

Promise and Deliverance Student Workbook

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Level 1

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Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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God's Prerogative in Election

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 25

Scripture: Genesis 27:1–28:9

Memory Verse: “By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.” (Hebrews 11:20)

Lesson Truth: God chose Jacob to receive the blessing of Abraham. Isaac was made to give the blessing to Jacob.

Lesson

God told Rebekah that Esau would serve Jacob. God said Jacob was to get the blessing of Abraham. Isaac wanted Esau to get the blessing. Esau was the oldest. God made sure Jacob got the blessing.

Isaac was very old. His eyes could no longer see. Isaac wanted to bless his son before he died. He wanted to bless Esau. He told Esau to hunt some game. Isaac said he would bless Esau when he came back with the game. Rebekah heard Isaac talk to Esau. She knew Jacob was to get the blessing. She decided to help Jacob trick Isaac.

Rebekah told Jacob to get a kid goat from the flock. She said she would prepare it so Isaac would like it. Rebekah wanted Jacob to pretend he was Esau. She wanted him to tell Isaac he was back with the game. Jacob was afraid. He said what if my father knows I am Jacob. He said I am man of smooth skin. Esau is very hairy. My father may curse me instead of blessing me. Rebekah was not afraid. She knew Jacob was to get the blessing. She told Jacob to put animal skins on his hands and neck. This way he could trick Isaac. Rebekah was sinful. It was not right to tell Jacob to trick his father.

Jacob did as Rebekah told him. He went to his father. He pretended to be Esau. Jacob even lied to his father. Isaac asked, “Are you really my son Esau?” Jacob said, “I am.” Isaac felt Jacob's hands and neck. He said,

“The voice is the voice of Jacob but the hands are the hands of Esau.” Isaac was tricked. He then gave Jacob the blessing of Abraham.

Esau came back from the field. He brought the meat to Isaac. Then Isaac knew that Jacob tricked him. Esau begged for a blessing. Isaac could only tell Esau he would be a man of war. Esau was very angry. He was angry because Jacob tricked Isaac. He was angry because Jacob got the blessing of Abraham. Esau said he would kill Jacob. Jacob had to leave home. He had to leave because Esau was so angry.

God would teach Jacob to trust. Jacob could not do as he wanted. Jacob must trust God. Jacob would be lonesome away from home. God would help him. He would be the one who would carry Abraham’s blessing. Isaac came to understand. In faith Isaac said Jacob should not find a wife in Canaan. We should be happy that God chooses people. God chose Jacob to get Abraham’s blessing.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Isaac wanted to bless (Esau - Jacob).
2. (Sarah - Rebekah) heard Isaac talk to Esau.
3. (Jacob - Esau) lied to his father.
4. Rebekah wanted (Esau - Jacob) to trick his father.
5. Isaac told (Jacob - Esau) not to take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

God's Primacy in the Covenant

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 26

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-22

Memory Verse: “I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to me.” (Genesis 31:13a)

Lesson Truth: God made a covenant with Abraham, so He could renew it with Jacob.

Lesson

God first made a covenant with Abraham. He repeated it to Isaac. When Jacob left home God gave it to him. Jacob tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing. Jacob had to learn about the God of the covenant. God talked to Jacob in a dream.

Jacob had to leave home. Esau was angry with him because Jacob stole the blessing. Esau said he would kill Jacob after Isaac died. Jacob walked a long time. He walked until night came. He lay down to sleep. He used a stone for a pillow. When Jacob was sleeping, he had a dream. He dreamed he saw a ladder. This ladder reached to heaven. He saw angels going up and down on the ladder. He saw the Lord above the ladder.

The Lord talked to Jacob. He told Jacob He was the God of Abraham and Isaac. He said Jacob would have many children. The Lord said that all the families of the earth would be blessed. The families would be blessed by Jacob's children. God was really telling Jacob that Jesus would come from his children. Jacob had to learn about the promises of God. You too must learn about God's promises.

Jacob woke up after the dream. He was filled with wonder. The Lord had talked to Jacob! He said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” Jacob was amazed. He was amazed because God talked to him. He said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God.” He said it was the gate of heaven. Jacob wanted to remember

this place. He set up a stone pillar. He used the stone that was his pillow. He called the place Bethel. Bethel is the place where God is present.

Jacob now made a special promise. He promised that the Lord would be his God. When he would see the stone, he would remember this promise. He asked the Lord to let him come back to Bethel. He also promised to give gifts to the Lord. The stone would remind him. He would give the Lord one tenth of everything. Jacob called the place Bethel, which means the house of God. This is where God lives. Jesus came to earth. He gave us His Spirit. Now we can have a Bethel. God is with us wherever we are.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacob used a (log - stone) for pillow.
2. In his dream Jacob saw a (ladder - tower) that reached to heaven.
3. God told Jacob He was the God of (Esau - Abraham).
4. Jacob said, "This is none other than the house of (God - Isaac).
5. Jacob called the place where God talked to him (Beersheba - Bethel).

The Word Becomes Flesh

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 27

Scripture: Genesis 29–30

Memory Verse: “I have learned by experience that the Lord has blessed me for your sake.” (Genesis 30:27b)

Lesson Truth: The Lord gave Jacob twelve sons. In this way the promise to Abraham began to be fulfilled.

Lesson

God promised that Abraham would have many children. God gave twelve sons to Abraham’s grandson, Jacob. In this way the promise to Abraham began to be fulfilled. God began to fulfill His promise through Jacob. God did this even though Jacob and his family were sometimes sinful.

Jacob had to leave home. He was afraid of his brother Esau. God talked to Jacob at Bethel. Jacob went to find his uncle, Laban. He came to a well in a field. Three flocks of sheep were by the well. They needed water from the well. Jacob asked the shepherds if they knew Laban. They said they knew Laban. They said here comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep.

Jacob told Rachel that he was her cousin. Rachel ran home to tell her father, Laban. Rachel’s father came out to meet Jacob. He asked Jacob to stay at his house. Later he asked Jacob to work for him. He asked Jacob what he should be paid. Jacob loved his cousin, Rachel. He said to Laban, “I will serve you seven years for Rachel.” After seven years Jacob asked to have Rachel. Then Laban tricked Jacob. On the wedding night he gave Leah to Jacob. Leah was the oldest daughter.

Jacob asked Laban, “Why did you trick me? Did I not serve you for Rachel? Why did you give me, Leah?”

Laban said, “It is the custom that the oldest marries first. If you would still like to have Rachel, then work seven more years for her.” Jacob loved

Rachel. He agreed to work seven more years for Rachel. Now Jacob had more than one wife. This was not good. The wives were jealous of each other.

Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah. God then made it so Leah could have children. Leah had four sons. She named her sons Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah. Jesus came from Leah's son Judah. Rachel was jealous because Leah had children. Rachel decided to do the same thing Sarah had done. She gave her maid to Jacob. She thought she could have her maid's children.

Leah and Rachel were jealous and envious. This was wrong. Yet, God still made twelve tribes of Israel from Jacob's sons. God did this because of His promise to Abraham. God always keeps his promises. God made Jacob a rich man. He blessed Jacob when he took care of Laban's flocks.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacob came to a (well - stream) where they watered the sheep.
2. Jacob saw (Leah - Rachel) come to water her father's sheep.
3. Jacob loved (Rachel - Leah) so he told Laban he would work seven years for her.
4. God made it possible for (Rachel - Leah) to have six sons and a daughter.
5. God began to fulfill His promise to (Abraham - Laban) by giving Jacob sons.

Separation by the Word

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 28

Scripture: Genesis 31

Memory Verse: “Then the Lord said to Jacob, ‘Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you.’” (Genesis 31:3)

Lesson Truth: It was the Lord who told Jacob to separate from Laban and go back to the land of his fathers.

Lesson

God had a plan to send a Redeemer to earth. God chose Jacob to be one of the fathers of that Redeemer. Jacob’s family had to be a separate people. Jacob had to go back to the land of his father. Jacob had to leave the house of Laban. How did this all happen?

Jacob saw that Laban didn’t like him. Laban didn’t like Jacob because he had many flocks and herds. Laban thought that some of these flocks should be his. Just when Jacob felt that Laban didn’t like him, God talked to him. God told Jacob to return to the land of his fathers. God told Jacob that He would be with him.

Jacob called Rachel and Leah. Rachel and Leah were his wives. He told them their father did not like him. He told them that God had blessed him. That was why their father did not like him. Rachel and Leah agreed with Jacob. They told Jacob that their father made them feel like strangers. They helped Jacob get their sons ready. They helped Jacob sneak away from Laban.

Laban found out that Jacob left. He found out three days after Jacob was gone. Laban was very angry. He and his servants followed after Jacob. After seven days they caught up with Jacob. Would Laban make Jacob come back with him? God told Laban in a dream not to speak good or bad to Jacob. He was not to make Jacob come back to Haran. Laban had to learn that God wanted Jacob to be separate.

Laban tried to scold Jacob. He asked Jacob, “Why didn’t you tell me you were leaving?” He said he would have made a feast. He said he wanted to kiss his daughters good bye. This wasn’t really true. He wanted to keep some of Jacob’s flocks.

Jacob asked Laban what he had done wrong. He told Laban he tried to be faithful. He did not cheat Laban. God had given him all the flocks and herds. Laban said to Jacob, “Lets make an agreement.” He called this agreement a covenant. Jacob was ready to make an agreement. He took a stone and set it up for a pillar. This pillar would help them remember. They would remember not to hurt each other. They called the pillar Mizpah.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Lord told (Jacob - Laban) to return to the land of his fathers.
2. Jacob told Rachel and Leah that their father (Abraham - Laban) did not like him.
3. Rachel and Leah said their father made them feel like (strangers - daughters).
4. God talked to (Isaac - Laban) in a dream and said do not talk good or bad to Jacob.
5. Laban and Jacob made an agreement that was called a (covenant - secret).

Lesson 5
Israel's God

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 29

Scripture: Genesis 32–33

Memory Verse: “And He said, ‘Let Me go, for the day breaks.’ But he said, ‘I will not let You go unless You bless me!’” (Genesis 32:26)

Lesson Truth: The Lord wrestled with Jacob to show him that his blessings come from God.

Lesson

Would you like to have a new name? The Lord gave Jacob a new name. He did this when Jacob was traveling to Canaan. The Lord did this when He wrestled with Jacob. Do you know what wrestling is?

Jacob was traveling to his father's home. He was really afraid of his brother. He remembered he once tricked Esau. He was afraid Esau would hurt his family. He sent messengers to find Esau. He wanted the messengers tell Esau he loved him. The messengers came back. They said Esau is coming with 400 men. This made Jacob even more afraid.

Jacob made two groups of his family and flocks. He did this so one group could get away if Esau attacked. Jacob also prayed to the Lord. He knew the Lord loved his father, Isaac. He knew the Lord loved his grandfather, Abraham. Jacob prayed to the God of Abraham and Isaac. Jacob asked God to keep him safe from Esau. Jacob also sent a present to Esau. The present was a lot of animals.

Jacob sent his family over a brook. The brook was called Jabbock. Then Jacob was all by himself. When he was alone a Man wrestled with him. This Man was the Lord. The Man touched Jacob's hip. This made Jacob limp. The Man asked Jacob to let Him go. Jacob did not want to let Him go. He said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me.” Jacob knew his blessings come from God.

God gave Jacob a blessing in a different way. He told Jacob he would have a new name. His name would no longer be Jacob. His new name would be Israel. It would be Israel because he struggled with God and with men. It would be Israel because he would not let go unless the Lord blessed him.

Jacob then went to meet Esau. God made Esau accept Jacob. Esau and Jacob kissed each other. They cried because they were happy to see each other. Esau even accepted presents from Jacob. He saw how much God had blessed Jacob.

Jacob continued to travel. He wanted to get to the land where his father lived. He was finally able to cross the Jordan River. At last he was in the land of his father, Isaac. He set up his tent at the place called Shechem. God kept His promise. He helped Jacob get back to the Promised Land!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. (Jacob - Esau) met the angels of God on the way to Canaan.
2. Jacob prayed to the God of (Esau - Abraham) to ask to be kept safe.
3. Jacob sent his family over the brook called (Jordan - Jabbock).
4. The new name that God gave Jacob was (Israel - Isaac).
5. The Man that wrestled with Jacob touched his (shoulder - hip) that made him limp.

Holy is the Lord

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 30

Scripture: Genesis 34–36

Memory Verse: “And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke to him, Bethel.” (Genesis 35:15)

Lesson Truth: Jacob learns that the Lord is holy.

Lesson

The Lord chose Jacob. The Lord would give him Abraham’s blessing. Jacob and his family had to be separate. They could not mix with the people of Shechem. How would the Lord get Jacob to leave Shechem? Some wicked things happened in Jacob’s family. Then he was ready to go to Bethel.

Jacob had a daughter named Dinah. Dinah made friends with the girls of Shechem. A boy also noticed her. This boy was the son of Hamor. Hamor was a prince. This boy hurt Dinah. He liked her but still he hurt her. He asked Jacob if he could marry Dinah. Jacob did not want Dinah to marry him. He asked his sons what he should do. Jacob’s sons did not want Dinah to marry him. They made a wicked plan.

Jacob’s sons wanted to make war. They wanted to destroy the men of Shechem. They knew a way to hurt them. Then the men could not fight. It was right not to let Dinah marry a boy from Shechem. But they did a wicked thing. They lied about the sign of the covenant. These wicked things helped Jacob listen to God. He decided to take his family to Bethel.

Jacob did not want his family to have idols. He did not want them to take idols to Bethel. He told them to bring the idols to him. Jacob hid the idols under a tree. He was now ready to go to Bethel.

A wonderful thing happened at Bethel. God talked to Jacob. God talked to Jacob at Bethel before. Do you know what He said to Jacob? He said

Jacob would become a great nation. He said kings would come from Jacob's family. God told Jacob he would have land. He gave Jacob the land of his father and grandfather. Jacob's father was Isaac and his grandfather was Abraham. Now Jacob knew that the Lord was holy. He was now ready to go to his father, Isaac. On the way to Isaac, Rachel died. Rachel was Jacob's wife. Jacob loved Rachel very much. Rachel died when her son was born. Jacob named this son Benjamin. The name Benjamin was special. It meant, son of my right hand.

Jacob had many sorrows. His sorrows helped him think of God. God used Jacob's sorrows to help him know that the Lord is holy.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacob's daughter's name was (Dinah - Delilah).
2. Jacob did not want his daughter to (visit - marry) the prince's son.
3. God told Jacob to go to (Bethel - Bethlehem).
4. God told (Hamor - Jacob) he would be a great nation.
5. The son born to Rachel before she died was (Benjamin - Levi).

Sold for Twenty Pieces of Silver

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 31

Scripture: Genesis 37–38

Memory Verse: “He sent a man before them—Joseph—who was sold as a slave.” (Psalm 105:17)

Lesson Truth: Joseph was sold for twenty pieces of silver so he could get ready to save Israel’s family.

Lesson

Sometimes people do bad things. Joseph’s brothers did bad things. They hated Joseph. They sold him to some Ishmaelites. But God had a plan for Joseph. Even when Joseph’s brothers were wicked, God’s plan worked. Our story tells us how this happened.

Joseph’s father loved him more than his other children. He gave Joseph a coat of many colors. This made Joseph’s brothers jealous of him. Joseph wanted to be a good boy. He told his father when his brothers did bad things. This made his brothers hate him. Then Joseph had some dreams. He dreamed that his brothers’ sheaves bowed down to his sheaf. He also dreamed that the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to his star. He told his brothers these dreams. This made them hate him even more. They thought they would never bow down to Joseph. They did not think that God had a plan for Joseph.

Joseph’s father sent him to his brothers. They were tending the flocks. Joseph’s father wanted to know how the brothers were doing. When they saw Joseph, they wanted to kill him. His oldest brother, Reuben did not want to hurt him. He said they should put him in a pit. Reuben thought he would help Joseph. He would bring him back to his father.

The brothers put Joseph in a pit. Then they went to eat. When they were eating, some traders came along. Judah said, “Let’s sell Joseph to these traders.” Joseph’s brothers hated him so much they sold him to the traders

for twenty pieces of silver. This was a very wicked thing to do. Then they thought, “What should we tell our father?” They decided to lie. They dipped Joseph’s beautiful coat in some goat’s blood. They would tell their father that wild animals ate Joseph. It is very sad to know that Joseph’s brothers hated him. It is sad to know that they did not think of Joseph’s God.

Joseph’s brothers brought his coat to Jacob. Jacob saw Joseph’s bloody coat. He was sure that a wild animal ate Joseph. Jacob was very, very sad. The wicked brothers pretended they were also sad. They tried to comfort Jacob. But Jacob was too sad to be comforted. How could God’s promise to Jacob come true?

God is greater than wicked brothers. God had a plan for Joseph. Joseph would save Israel from a famine. God also chose Perez. Perez was a son of Judah. Jesus would come from the line of Perez. The Redeemer would come. God always keeps His promise.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacob loved (Judah - Joseph) more than all his children.
2. Joseph’s brothers (loved - hated) him because of his dreams.
3. Joseph’s brothers sold him for (20 - 30) pieces of silver.
4. Joseph’s brother (Judah - Reuben) said let’s put him in a pit.
5. Joseph’s brother (Judah - Reuben) said let’s sell him to the traders.

God's Word in Egypt

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 32

Scripture: Genesis 39–41

Memory Verse: “But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy.”
(Genesis 39:21a)

Lesson Truth: Joseph took God's Word along to Egypt. This got Egypt ready for Israel.

Lesson

God took care of Joseph. God was with Joseph in Egypt. Joseph took God's Word along to Egypt. Joseph spoke God's Word to Potiphar's wife. He spoke God's Word to the butler and the baker. He also spoke God's Word to Pharaoh.

Joseph's brothers sold him to some traders. The traders took him to Egypt. They sold him to Potiphar. Potiphar was the captain of Pharaoh's guard. Potiphar liked Joseph. He saw that God blessed Joseph. He made Joseph the head man. Joseph took care of all Potiphar's things. Joseph was very important. He was also in danger. He was in danger because Potiphar's wife loved him. She wanted him to do wicked things. Joseph spoke God's Word to her. He said to her, “How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” Joseph loved God. He did not want to sin against God.

Potiphar's wife did not get her way. Joseph did not do wicked things with her. She decided to lie about Joseph. She told her husband that Joseph did wicked things. Her husband was very angry. He put Joseph in jail. God was with Joseph in jail. He made it so the jailer liked him. The jailer made Joseph the head man. Joseph was the head man, so he talked to other men in jail. He talked to the king's butler and the king's baker. They told Joseph they each had a dream. They were sad. They did not know what the dreams meant. Joseph spoke God's Word to them. He told them that God

tells the meaning of dreams. He told them what God said the dreams meant. The butler's dream meant he would serve the king again. The baker's dream meant he would be hanged. Joseph asked the butler to remember him.

One day Pharaoh had two dreams. He dreamed he saw seven fat cows. Then he dreamed he saw seven very thin cows. In his dream the thin cows ate the fat cows. Pharaoh dreamed another dream. He dreamed he saw seven fat ears of grain. Then he saw seven thin ears of grain. In this dream the fat ears ate the thin ears. Pharaoh's magicians did not know what the dreams meant. Then the butler remembered Joseph. He told the king that Joseph could tell what dreams mean. The king sent for Joseph. He let Joseph out of jail. He asked Joseph to tell him the meaning of his dreams. Joseph then spoke God's Word to Pharaoh.

He told Pharaoh, "God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do." Joseph said the dreams told what would happen in Egypt. First God would send seven years of big crops. Then God would send seven years of no crops at all. Joseph told the king he should find a wise man. He said the wise man should store a lot of grain when they had big crops. Then they would have grain to eat when they had no crops.

Pharaoh thought there was none wiser than Joseph. He made Joseph a ruler in Egypt. Joseph was the wise man who stored the grain. Joseph spoke God's Word in Egypt. God used Joseph to get Egypt ready to have God's people live there.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Joseph was a slave in the house of (Potiphar - Pharaoh).
2. Joseph did not want to sin against (Potiphar - God).
3. Joseph told the butler and the baker that (God - Pharaoh) tells the meaning of dreams.

4. Joseph told (Potiphar - Pharaoh) that God has shown what he is about to do.

5. (Joseph - Pharaoh) spoke God's Word in Egypt.

Restored Unity

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 33

Scripture: Genesis 42–45

Memory Verse: “So now it was not you who sent me here, but God.”
(Genesis 45:8a)

Lesson Truth: Jacob’s family had to let go of their sins so they could again have unity.

Lesson

Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons. This made his brothers hate him. They sold Joseph for some silver. Could this family ever love each other again? God made it so they could. God used Joseph to bring unity to Jacob’s family.

God made Joseph a ruler in Egypt. He took Joseph from jail and brought him to Pharaoh. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of the grain. Joseph put grain in bins in the good years. The bad years came. No crops would grow. It was dry and dusty. The people came to Joseph. They asked Joseph for grain. They needed grain for food.

Joseph’s brothers came to buy grain. They traveled from Canaan to Egypt. Joseph knew his brothers when they came. They did not know him. He was a ruler in Egypt. Joseph did not hate his brothers. He wanted to love them. The brothers needed to feel sorry because they hated Joseph. Then Joseph could love them. Joseph acted like they were spies. He put them in jail. In jail they would think about things. They would think it was wrong to hate. Then they could love Joseph again.

The brothers were in jail three days. Joseph let them out of jail. He kept only one brother in jail. He kept Simeon. He said they must bring their younger brother to Egypt. Then he would free Simeon. Joseph sent his brothers back to his father. They told their father what happened in Egypt. They said they could not get more grain unless they took Benjamin back to Egypt. This made Jacob very sad.

The crops did not grow in Canaan. Jacob's family ate all the grain from Egypt. Jacob told his sons to go back for more. Jacob said they could take Benjamin along. Jacob was very sad. But he trusted God. Jacob's sons went back to Egypt. They asked the ruler for more grain. He said they should go to his house. He made them sit from oldest to youngest. They were afraid. They did not know the ruler was Joseph. Did Joseph's brothers love Benjamin? Joseph must find out. He put his silver cup in Benjamin's sack. He told his brothers Benjamin stole his cup. He would find out if they loved Benjamin. He said they could go home. But they must leave Benjamin. His brothers would not leave Benjamin. Judah said he would stay in place of Benjamin. Now Joseph knew his brothers loved Benjamin. He knew his brothers loved their father.

Joseph then told his brothers who he was. He told them he was Joseph. He was the brother they sold to Egypt. Joseph said they should not feel bad. He said God had sent him to Egypt. God wanted him to save people from famine. Joseph's brothers could not talk. They were afraid. It was hard for them to believe the ruler was Joseph. Joseph sent the brothers to get their father. Then they believed the ruler was Joseph. God helped Jacob's family love each other again.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacob loved (Joseph - Judah) more than his other sons.
2. God made (Judah - Joseph) a ruler in Egypt.
3. Joseph acted like his brothers were (spies - princes) in the land of Egypt.
4. Joseph put his silver cup in (Simeon's - Benjamin's) sack.
5. Joseph told his brothers that (God - Pharaoh) sent him to Egypt.

The Preserver of Life

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 34

Scripture: Genesis 46–47

Memory Verse: “His sons and his sons’ sons, his daughters and his sons’ daughters and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.” (Genesis 46:7)

Lesson Truth: God sent Joseph to save the life of His people from famine and the world.

Lesson

Joseph was sent to Egypt. He had to save Egypt from famine. Joseph sent for his father and his family. He wanted them to come to Egypt. He would save them from famine. He would save them from the people of Canaan.

Jacob was afraid to go to Egypt. He wanted to stay in Canaan. Jacob’s father lived in Canaan. God promised Jacob that Canaan would be his. So Jacob was afraid to go to Egypt. He stopped at Beersheba on the way. He offered sacrifices to God. God talked to Jacob. He talked to Jacob in a vision. He told Jacob not to be afraid. He said He would be with Jacob in Egypt. He would make Jacob’s family a great nation. Jacob then went to Egypt. He was no longer afraid.

Jacob sent Judah to Egypt. He wanted Judah to find the way. Judah found the way to Goshen. Goshen is in Egypt. Joseph came to Goshen. He came to see his father. He had not seen his father for a long time. Joseph cried when he saw his father. He was so happy. Jacob was happy to see Joseph.

Joseph took five brothers to Pharaoh. He said tell Pharaoh you are shepherds. The people of Egypt did not like shepherds. He knew Pharaoh did not like shepherds. Pharaoh would give them a place to live. They would live apart from the people of Egypt. They would live in Goshen. In Goshen they would be God’s separate people. The Redeemer would come from Joseph’s family.

Joseph brought his father to Pharaoh. Jacob came to Pharaoh's court. Jacob was the promised son of Isaac. The Redeemer would come from Jacob. Jacob was God's chosen one. So Jacob blessed Pharaoh. Pharaoh knew that Jacob was special.

Jacob told Pharaoh he was old. He told Pharaoh he was one hundred thirty years old. He told Pharaoh he had a hard life. He called his life a pilgrimage. A pilgrim is person on a journey. Jacob was on a journey to heaven.

Jacob knew his children would go back to Canaan. He called Joseph. He said, "Please do not bury me in Egypt." He wanted to be buried with Abraham and Isaac. Joseph promised he would bury Jacob in Canaan. Joseph also knew his family would go back to Canaan. Joseph knew this was the Promised Land. Joseph knew the Redeemer would come from his family.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jacob was afraid to go to (Egypt - Canaan).
2. Jacob stopped along the way at (Bethel - Beersheba).
3. God talked to (Jacob - Judah) in a vision.
4. In Pharaoh's court (Judah - Jacob) blessed Pharaoh.
5. Jacob wanted to be buried with (Abraham - Pharaoh).

The Bringer of Peace

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 35

Scripture: Genesis 48–50

Memory Verse: “Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise.”
(Genesis 49:8a)

Lesson Truth: The promise of a Redeemer came to Judah when he was promised that Shiloh would come.

Lesson

God’s promises were given to Jacob’s sons. Joseph and Judah each got a special blessing. Joseph was given a double blessing. The Redeemer was to come from Judah. Jacob promised that Judah would rule. He would rule until Shiloh came. Shiloh means the one who brings peace. Jesus is the one who brought peace.

Jacob left Canaan. He left Canaan because there was no food. He went to live in Egypt. His son Joseph was a ruler in Egypt. Jacob was very old. He knew he would soon die. Joseph was told his father was dying. He went to see his father. He wanted to get his father’s blessing. He wanted God’s covenant blessing. Joseph did not want to be an Egyptian. He took his sons along to Jacob. He wanted them to get God’s blessing. Joseph knew that Jacob could give them God’s blessing.

Jacob said that Joseph’s sons would be just like his own. He would bless them the same as Reuben and Simeon. Joseph brought his sons to Jacob. Jacob said he would bless them. Joseph put Manasseh by Jacob’s right hand. He put Ephraim by Jacob’s left hand. But Jacob crossed his hands. Ephraim was going to be greater than Manasseh. Joseph got a double blessing because both his sons were blessed. Joseph’s sons accepted God’s blessing. They wanted to be part of Israel. They wanted to be with God’s people. They did not want to be Egyptians. Jacob blessed Joseph’s sons. Now Joseph knew God’s promise was true. He and his children were part of God’s people.

Joseph did get two blessings. But he was not chosen to be the leader. Judah was called to be the family leader. He was called to be the ruler. He would rule until Shiloh came. Shiloh is one who brings peace. Jesus, the Redeemer, is the one who brought peace. Jacob blessed each of his sons. He was sure God's promise was true. He said, "I have waited for your salvation, O Lord!" Jacob was sure his children would go back to Canaan. He told his sons to bury him in Canaan. He knew his children would live there. God always keeps His promises.

Joseph belonged to God's family. He believed God's promises. He believed the promises God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He believed his children would live in the Promised Land. He asked his family to promise to take his bones back to Canaan. He was sure his family would live in Canaan. He was sure that Shiloh would come. He was sure Shiloh would bring peace.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. When Jacob was dying, he called his son (Joseph - Reuben) to his bedside.
2. (Judah - Joseph) took his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim to his father.
3. Joseph did not want to be an (Egyptian - Israelite).
4. (Esau - Jacob) believed his children would return to Canaan so that is where he wanted to be buried.
5. (Shechem - Shiloh) means the one who brings peace.

I Am Who I Am

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 36

Scripture: Exodus 1–4

Memory Verse: “Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.” (Psalm 97:12)

Lesson Truth: God chose Moses to be the leader between His people and Pharaoh.

Lesson

God loves His people. He did not forget them in Egypt. He heard them when they cried. They cried because the Egyptians were cruel to them. God needed a leader to lead His people. God chose Moses to be the leader. God would set his people free. God would bring His people to Mt. Sinai. He would give them His Promise.

When God’s people came to Egypt, they were one family. Now they were a great nation. The Egyptians were afraid because there were so many Israelites. The Egyptians wanted to hurt them. The king said they should kill all the baby boys. He said they should throw the baby boys in the Nile River. He thought, then Israel would not grow. Pharaoh was an evil king. He did not love God. He did not know that God was blessing his people. He did not know that God was getting His people ready to leave Egypt.

God needed a man to lead His people out of Egypt. God chose Moses. He chose Moses in a very special way. God saved Moses from drowning in the Nile river. He had Moses’ parents put him in a basket. They put the basket in the river. The basket was put where Pharaoh’s daughter went to bathe. Pharaoh’s daughter found the basket. She found Moses in the basket. Pharaoh’s daughter kept Moses to be her son. She took Moses to the palace. Here Moses learned all about the people of Egypt. This was the way God used to teach Moses. Moses would be the leader of God’s people.

Moses did not want to be an Egyptian. He wanted to be with God’s people. One day he saw an Egyptian hurt one of God’s people. Moses

killed the Egyptian. Pharaoh was very angry with Moses. Moses ran away to Midian. At Midian Moses learned to trust God. One day he saw a bush that was burning. Fire burned the bush but did not destroy it. God talked to Moses from the bush. God told Moses he must lead God's people. He said he must lead them out of Egypt. God would make His people free.

Moses did not think he could lead God's people. He did not think he could do such important work. God told Moses He would go with him. Now Moses knew God's people would go out of Egypt. God would bring his people to Mt. Sinai. God would talk to His people at Mt. Sinai. God would promise His people He would be their God. This was the same promise God gave to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. This promise is called God's covenant. God promised that the Redeemer would come. The Redeemer did come. The Redeemer is Jesus.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. God chose (Moses - Pharaoh) to be the leader of His people.
2. The Egyptians were afraid of the people of (Midian - Israel) because they were a great nation.
3. Pharaoh told the people to throw the baby boys in the (Nile - Jordan).
4. Moses did not want to be an (Israelite - Egyptian) because he wanted to be with God's people.
5. Moses would lead God's people out of (Egypt – Midian).