



Loving God, Growing Together, Serving Others

# COVENANT KIDS

## Jump In

Joseph was in charge of all the grain Egypt had stored. At this point Joseph's brothers found him. It had been over twenty years since they'd sold their teenage brother into slavery. It is no wonder they did not recognize Joseph. Joseph immediately recognized his brothers, but took his time revealing his identity to them. Before Joseph's brothers discovered who he was, Joseph accused them of being spies, threatened to keep all but one of them in Egypt while Benjamin was brought, kept Simeon while the rest of the brothers returned home, and accused them of stealing his cup. Joseph wanted to make sure his brothers felt remorse for their actions against him. Joseph was able to forgive his brothers. Joseph told his brothers God had been at work through him and had used him in order to provide food for them during the time of famine. It is again important to note God did not cause Joseph's brothers to sell him into slavery, nor did God cause any of the other unfortunate events in Joseph's life. But God was able to work through the circumstances so good could happen.

## Dive Deeper Together

### Read Genesis 42-46 Together

The famine in Canaan was very bad. Jacob and his sons and their families were starving. They needed food, so Jacob sent his sons to Egypt. The brothers had to ask Joseph for food but they did not know it was him. Joseph gave his brothers food. Joseph said, "Go to my house, and we will eat together." The brothers ate a feast with Joseph, but they did not know that Joseph was their brother. The brothers were given grain to put in their sacks. Joseph tested his brothers to see if they had changed. Finally, Joseph cried and told his brothers who he really was. Joseph invited his brothers and their families to live in Egypt where there was plenty of food! Joseph's family did well, and they were happy for a while in the land of Egypt.

## Grow Stronger Together

In today's story, Joseph forgives his brothers for the wrong they did against him. Forgiveness is important for all of us. Practice saying, "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you" when we are hurt or we hurt.

## Pray Together

Share joys and concerns, and then say this prayer: Dear God, thank you for always being with us. Amen.



**Bible Verse:** "I'll set you free with great power." (Exodus 6:6)

**Anchor Point:** We remember God's powerful acts.

## This Coming Sunday:

### *Bible Story:*

The Baby in the Basket  
Exodus 1:8-14, 2:1-10

### *Teachers:*

Nursery – Tara & Lyn Spaulding  
PreK – Rebecca Leite  
Children's Worship – Beverly Makar  
Junior Worship – Teresa Pecego

*Kid's Hangout:* 12-12:30pm

## Tuesday:

*Friends Night Out:* 6:30-7:45pm  
Grades 1-5

