



FCA Elementary Forgiveness

Forgive as the Lord
has forgiven you.
Colossians 3:13 B

Bible Story--Genesis 37-50

Joseph had many brothers and he was his father's favorite. His father (Jacob) had a special robe made for him. His brothers knew Jacob loved Joseph the best and they were jealous and mean to him.

Joseph had dreams that made his brothers mad. God told Joseph in the dreams his brothers would bow down to him. That made the brothers mad.

One day, Joseph traveled to check on his brothers as they watched sheep. His brothers were mean and threw him in a hole. They sold him as a slave. They took his special robe, smeared it with blood, and told their father an animal killed him.

Joseph was taken to Egypt and sold as a slave to Potiphar. Joseph was falsely accused of something and put into jail. God was with Joseph. He gave him the gift of interpreting dreams. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams and the Pharaoh appointed Joseph second in command over Egypt. He was important and respected by many.

Pharaoh's dreams predicted 7 years of famine. Joseph's brothers needed food and came to Egypt. They did not recognize their brother but Joseph knew who they were. He was not nice at first. He kept one of his brothers in prison until his other brothers brought back their youngest brother, Benjamin.

His brothers came back and Joseph told them who he was. Joseph forgave his brothers and let them live in Egypt until the famine was over.

Joseph had every right to not forgive his brothers but God helped him to forgive them. He will help us forgive others also. (gotquestions.org)

Definitions

Webster's definition of forgiveness: To wipe the slate clean or to pardon someone's wrongdoing.

Biblical definition of forgiveness: Erasing sin from the mind and body. (studylight.org)

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Joseph's brothers not like him?
2. What did Joseph's brothers do to him?
3. What did Joseph do the first time he saw his brothers?
4. Did Joseph forgive his brothers?



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- Sin separates you
- Jesus rescues you
- Will you trust in Jesus?

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