

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson Passage—Genesis 45:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

<sup>12</sup> "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. <sup>13</sup> Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

<sup>14</sup> Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.



### LESSON 44



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**How can we wait patiently on the Lord?**

### LESSON RHYME

R—R—Ruler  
Joseph was very wise  
R—R—Ruler  
A good plan did devise

## Level 2—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Read the entire booklet to the child. Go back to the appropriate day, reread the content and have the child answer questions about it from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Include personal ideas and additional questions. Read and discuss the daily Bible verse if appropriate for the child. Have the child draw a picture related to the content.
- **Lesson Rhyme:** Read the **Lesson Rhyme** on the next page, saying the sound of the letter instead of its name. Point to each word as you read it. Discuss the meaning of the rhyme. Have the child trace the letter with a finger and say its sound. Practice with the child the signs that go along with the **Lesson Rhyme** (included below). Review and repeat the rhyme every day.
- **Concluding Lesson:** Complete the activities under **Concluding Lesson** at the back of the book.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson rhyme memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

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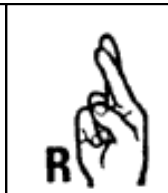
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### **Lesson Rhyme Signs**

R—R            Make sign of "R"  
Ruler           Close fist like holding a scepter  
Joseph was    Make sign of "J" with both hands  
very wise      Tap temple with "J" signs  
R—R—Ruler   Same as above  
A good plan    Thumbs up sign  
did devise     Tap temple with thumb



## Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: What could Pharaoh see about Jacob? What was Joseph's plan? Where did that plan come from? How do you know that?

Day 2: Why did Pharaoh make Joseph ruler? What did Joseph do as a ruler?

Day 3: What is a drought? What happened because of the drought?

Day 4: What did Joseph's brothers do before Joseph? Why didn't they know it was Joseph?

Day 5: Why were the brothers afraid when they found out it was Joseph? Why didn't they have to be afraid of Joseph?

Day 6: What did Joseph understand about God?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: Why did Pharaoh make Joseph ruler? What did Joseph do as a ruler? What happened because of the drought? Why were the brothers afraid when they found out it was Joseph? Why didn't they have to be afraid of Joseph?

Prayer: Thank God that he is always near and that he knows everything about you. Thank God that he takes the bad things that happen and makes good come out of them. Pray that you would learn to trust God in all circumstances.

Application: A very important biblical truth to remember is that God is always with us and that he causes bad things to work for the good of those who love and serve him. What have you learned from Joseph that way? What are situations where you need to learn to trust God more?

Dictation: Have the child dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson. Have the child repeat back the dictation, trace over the letters and draw a picture to go with it.

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# What did Joseph do as ruler of Egypt?



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## Day 1 Draw a picture of Joseph.

Pharaoh saw that Joseph  
was capable and wise.  
So he asked of Joseph  
what plan he would devise.  
In the good years Joseph said  
to store up extra grain.  
So there'd be food in Egypt  
when there wasn't any rain.

## Day 6 Draw a picture of brothers eating.

He knew that into Egypt  
God had sent him on ahead.  
So in the midst of famine,  
his family would have bread.  
Joseph knew in all things,  
God does work for good,  
For those who follow after him  
and trust him as they should.

Genesis 41:33-34: <sup>33</sup> "And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup> Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance.

Genesis 45:7-8: <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

## Day 5

Draw a picture of Joseph talking to brothers.

When Joseph told them who he was,  
they were quite afraid.  
As they had sold him as a slave,  
a big mistake had made.  
But Joseph was a good man;  
in God's spirit he did live.  
He didn't hate his brothers;  
he was able to forgive.

## Day 2

Draw a picture of bags of wheat with gold.

Pharaoh recognized that Joseph  
was a godly man.  
And so he made him ruler  
to put in place his plan.  
So for seven years Joseph  
stored up all the extra grain.  
Then there was food in Egypt  
when there wasn't any rain.

Genesis 45:4-5: <sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!" <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

Genesis 41:41-42: <sup>41</sup> So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." <sup>42</sup> Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

## Day 3

Draw a picture of brothers going to Egypt.

All around the world  
there were seven years of drought.  
And in all the other places  
the food did soon run out.  
Joseph's father sent his sons  
to Egypt to buy grain.  
They could no longer grow it  
as there wasn't any rain.

## Day 4

Draw a picture of brothers bowing to Joseph.

Into Joseph's presence  
the brothers had to go.  
And before him as a ruler  
they did then bow low.  
They didn't recognize him  
as he was now a man.  
He was ruler over Egypt;  
it was part of God's good plan.

Genesis 42:1-2: When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you just keep looking at each other?"<sup>2</sup> He continued, "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die."

Genesis 42:6-7:<sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the one who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground.<sup>7</sup> As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "