

UNIT VERSE

I praise you because
I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

PSALM 139:14 NIV



JOSEPH'S MESSAGE

Decode the messages below to discover some ways you can care for others like Joseph cared for his brothers.

VEGETABLES

REMINDER

UNLOAD

NOTE

READ

VISIT

CLEAN

WRITE

HOMEWORK

CHOP

ENCOURAGING

LAUNDRY

DISHWASHER

TRASH



1 _____ () the _____ () without being asked.

2 Take out the _____ ().

3 Help your sibling with _____ ().

4 _____ () _____ () for mom.

5 Start a load of _____ ().

6 _____ () to your brother.

7 _____ () your room without being asked.

8 Say something _____ () to your sister.

9 _____ () a thank you _____ () to your parents.

10 Go _____ () your grandparents.

11 Feed the dog without a daily _____ () from dad.

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CONVERSATION

Joseph Loved His Brothers

GENESIS 37; 42; 43; 45; 46; 50

Jacob had twelve sons, but he loved his son, Joseph, the most. When Joseph's brothers saw how much Jacob loved Joseph, they hated him.

One day Joseph's brothers were away watching their father's flocks when they saw Joseph coming. They immediately began to plot against him. "Let's throw Joseph in a pit," said the oldest brother, Reuben.

When Joseph arrived, they stripped off his colorful robe and threw him into a pit. Later, a trader caravan came by. The brothers sold Joseph to the traders for 20 pieces of silver, and the traders took Joseph to Egypt. The brothers sent Joseph's robe to their father. Jacob recognized it and thought that a wild animal had killed Joseph.

Many years passed, and Joseph was thrown into prison because someone told a lie about him. Later, when Joseph explained the dreams of Pharaoh (the king), Pharaoh made Joseph a ruler in Egypt. He stored up food so the people of Egypt could survive a famine.

During the famine Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt. He said to his sons, "Go down there and buy food so that we will live."

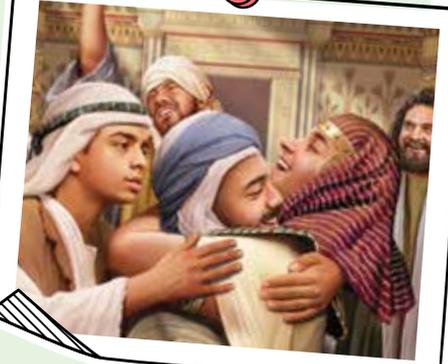
Jacob did not allow his youngest son, Benjamin, to go, so 10 of Jacob's sons traveled to Egypt. When they came to the man in charge, they bowed down before him. The brothers did not realize that the man was actually Joseph, their brother! Even though Joseph recognized them, he did not reveal who he was right away. Instead, he sent them home and ordered them to come back with Benjamin.

The next time Jacob's sons returned to Egypt, they brought Benjamin and came before the man in charge once again. This time, when Joseph saw his youngest brother, he could no longer remain calm. He cried and said, "I am Joseph, your brother, the one you sold into Egypt."

When Joseph's brothers heard this news, they were terrified. Joseph comforted them and said, "Don't be worried or angry with yourselves for selling me. It was God who sent me ahead to save lives during this famine. It was God who gave me favor with Pharaoh and all of Egypt." Then Joseph threw his arms around Benjamin, and they wept together. Joseph promised to take care of his brothers and father, Jacob, from that day forward.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Philippians 2:4

LIFE POINT: Family members can love and care for one another.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your preteen heard that family members can love and care for one another. When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food, they did not recognize him. Joseph cared for his brothers and forgave them for what they had done to him.

LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story and how Joseph loved and cared for his family. During a family worship time list ways each person in your family loves and cares for one another. Pray and ask God to help members of your family show love to each other.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God's plan is for each person to make a positive contribution to her family.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Philippians 2:4

Monday: Ephesians 6:1-2

Tuesday: Psalm 103:17

Wednesday: Ephesians 6:4

Thursday: Proverbs 11:29

Friday: 1 Timothy 5:8

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Joseph Loved His Brothers* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.