

{ Dinnertime Devotionals }



DadisLearning.com

Weekly Theme: Joseph: Part 15

Verse #1: Genesis 45:21-24

(I use the ESV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

All Ages Discussion Starter: Two interesting things to note as the brothers begin their journey. Why was it a big deal for Joseph to give his brothers clothes? Why was it also worth noting that Benjamin got 5 sets of clothes? Why would Joseph tell his brothers not to quarrel?

Verse #2: Genesis 45:25-28

All Age Discussion Starter: Can you even imagine how Jacob must have felt when he was told that Joseph was still alive? Almost two decades later and he has been told that his beloved son is alive and well. Given all the turmoil in the family it is no wonder that Jacob did not believe his sons when they told him this unbelievable story. What convinced Jacob that his sons were telling the truth? How do you think the brothers felt as they told Jacob that Joseph was alive?

Verse #3: Genesis 46:1-4

All Age Discussion Starter: This chapters are often left out in telling the story of Joseph...but they are critical to bringing this series of events into full understanding. What did Jacob stop to do on the journey? Do we make time in the things that we are doing to spend time with God? God comes to Jacob in a dream and offers words of comfort. What did God say would happen while Jacob was in Egypt? Can you think of a time in life where God has seen you through?

Verse #4: Genesis 46:5-27

All Age Discussion Starter: This is a long section but it is important. It is especially important considering the time they lived in. During this time, the family operated under the rule of a patriarch. Who/what is a patriarch?

A listing of all the family members, or a genealogy, was very important for identifying order for birth rights and other matters.

How many members were there in Jacob's family as they entered Egypt?

Verse #5: Genesis 46:28-34

All Age Discussion Starter: What a great passage to end our week of study with. Can you imagine the emotion of the reunion of father and son. How does the text of the Bible describe it?

Joseph gives his family some instruction. What instruction were they given? Can you think of any reasons why a shepherd would be an abomination to the Egyptians? Why would Joseph want them in Goshen and not Egypt?