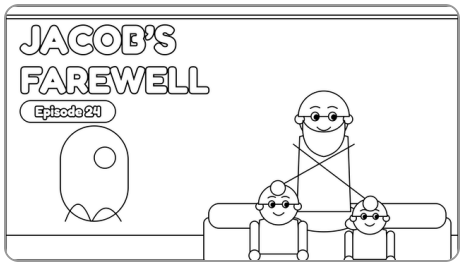
Jacob's Farewell

Genesis 48 to 50 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 4 min 44



The story in brief

Jacob's Farewell. Jacob has grown very old. Joseph brings him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, and the grandfather crosses his arms to bless the younger one with his right hand. Then he gathers his twelve sons, has a word for each of them, and asks to be taken back to the land of Canaan. Jacob dies in peace, with his family around him, and Joseph keeps his promise. When his brothers fear he will pay them back, Joseph answers: "You meant to harm me, but God turned it into good." Grandma Adjoua tells this last story of Genesis to Kofi and Nia, beside the little mango tree Nia planted.

> **Note for parents.** This episode talks about Jacob's death, in simple words and with no frightening image. It can be a good moment to talk about it with your child if questions come up.

Let's talk about it

1. Whom does Joseph bring to see his father?
2. What does Jacob do with his arms to bless the two boys?
3. Where does Jacob ask to be taken back?
4. What are Joseph's brothers afraid of after their father dies?
5. What does Joseph answer them?
6. What could you do today for those who will come after you?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Joseph brings his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. Jacob crosses his arms and lays his right hand on the head of Ephraim, the younger one. He asks to be taken back to the land of Canaan, to the field where Abraham and Sarah rest. The brothers are afraid that Joseph will pay them back. Joseph answers: "Do not be afraid. You meant to harm me, but God turned it into good. I will take care of you and of your children."

To remember

What was meant for harm, God turned into good. His promise will keep us, just as he said it would.

The song: God turned it into good

What was meant for harm, God turned into good.
His promise will keep us, just as he said it would!

To do

Plant a seed in a pot or in the ground, and water it every day. Think of those who will one day enjoy its shade or its fruit.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/jacobs-farewell/

From the book of Genesis, chapters 48 to 50. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.