LESSON 12

JACOB AND JOSEPH TOGETHER AGAIN



Aim: **To show the children that Joseph and Jacob were happily reunited. God blessed Joseph throughout his troubles.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 45:16 – 46:7; 46:28 – 47:12; 47:27 – 48:22; 50:15-21**

Memory Verse: **Acts 7:9-10**
"God was with … [Joseph] and rescued him from all his troubles."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Can you remember any family member or friend coming to visit your house after having been away for a long time? It is very exciting. Everyone has changed. The children have grown bigger. There is a lot to talk about.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. Joseph had a lot to talk about with his father. They had not seen each other for about 20 years!
   At first Jacob could not believe what his sons told him when they arrived home from Egypt. Joseph was alive! Joseph had sent many gifts with them (45:23-27).
2. They also brought an invitation from Pharaoh for Joseph's whole family to move to Egypt. They were almost 100 people (45:17-20).
3. Jacob packed up to go. God promised to continue to be with them (46:1-7).
4. Joseph and his father, Jacob, were reunited at long last (46:28-30).
5. Joseph took some of his brothers and his father to meet Pharaoh. The family settled in the best part of Egypt (47:1-12).
6. Jacob lived in Egypt for 17 years, until he was 147 years old (47:28). Before his father died Joseph brought his own sons to him and Jacob blessed them (48:8-12). **Show picture 12.**
7. Joseph put Jacob's right hand on the head of his elder son, Manasseh, and Jacob's left hand on the younger son, Ephraim. But look at the picture: Jacob crossed his arms. The family of Ephraim, the younger son, became a great nation (48:13-14, 17-19).
8. After Jacob's death Joseph's brothers became afraid again. Had Joseph really forgiven them, or would he take revenge on them now that their father wasn't there anymore? Joseph reassured his brothers (50:15-21).

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Our Response to the Story

All through his life Joseph had many problems, but he overcame them all. That was because God was with him throughout his troubles. God honoured Joseph because Joseph honoured God. If we put our trust in God, we need never lose hope.

Instil the Memory Verse



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