

Lesson 13: The End of Jacob and Joseph Review

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study the last chapter in Genesis – chapter 50: the end of Jacob and Joseph
- 2) Review what they have learned so far about Joseph, Jacob, and Joseph's brothers with activities
- 3) Remember the 4 Patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Joseph Body Template– one set per student (two Josephs per page)
- Joseph Hair and Accessories Template– one set per student
- Joseph Clothing Template- one set per student
- Empty and Clean Paper Towel Rolls – one 2-inch piece per student
- Glue or Glue sticks to share
- Scissors to share
- Tape to share

Optional:

- Joseph's Life Word Search
- 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:

- Triangle Shaped Snack (like Cheese) 1-2 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 and his family? Jacob/Israel – Joseph's father blessed his 12 sons and then passed away and died.

This week we will see the final days of Joseph and how he treated his brothers after their father's death. We will also see that Joseph had to take his father Jacob to the land of Canaan to bury him.

2) Joseph's Last Days

10-15 minutes

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

Have students turn to Chapter 50 read to them **Genesis 50:12-26**.

Discussion Questions:

Did Joseph do as his father had asked and buried him in the tomb in Canaan? Yes.

Did Joseph's brothers lie to him and trick him? Yes, they said their father wanted them to tell him to forgive them for selling him as a slave so many years before because they were worried he would repay them for their evil.

Did they need to worry, lie and trick him? No! He was never going to get back at them and gave credit to God that it was because of God and His plan that all of them are alive and well.

What can we learn from this? Does lying and tricking help? No! It will either make things worse – like when Jacob lied and stole his brother's blessing and had to flee his home. Or, it wouldn't change the result but cause doubt and suspicion in others. Joseph already forgave them and didn't need to be lied to in order to forgive his brothers. It just made them guilty of yet more sins – worrying, lying, and tricking.

What else can we learn about Joseph? He is very kind and forgiving even when people have done him wrong, he leaves it to God to repay if needed. And we should too. We shouldn't get back at people for doing us harm, but leave it to God and instead keep doing what God asks us to – forgive and be kind to all people.

How old was Joseph when he died? 110 years.

So this is the end of the life of Joseph and the Patriarchs. It is also the end of Genesis itself. We have studied the Creation, the fall of Man, the Flood, and the story of the Patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph to this point. We have seen throughout that God has pointed to Jesus Christ all the way through. Jesus is the king to come in the Old Testament and has come for us in the New Testament!

3) Joseph Paper Roll Doll Craft

15-30minutes

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

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

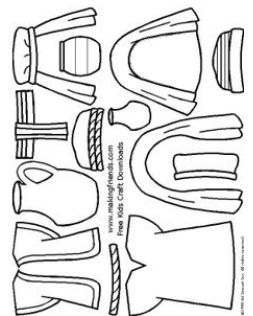
While students color and cut out discuss the following:

Remember that Abraham was the first patriarch in the Old Testament.

We made the four patriarchs before the end of the quarter. We made Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and now Joseph! What can you remember about Joseph, raise your hand if you know?

Can anyone mention what story about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob or Joseph did they like best and why?

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



4) Optional – Joseph’s Life Word Search

10-15 minutes

Hand out one sheet per child along with a pencil. Read words to find aloud so the students know what each word is. Read the instructions at the bottom and then allow students to start their word search. As students work, ask them how each word in the word search shows something about the life of Joseph. Clean up when finished before moving on.

Ask students: **What book are we finish studying today?** Genesis

Who were the 4 patriarchs (the 4 men) we studied from the book of Genesis? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.



5) Optional – Snack: Triangle Shaped Snack (Ex: Cheese)

5 minutes

Hand out triangular snacks enough for each child to have 1-2. Also give each child a glass of water or juice. Explain that, **“Jacob and his family moved to Egypt. Let’s all eat our triangle shaped snack in the shape of pyramids and remember that Jacob, Joseph and their family lived in Egypt – the land of the pyramids!** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!

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)
- 3) **Sons of Jacob** (to the tune of "Ten Little Ladybugs")

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,
Issachar, Zebulun, Dan and Naphtali,
Gad and Asher, Joseph, Benjamin - These are the sons of Jacob.

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! Thank you God for your Son Jesus and for all that You provide us. We pray that we will learn how to forgive, love, trust and obey as Joseph did and that we will be kind and forgiving to our family when they do wrong to us sometimes. Thank you for all the students we had this quarter who came to study Your precious Words in the Bible and may You bless them richly for choosing to come to church and follow You and Your Son. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!