

Old Testament 2: God Protects His People in Egypt and the Exodus

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Old Testament 2 • Lessons At-a-Glance

Lesson	Lesson Title/ Scripture	Key Point
1	Joseph and His Brothers Genesis 37	Joseph was hated by his brothers, who threatened him with death and sold him into slavery, but he was rescued by God. God's Son, Jesus, was also hated and was killed for our sin. He is our deliverer from sin, death, and the power of the devil.
2	Joseph's Troubles Genesis 39	The Lord was with Joseph and, through him, saved Joseph's family and others. God promises to be with us in every situation, and through His Son, Jesus, a descendant of Joseph's brother Judah, God saves us from our sin.
3	Joseph Feeds Egypt Genesis 40–41	God used Joseph to save His people, all Egypt, and other nations from famine. He sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death, and the devil.
4	Joseph Forgives Genesis 42–45; 50:15–21	Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and forgave them. Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His Holy Word and Sacraments.
5	The Birth of Moses Exodus 1:1–2:10	Through Moses, the Lord saved His people from slavery in Egypt. Through Christ, God saves all people from the bondage of sin and death.
6	Moses and the Burning Bush Exodus 2:11–4:31	As God had Moses remove the sandals from his feet, God, in Christ, removes our sins from us, making us fit to approach God and stand in His presence.
7	Moses and the Plagues Exodus 5–10	Through a series of horrific plagues, God punished the Egyptians for their sinful treatment of God's people and freed His people from bondage. Through His horrific suffering and death on the cross, Jesus takes the punishment for our sin and frees us from sin's bondage.
8	The Passover Exodus 11–12	Christ is our Passover Lamb, whose blood was shed for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.
9	Crossing the Red Sea Exodus 13:17–15:21	As God saved the Hebrews through the water of the Red Sea, He saves us through the washing of water in Holy Baptism, conquering Satan, our greatest enemy.
10	God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail Exodus 16–17	In Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of His forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our spiritual thirst.
11	The Ten Commandments Exodus 19–20	The Law kills, but the Gospel revives. "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).
12	Worship in the Tabernacle Exodus 40	In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through Jesus' blood, shed for us on the cross.
13	The Bronze Serpent Numbers 21:4–9	As the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites from the snakes, so Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil.

Preparing the Lesson

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Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis 37



Key Point

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Law/Gospel

Hatred ruins relationships and separates me from others and from God. **Jesus' death and resurrection restores my relationships with God and others.**

Context

Rachel died as her second son, Benjamin, was born. The twelve tribes of Israel are complete, but Jacob's favored wife is dead. Now Jacob's favor rests with Joseph, Rachel's firstborn. Jacob saw his father, Isaac, before he died and now lives in his father's land, the land of Canaan. The sons of Israel are shepherds.

Commentary

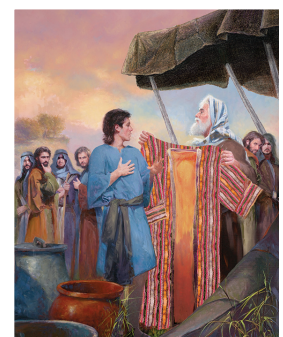
The account of Jacob begins and ends with Joseph (Genesis 37:2; 46:4). God always provides a deliverer for His people. In the lifetime of Jacob, Joseph was the deliverer. Moses records the Christlike characteristics of Joseph in Genesis, his first book. Joseph is never depicted as sinning in his vocation. He was not sinless, of course, for there would be only one Sinless One, Jesus Christ. Instead we see Joseph fulfilling his God-given vocations faithfully, trusting in God's mercy.

As a son, Joseph reports the misdeeds of his father's other sons. As a servant to Potiphar, Joseph becomes chief of all his master's possessions and remains chaste despite the advances of Potiphar's wife. In prison, he manages the jail with diligence, becoming a leader among inmates. As the right hand of Pharaoh, Joseph rules with wisdom and mercy. Finally, as a brother, Joseph forgives all that his brothers meant for evil because he saw the hand of God working for good. In each vocation—son, worker, and brother—Joseph trusted God to provide him with all that he needed to support his body and life, to defend him against all danger, and to guard and protect him from all evil (Small Catechism, First Article).

Joseph bore the cross of being his father's well-beloved son. He incurred the wrath of his other brothers. God revealed to Joseph the future, yet his brothers, his father, and his mother refused to believe him. They even rebuked him. But just as Mary pondered strange and wonderful things in her heart (Luke 2:19, 51), so Jacob kept the matter of these dreams in mind (Genesis 37:11).

Joseph's cross was magnified by his brothers' betrayal into death. They cast him into a pit, while dreaming up a story of vindication. When greed overcame their desire for blood, they sold him into slavery. Reuben's weakhearted attempts were too little and too late. He valued favor with his brothers more than the life of his father's son. Good intentions do not produce good works. What humans mean for evil, God uses for good.

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Pronunciation Guide—Old Testament 2

Lesson 1: Joseph & His Brothers; Genesis 37

Shechem	SHEK uhm
Hebron	HEE bruhn
Dothan	DOE thun
Ishmaelites	ISH my el ites
Midianite	MID ee un ites
Sheol	SHE ole
Potiphar	PAHT uh fur

Lesson 2: Joseph's Troubles; Genesis 39

No new words.

Lesson 3: Joseph Feeds Egypt; Genesis 40–41

Zaphenath-paneah	ZAF nath pay ah NEE ah
Asenath	AS ih nath
Potiphara	poh TIFF eh rah

Lesson 4: Joseph Forgives; Genesis 42–45; 50:15–21

Goshen	GOE shun
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Lesson 5: The Birth of Moses; Exodus 1:1–2:10

Levite	LEE vyte
Issachar	IHZ ah car
Zebulun	ZEBB you lun
Naphtali	NAF tuh lie
Pithom	PIE thuhm
Raamses	ray AM sez
Shiphrah	SHIF ruh
Puah	POO uh

Lesson 6: Moses and the Burning Bush; Exodus 2:11–4:31

Midian	MID ee un
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12 brothers

Reuben	Gad
Simeon	Asher
Levi	Issachar
Judah	Zebulun
Dan	Joseph
Naphtali	Benjamin

**Sons of Jacob,
grandsons of Isaac &
great-grandsons of Abraham**



Lesson 1 Handout

Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis 37

Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Song

Opening Sentences

Grace and Peace

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

People: Amen.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: the name of the LORD is to be praised! (Psalm 113:3)

Leader: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

People: let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Leader: They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;

People: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

Leader: they shall run and not be weary;

People: they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Presentation

Song

Offering and Prayers

Leader: Dear Lord, we thank You for the gift of Christian families and the blessings You give through them to our communities and our Church. Help us to love and support those in our own families with joy!

People: Hear us, dear Lord.

Leader: Give us opportunities to forgive, reconcile, and mend relationships that may be broken by conflict, sin, distrust, or misunderstanding.

People: Hear us, dear Lord.

Leader: Open our eyes and hearts so we can reach out with love to our family members, our church family members, and our neighbors.

People: Hear us, dear Lord.

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Song

Bible Challenge Questions

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Lesson 1

How many sons did Jacob have? **Twelve**
Name one daughter of Jacob's identified in the Bible. **Dinah**

Lesson 2

After Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave, in whose Egyptian household did he serve?
Potiphar

Lesson 3

Which of these statements about the Nile River is not true?

1. Yearly flooding made the soil along the Nile and on its delta very good for growing crops. **True**
2. Egyptian farmers in Joseph's time grew flax, wheat, and barley along the Nile. **True**
3. People use the Nile for travel and transporting crops and other goods. **True**
4. Irrigation from the Nile began in the last one hundred years. **Not true**

Lesson 4

True or false? In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us our sins as we forgive the sins of others. **True**

Lesson 5

True or false? Moses was his family's firstborn son. **False. Moses had an older brother Aaron and an older sister Miriam.**

Lesson 6

Which statements about Moses are true?

A. Moses was from the tribe of Simeon. **False. He was from Levi (Exodus 2:1–2).**

B. Moses murdered a man. **True (Exodus 2:11–15)**

C. The Egyptian princess immediately took Moses to live with her. **False. Moses' mother raised him until he was weaned (Exodus 2:5–10), and then he lived with Pharaoh's daughter.**

Lesson 7

How many plagues did God bring down on Israel so Pharaoh would let His people go?
None. God sent ten plagues to the Egyptians.

Lesson 8

Why is the meal eaten on the night the Israelites were set free called the *Passover*?
Because the angel of death passed over the Israelite houses that had blood painted on their doors and lintels. All firstborns in homes without the blood on the door died.

Lesson 9

True or false? God parted the Reed Sea and let the people walk through on muddy ground. **False. God parted the Red Sea and the people walked through on dry land.**

Lesson 10

Mmmm! Mmmm! What kind of birds did God provide for His people to eat in the wilderness? **Quail**

Lesson 11

How many commands did God give Moses for the people? **Many. The Ten Commandments come from Exodus 20:1–17, but God gave many more commands, including directions for the tabernacle, priests, and Levite servants.**

Lesson 12

The tabernacle in the wilderness was (a) a tent; (b) a valley; (c) a house. **(a) a tent.**

Lesson 13

Who paid for our sins so we could be forgiven? **Jesus lived without sin but died on the cross to pay for our sins. In faith, believers in Christ receive forgiveness in Jesus' name.**