

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 7

CONNECTION POINT:

Give thanks for the ways God is at work in your life.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Every November, we are reminded to be thankful for all the blessings and good things in our lives. For many, this may be nothing more than a cursory acknowledgment that we should be thankful without giving much thought to why we should be thankful or to whom specifically we are to direct our thanks. Thankfulness to God becomes genuine and heartfelt when we consider how graciously He has worked on our behalf to rescue, restore, and provide for us.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 43–45

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Help your child think of someone in your family to whom he can show love. Assist in making a gift to give to that person.

There was a famine. Joseph's brothers had gone to Egypt to buy food and returned home.

Joseph's father, Jacob, sent Joseph's brothers back to Egypt to buy more food. Benjamin, the youngest brother, went with them.

Joseph had a meal prepared for his brothers. He told them he was their brother. They were afraid because they had not been kind to Joseph when he was younger.

Joseph said, "Do not be afraid of me. God sent me here so I could help you have what you need." He hugged his brothers. Joseph told them to go home and get their father and their families. He told them to move to Egypt so he could take care of them.

Joseph's father was happy to know he would see Joseph again.

Joseph showed love to his family.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 43–45

Live It Out: Talk about forgiveness. Explain that God helps people forgive others and that forgiving others shows love for them and honors God.

Jacob told his sons to go back to Egypt and buy more food. They reminded Jacob they had to take their youngest brother. Judah promised to take care of him.

The brothers did not recognize that Joseph was their brother. Joseph prepared a special meal to share with the brothers.

Joseph asked about their father. Joseph saw his brother Benjamin and began to cry. Joseph planned another test by putting his silver cup in Benjamin's bag.

Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. Joseph was happy to know his father was alive.

Pharaoh told the brothers to move to Egypt so they would have plenty of food.

When the brothers returned home, Jacob was happy to know his son was alive. Jacob and his family moved to Egypt to live with Joseph. Joseph took care of his family.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Psalm 107:1–9

- How have you experienced the goodness of God?
- When have you been without the things you needed or wanted? How did you respond?
- How do you make sure to focus on God during times of struggle?

Live It Out: In the Old Testament, no matter the struggles God's people faced, when they trusted Him, God provided. According to God's design, God uses parents to provide for the needs of their children. Some parents reflect God more clearly than others. Whatever the case, God our heavenly Father has promised always to provide for our eternal needs.

God provides many good gifts to us, including Christian friends and the ways they encourage us. Every day this week, send at least two text messages to friends thanking them for the ways they encourage you in your faith. Be very specific. It will mean a lot.