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## CONVERSATION

### Joseph Loved His Brothers

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

Joseph's brothers did not like him. They saw Joseph coming to the field. They threw Joseph into a hole. Then they sold him to people going to Egypt. The brothers smeared animal blood on Joseph's coat. They let their father think wild animals killed Joseph.

God helped Joseph in Egypt.

Joseph became an important man. He

helped people know they needed to store grain for a time of famine in a time they had plenty of food. He gave out the food the people had stored.

Joseph's father sent his sons to buy food because they had very little to eat. The brothers bought food from Joseph, but they didn't know it was Joseph. Joseph knew the men were his brothers.

The brothers took the food home. They ran out of food again. Their father sent them back to Egypt for more food.

This time Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?"

The brothers were surprised! Joseph said, "Don't worry. God sent me to save you. Tell my father I am here. The family can live here with plenty of food."

Years later, Joseph's father died. The brothers worried again that Joseph might punish them for selling him.

Joseph spoke kindly. "Don't be afraid. You meant bad things for me, but God used them for good. Don't be afraid. I'll take care of you and your families."

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** Philippians 2:4

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

#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child 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 for families is for them to love, respect, and help one another.



#### DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Philippians 2:4
Monday: 1 Corinthians 16:14
Tuesday: Psalm 103:17
Wednesday: Ephesians 6:4
Thursday: Proverbs 11:29
Friday: 1 Timothy 5:8

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

