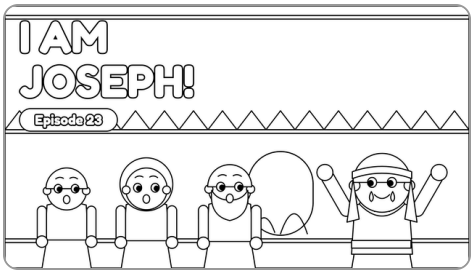
I Am Joseph!

Genesis 45 to 47 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 4 min 43



The story in brief

I Am Joseph! Joseph cannot hold back any longer: he sends his servants out and tells his brothers who he is. They are so afraid that they cannot answer. But Joseph does not take revenge. He tells them that God sent him to Egypt to save lives, he takes Benjamin in his arms and kisses each of his brothers. Pharaoh gives wagons to bring Jacob back. The old father hardly dares to believe it, then he sets out, and God speaks to him in the night. In Goshen, Joseph hurries to meet him and throws his arms around his neck. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Nia, whose ball fell into the river because of Kofi.

Let's talk about it

1. What does Joseph say to his brothers when he cannot hold back any longer?
2. Why do his brothers not answer?
3. According to Joseph, who sent him to Egypt, and why?
4. What brings life back to Jacob's heart?
5. What does Joseph do when he sees his father again?
6. Who could you open your arms to this week?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Joseph says: "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" His brothers are too afraid to answer, because they had sold him. Joseph tells them that God sent him to Egypt ahead of them, to save lives. Jacob does not believe the news, but when he sees the wagons Joseph has sent, life comes back into him. In Goshen, Joseph hurries to his father, throws his arms around his neck and weeps for a long time.

To remember

Come close to me, I forgive you. God took care of us, and joy shines through.

The song: Come close to me, I forgive you

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To do

Draw two arms open wide. Inside, write or draw the name of someone you want to forgive, or someone you want to say sorry to.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/i-am-joseph/
From the book of Genesis, chapters 45 to 47. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.