

FAMILY CONNECTION

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

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Unit 2, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

God keeps His children securely in His hands.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: While we rejoice in the forgiveness we receive in Christ, many Christians fear losing that forgiveness because of something they've done. Christ went to the cross to bring us to Himself, and nothing can separate us from that relationship grounded in His love for us.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 37; 41:53-56; 42-43; 45; 46:28-34; 50:15-21

Live It Out: Do not force a preschooler to say "I'm sorry." Asking for forgiveness requires true repentance. Model this often for your child so he can understand true forgiveness.

Joseph was a leader in Egypt. He had helped Pharaoh store much grain. There was not enough food grew for all the people. People traveled to Egypt to buy grain.

Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy grain. They did not recognize Joseph. But Joseph recognized them. For a while, Joseph did not tell his brothers who he was.

Joseph told all of his helpers to leave the room. Joseph said, "I am Joseph. I am your brother. Is my father still alive?" Joseph's brothers could not speak. They were very surprised. They were afraid because they were mean to Joseph when he was young.

Joseph said, "Do not be afraid. God had a plan for me to help many people." Joseph chose to forgive his brothers. He told them that he would take care of them.

Joseph told them to go home and bring their father and families to Egypt.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 43-45

Live It Out: Help your child find and read these verses: 1 John 4:21; Proverbs 20:22; Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14. Discuss what each verse has to say about forgiveness.

Joseph's family used all the grain they brought back from Egypt. Their father, Jacob, said, "Go back and buy us more food." One said they must take Benjamin with them.

Jacob sent them with gifts and extra money. They were afraid the official would punish them, but Joseph had a feast for them. Joseph asked about their father and younger brother.

Joseph told the servants to fill the brothers' bags with grain and put his silver cup in Benjamin's bag. After the brother's left, the servants chased after them. They found the cup and accused them of stealing.

Judah pled to be a substitute for Benjamin. Joseph revealed himself to his brothers.

Joseph sent his brothers home to return with their father and all their families. Joseph promised to take care of them. Jacob was happy to learn about his son.

STUDENTS

Scripture: John 10:7-11,14-18,27-30

- Why did Jesus refer to Himself as the gate?
- In your own words, what is our salvation based on?
- How does your life demonstrate that you hear and follow Jesus?

Live It Out: Jesus said that He knows His sheep, and the sheep know Him. Further, Jesus said no one can snatch the sheep from either the Shepherd's hand or the Father's hand. Our salvation is secure in Jesus.

This week, discuss with your family the reason we can know we are secure in Christ. As a family, share ways you feel secure and other ways you might struggle with this idea. Listen well as each person shares. Then, remind your family of scriptural truths—that we are secure according to our faith in Christ based on what He's done for us.