

Story 41: Jacob's Family Moves to Egypt

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Read this story in the Bible in Genesis 42 – 47

Words to Know

discover – to get knowledge of something for the first time

Questions

1. Why did Joseph's family in Canaan need food?
2. How did Joseph's brothers feel when they saw him alive in Egypt, and realized he was the governor?
3. How did the brothers feel about what they had done to Joseph?
4. Did Joseph punish his brothers? Why?
5. Why did Joseph invite his father and brothers to come live in Egypt?
6. Why was Jacob so excited when he arrived in Egypt?
7. How did God use Joseph's bad situation for good?

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