



# JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS

## GENESIS 42-45

Joseph had been away from his family for a long time. Now he lived in Egypt and worked for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Joseph became an important leader and helped people get ready for seven years of famine.

Joseph made sure plenty of grain was stored and ready for the people in Egypt when crops dried up and no one could get food.

Joseph's father, Jacob, heard about the storehouses of grain in Egypt. Jacob told Joseph's brothers to get grain for their family.

Joseph's brothers traveled from their home to Egypt to get some of the stored grain. Joseph learned about this and called the brothers to his house.

"I am your brother," Joseph said to his brothers. "Don't be worried. God sent me here for this important work. When I left our homeland many years ago, you did not know this would happen, but God did."

The brothers were surprised. They thought Joseph was angry with them.

But Joseph wasn't angry. He loved his brothers. He forgave them.

"Now hurry home to our father and tell him this news. I want all of you to return and live nearby. I will take care of you and your children," Joseph said.

Then Joseph kissed his brothers and cried. Joseph loved his family and was kind to his brothers.