob blessed Pharaoh and then they talked. When they were finished, Jacob blessed Pharaoh again and departed.

Then Joseph placed his family in the land of Ramses, which is in Goshen, as Pharaoh had commanded. And he provided them with bread during the famine.

Questions:

1. Where did Jacob and his family move to?
2. How many of them moved to Egypt?
3. What did they do when they stopped in Beersheba?
4. Should we worship God?
5. What did God tell Israel in Beersheba?
6. Is God always with us?
7. Did Pharaoh let them live in Goshen?
8. Did Joseph provide bread for his family during the famine?

**Joseph and the Famine, Joseph's Vow, Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons
(Genesis 47:13-48:22)**

The famine in Egypt was very bad. The people in Egypt and Canaan spent all of their money for food. So, Joseph gave them bread for a year in exchange for their livestock. The next year, Joseph gave them bread in exchange for their land and he moved the

people into the cities. As the famine drew near to the end, Joseph sold the people their land and gave them seed to plant. Then he made a law that the people would pay a 20 percent tax in exchange for the food, land, and seed.

Jacob lived in Egypt seventeen years and was one hundred forty-seven years old when he died. Jacob asked Joseph to bury him with his fathers in Canaan after he died. Joseph agreed and swore to him.

Later, Joseph heard that Jacob was sick so he took his two sons to see him. Jacob heard that Joseph was coming and sat up on his bed. He blessed Joseph through his two sons by adopting them. So through his sons, Joseph received a double inheritance. Ephraim was the younger son but he received a greater blessing. And Manasseh was the older son but received a lesser inheritance.

Questions:

1. Was the famine in Egypt bad?
2. Did the people run out of money?
3. What did Joseph take in exchange for food since the people did not have money?
4. Near the end of the famine, what did Joseph sell the people in exchange for their paying taxes?
5. Where did Jacob ask Joseph to bury him?
6. Did Jacob bless Joseph's two sons? What were their names?
7. Did Joseph receive a double inheritance?

Jacob's Final Prophecy and Blessing (Genesis 49:1-28)

After Jacob had blessed Joseph through his sons, he called for his entire family. When they arrived he blessed them and prophesied about what would happen in the last days.

Reuben was the firstborn, but he had committed a terrible sin against his father. So his tribe would not excel as a nation.

Simeon and Levi had killed the Shechemites because they were angry. So their tribes would be divided and scattered throughout Israel.

Judah would be the tribe that led the children of Israel. Out of it came the good kings like David and our Savior Jesus Christ.

The tribe of Zebulun would be successful in commerce and the tribe of Dan would be a judge of the people. The tribes of Gad, Naphtali, and Benjamin would be warrior tribes. And the tribe of Asher would be rich in raising special food.

The tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh came from Joseph and would be fruitful. They would be strong because God would strengthen them.

Questions:

1. Why did the tribe of Reuben not excel?
2. Why were the tribes of Simeon and Levi divided and scattered throughout Israel?
3. Who came out of the tribe of Judah?
4. Why were the tribes of Ephraim and Manassah fruitful?
5. Does God strengthen us?

Death of Jacob and Joseph (Genesis 49:29-50:26)

After Jacob finished blessing his family he gave them instructions regarding his burial. They were to bury him with his fathers in the cave that Abraham had purchased from

Ephron the Hittite.

Jacob drew his feet into the bed and breathed his last breath. Joseph fell on his father's face, wept, and kissed him. Then Joseph commanded his servants and physicians to embalm his father. After seventy days, it was time for Joseph to take his father's body to Canaan for burial. He asked Pharaoh for permission to take his father's body to Canaan for burial. Pharaoh gave him permission to go.

Many important Egyptians went with Joseph and his family to bury Jacob's body in Canaan. On the way there they stopped at a threshing floor to mourn for seven more days. Then they enter Egypt and buried Jacob as he had commanded them.

After they returned to Egypt, Joseph's brothers began to think that Joseph may hate them because they had sold him into slavery. So they sent messengers to Joseph asking his forgiveness. Joseph wept. Then all of his brothers came and fell down before his face. Joseph told them not to be afraid and promised to take care of them.

Joseph lived one hundred ten years. Before he died he told his brethren that God would visit them and that they were to take his bones back to Canaan. Over three hundred years later, God visited them and they escaped from Egypt. Then they took Joseph's bones and buried them in Shechem.

Questions:

1. Where did Jacob's family bury him?
2. Who went with Joseph and his family to Canaan?
3. Where did they stop to mourn for seven more days before entering Canaan?
4. After they returned to Egypt, what did Joseph's brothers do? Why?
5. What did Joseph promise to do for his brothers?
6. How many years did Joseph live?
7. Where was Joseph eventually buried?