

JACOB GOES TO BE WITH JOSEPH

Genesis 45:1-28.

LESSON 13 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "The God of love and peace shall be with you" (II Corinthians 13:11).

BIBLE TEXTS

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1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan;

18 And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

20 Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

21 And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

26 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

28 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

Joseph Made Himself Known

The brothers were fearful about bringing Benjamin down to Joseph because it would make their father very sad. Then Joseph knew that they loved their father and their youngest brother.

Then he told them that he was their brother Joseph. The brothers were surprised, and perhaps afraid that he would punish them for selling him, but he told them not to be afraid. God had permitted him to be sent there to help them.

Joseph Sent for His Father

Joseph told them to go home and bring their father back with them to live with them in Joseph's country. Joseph said that there would still be five years that food would be hard to get, and if they were with Joseph he could take care of them. He kissed his brothers and let them know he was not angry with them. He gave them much grain and many presents.

Jacob's Surprise and Joy

When the brothers came home and told their father that Joseph was alive, and that he was the man they had bought the grain from, Jacob could hardly believe that they were telling the truth. But they told him it was the truth, and said that Joseph wanted his father to come to see him. It was easy now to get Jacob to go to see his dear son Joseph, whom he thought an animal had killed many years before. God told Jacob not to be afraid to go, that He would be with Jacob and take care of him. He got ready very quickly and went on his way to be with Joseph.

The King is Kind to Jacob and His Sons

Joseph told the king that his father had come. The king seemed to be glad Joseph's father had come, because he knew how happy it had made Joseph, whom he liked very much.

The brothers had been very wicked in selling their brother Joseph because they were jealous of him, and they surely had to ask God to forgive them for the wrong thing they had done. God forgave them and gave them a good place to live, and a good place for their cattle. Joseph must have been happy to have his father and his brothers with him many years.

QUESTIONS

1. Why had Joseph been sold into Egypt? Genesis 45:7.
2. Did Joseph freely forgive his brothers for the wrong they had done him? Genesis 45:5-8, 14, 15.
3. What does God say to us about forgiving? Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37.
4. How did Jacob feel when he learned that Joseph was still alive? Genesis 45: 26-28.

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE

**Lamb of God, I look to Thee;
Thou shalt my example be;
Thou art gentle, meek, and mild;
Thou wast once a little child.**

**Fain I would be as Thou art;
Give me Thy obedient heart!
Thou art pitiful and kind;
Let me have Thy loving mind!**

**Meek and lowly may I be;
Thou art all humility!
Let me to my betters bow;
Subject to Thy parents Thou.**

**Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,
In Thy gracious hands I am;
Make me, Saviour, what Thou art!
Live Thyself within my heart!**

Charles Wesley

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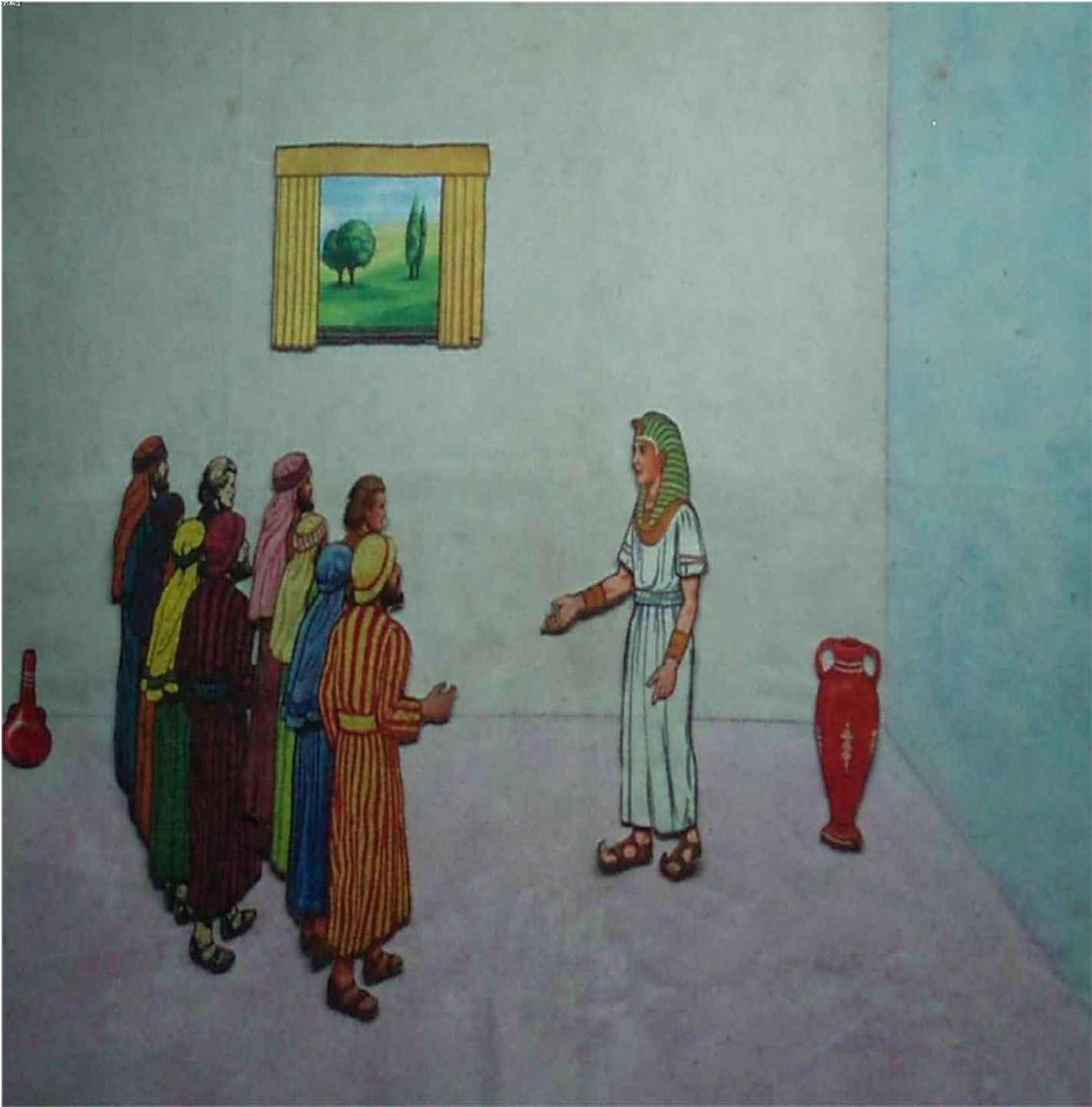
Teach me, o my Lord above

Great obedience to Thy Word

Which teaches that I should love?

Him who first gave me His love.

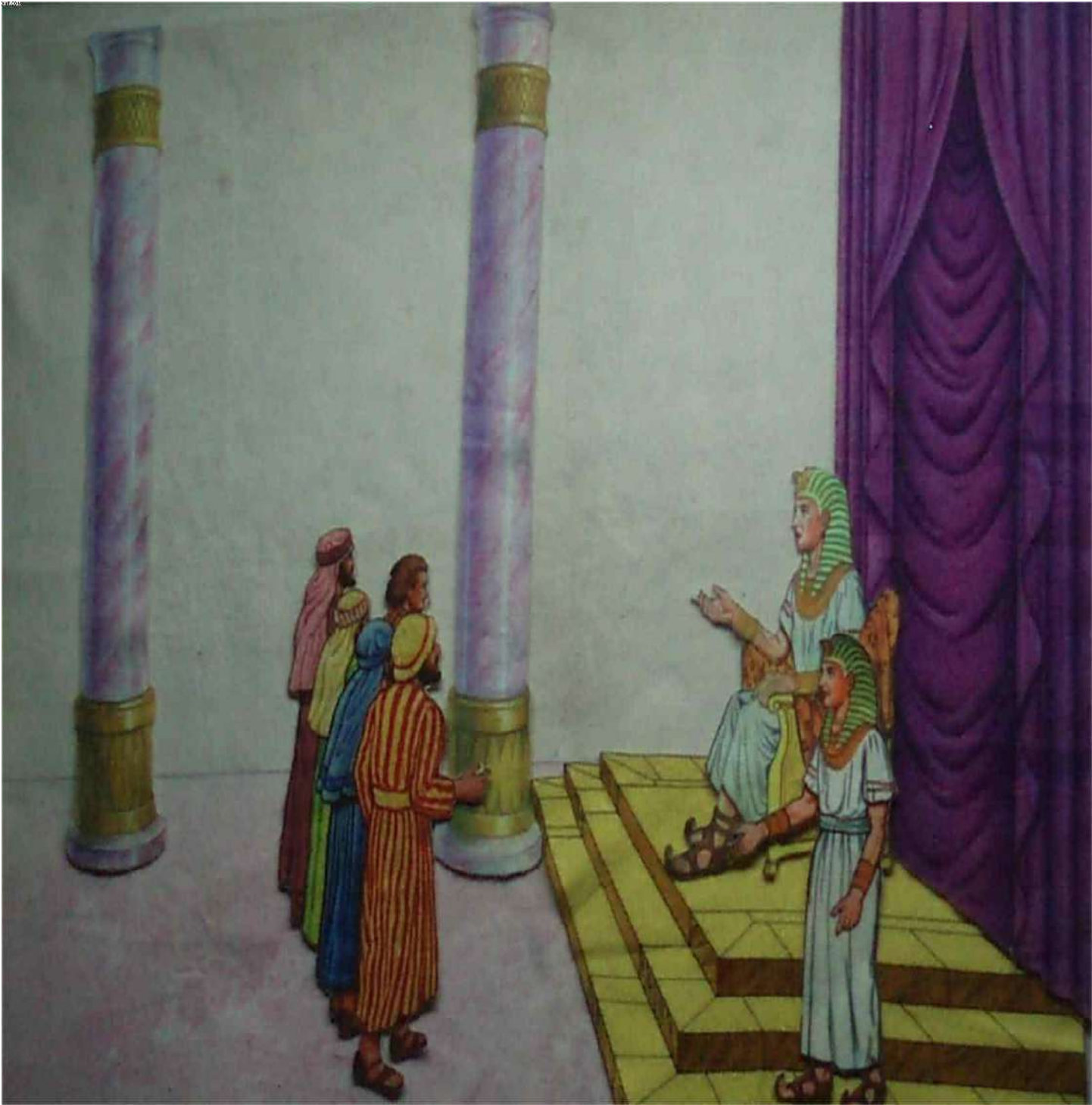
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