

Joseph Brings His Family to Egypt

1. Carefully read through Genesis 45:16-47:31. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 45:16-47:31.
4. What does Pharaoh command Joseph to do with his brothers? Why do you think he does this? Why do you think Joseph tells his brothers not to quarrel on the way?

5. How does Jacob respond when the brothers return? What does God say to Jacob? When was the last time God spoke in Genesis? Why do you think he speaks again now?

6. How many people are part of Jacob's family now? Why is this significant? Who leads the way back to Egypt?

7. Why does Joseph give his family instructions about meeting Pharaoh? What does Jacob do for Pharaoh? How does Jacob describe his life? Why do you think he says this?

8. What does Joseph do during the years of famine? What do the people say he has done for them?

9. What does Jacob make Joseph promise? Why do you think he does this?