

Lesson 10: Jacob Goes to Egypt to See Joseph

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study Genesis Chapter 46: Jacob goes to see Joseph and speaks to God
- 2) Create Isaac the 2nd of the 4 Patriarchs Paper Dolls for this quarter
- 3) Make a sheep to remind them that Jacob's family were shepherds in Egypt
- 4) See that God is with Jacob as he travels to Egypt

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Isaac Body Template– one per student (two Isaacs per page)
- Isaac Clothes and Hair Template– one set per student
(Can use leftover sheet from Abraham in lesson 6 or 7)
- Clothing and Accessories Isaac – one set per student
(Can use leftover sheet from Abraham in lesson 6 or 7)
- Empty and Clean Paper Towel Rolls – two-inch piece of roll x 2 per student
- Cotton balls – one large bag enough so each student gets about 20
- Q-tips - 2 per student
- Tape to share
- Glue or Glue sticks to share
- Scissors to share
- Black Sharpie Marker to share or 2 googly eyes per student
- Head and Ears Template of Sheep– one sheet has 8 sets of sheep head and ears- 1 set per kid

Optional:

- Storybook of this chapter in Genesis with pictures to show kids (if available) and/or
- Flannel Display Board and characters to show the story of this chapter. (if available)

Snack:

- Animal Crackers 5 - 10 per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson

2-5 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance. Once children are seated say:

What did we study last week about Joseph? Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and told them to go get their father and bring him and all their families back to Egypt. Joseph forgave his brothers and was good to them, even though they were mean to him as a child. He forgave them and gave the glory to God and said God had provided for all of them so that during this time of famine they would all be safe in Egypt!

This week we will see that Jacob, Joseph's father, comes to Egypt to see his son after thinking he was dead for many years!

2) Jacob goes to Egypt and Speaks with God on the Way 10-15 minutes

Optional: if you have a book with pictures showing this story or visuals you can show the pictures as you read from the Bible.

Ask students to turn to Genesis 46. Then ask them to follow along as you read.

Read Genesis 46:1-4 - God Comforts Jacob

Discussion Questions:

What was the first thing Jacob did when he got to Beersheba? Worshiped God with sacrifices.
What does this say about Jacob? He remembered and appreciated God and knew the importance of worshiping Him.

What happened that night after he worshiped God? God came to him in a vision at night and comforted Jacob.

How does this relate to us today. Do you think God will comfort and bless us when we remember to come to church and worship God? Yes! We too need to remember and appreciate God for all He does for us and remember to come to worship services as it is a way to worship God and put God first in our lives. And, God commands us to do it! It pleases God that you came to church services today!

What did God say to Jacob? I am God. Don't be afraid to go to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will bring you back again (to this land after you die) and Joseph will be there when you die.

***Remember that Jacob was very old and so he knew he was going to die soon. It would be comforting to him to know that he will see Joseph before he dies and that Joseph will be there for him the rest of the time Jacob lives. He is also comforted that God will take care of him and his family and return them to the land that was promised.**

Read Genesis 46:5-7, 26-34 (You can read verses 8-25 but they list a lot of names and for some children that might be too confusing or boring to keep their attention – you be the judge.)

Discussion Questions

Who went to Egypt in verse 7? All of Jacob's offspring – including sons, daughters, granddaughters and grandsons.

Where did they stay in Egypt? Goshen (which is north and in the very fertile area near the Nile River that would make sure that they had plenty of food and water for their animals and where they would not suffer the effects of the famine)

What happened when Joseph and Jacob met? Joseph hugged his father and wept for a long time.

What were they to say they did for an occupation? Shepherd – or tend to livestock and flocks of animals.

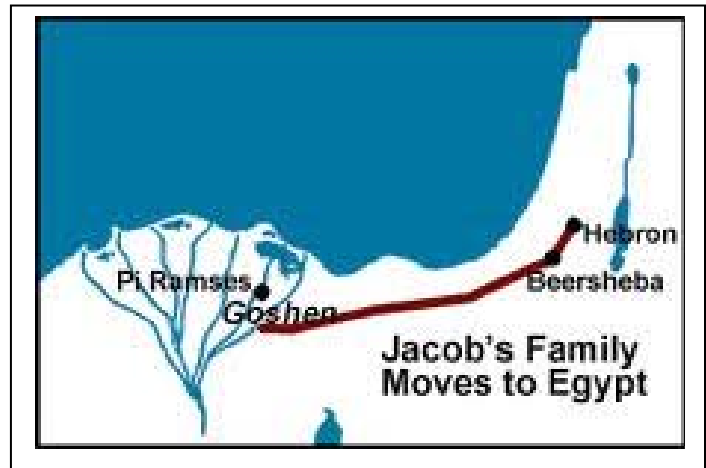
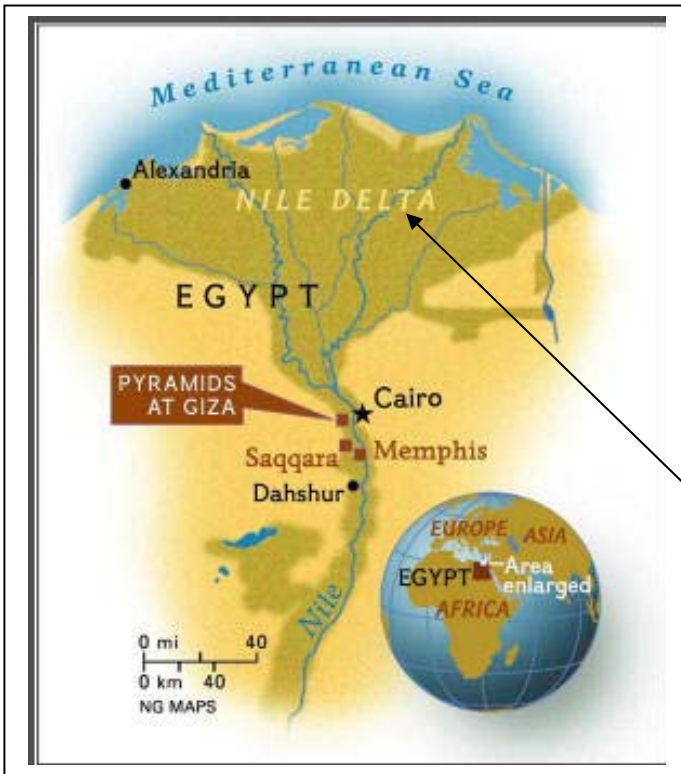
Why? Because shepherds are detestable to Egyptians and that way they would be allowed to stay in Goshen where it was good for the flocks and herds.

Did they really take care of livestock? Yes. So they were telling the truth.

***See how God is caring for the family of Jacob? The famine came and they would have had to go to Egypt but if you remember – Hebrews were detestable to Egyptians and weren't**

allowed to even eat with Egyptians. (Remember Joseph had to eat separate from the Egyptians even though he was the Second-in-command- Genesis 43:32?) Then we see that shepherds were also detestable to Egyptians. How hard would it have been for Jacob's family to come to Egypt and be treated well if it were not for Joseph and his place of power in Egypt? VERY HARD! Without the help of God Jacob and his family would have starved and lost everything. God provided for them and He promises to provide for us as well if we follow and obey Him!

*Show them the map of Egypt and the place of Goshen where they were to live



Goshen

3) Paper Roll Patriarchs Isaac Doll Craft

15 minutes

Hand out the body templates of Isaac along with clothes and hair and let children cut out and color 1 set of clothing and hair each for Isaac. Glue the pieces of clothes and hair on Isaac's body.

Cut out 2-inch circles from paper towel rolls and attach the doll to the roll so he will stand up.

Remember that Isaac was the second patriarch in the Old Testament after Abraham. We are going to make the four patriarchs before the end of the quarter. We will make Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the Joseph! What can you remember about Isaac- Abraham's son, raise your hand if you know? Was the promised son to Abraham even though Abraham and Sarah were very old in years and Sarah was barren (couldn't have children). His dad Abraham sent a servant to find Isaac and wife and brought back Rebekah who was very helpful, kind and humble. Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys – Esau (who was red and hairy and gave up his birthright for a bowl of lentil stew) and Jacob (who tricked Esau and Isaac and ended up having to move to Haran).



Have students clean up before moving on to the next activity.

4) Paper Roll Sheep

10-15 minutes

With the piece of paper towel roll left over – approximately one-two inches. Say to students: **You will make a sheep to go with Isaac since we learned today that the Israelites were all to be shepherds in Egypt and since we learned today that they were to live in the land of Goshen the shepherding area of Egypt that was good for livestock because it was in a fertile area near the river.**

1. Hand out one piece of paper roll to each child along with two Q-tips. Tell them they are going to make a sheep to go with Isaac today.

2. Take the Q-tips and cut them in half with scissors.

3. Tape the ½ size Q-tips to each side as shown in the picture as

legs. *The picture shows full size Q-tips. Because we are making sheep to be small and go with our small dolls, we need their legs shorter and their bodies smaller!

4. Once the legs are taped on the sheep. Hand out glue sticks or white glue and cotton balls and let the children cover the paper roll in cotton balls.

5. With the piece of white construction paper, cut out oval shapes for the sheep faces. One oval per student that is slightly bigger than the hole of the paper roll at the front. Hand out one oval piece to the student and let them with draw two eyes on the white paper with the black marker.

6. Then cut out two ear shapes for each child or let them do it – basic triangles will do – see picture here for an idea or use template. Hand out ears to each student.

6. Glue or tape the sheep face to the cotton balls at the front to make the face of the sheep. Then glue the two ears – one on either side of the face.

That's it! A sheep to hang out with the Israelites in Egypt!

*This picture shows “googly eyes”. You can choose them if you prefer not to use a black marker for eyes. But the supply list uses black marker instead.



While students make their sheep ask them what they remember about today's bible account and what was their favorite part.

5) Optional – Snack: Animal Crackers

5 minutes

Hand out animal crackers enough for each child to have 5-10. Also give each child a glass of water or juice. Explain that, **“When Jacob traveled with his family to go to Egypt they took all their livestock. Let's look through our animals today and see what might have gone with Jacob to Egypt! (Examples might be sheep, goats, cows, donkeys)** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking. Talk about how Jacob and Joseph would have felt after being reunited.

6) Optional – Songs

5 minutes

Have children sing songs with you. Some examples:

1) **Old Testament Books of the Bible – Sung to the Alphabet song**

2) **Songs of Joseph** (See Printed Song Sheet) Keep copies and sing each week.

7) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray.

Thank you, God, that we can see the benefit of trusting in You as Jacob and Joseph did and how You are willing to be with us, just like You were with Jacob and Joseph! Also, thank you for showing us the importance of worshiping You as Jacob did when he traveled to Egypt and that by worshiping you it makes You happy and we are blessed because of it. Thank you God, for your Son Jesus, and for all that You provide us. We pray for those who are sick or struggling with problems in their lives and we pray that their situation will improve and that they will trust in You Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!