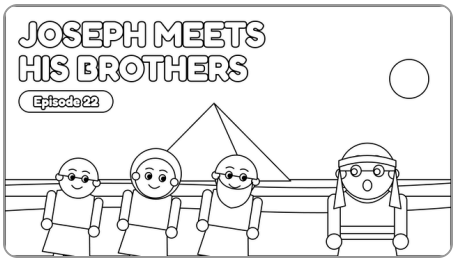
The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 22

Joseph Meets His Brothers Again

Genesis 42 to 44 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 5 min 48



The story in brief

Joseph Meets His Brothers Again. The famine has reached the land of Canaan too. Jacob sends ten of his sons to buy grain in Egypt, but he keeps Benjamin close to him. The brothers bow down before the governor without knowing who he is: Joseph, the brother they sold more than twenty years earlier. Joseph calls them spies, keeps Simeon and asks to see their youngest brother. When they come back with Benjamin, he invites them to his table, then has his silver cup hidden in the youngest brother's sack. Then Judah steps forward and asks to stay in Benjamin's place. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Nia, who no longer wants to lend her ball to Kofi.

> **Note for parents.** The Bible tells how Joseph speaks harshly to his brothers and has his cup hidden in Benjamin's sack, without saying why. The episode lets children guess that he wants to see whether their hearts have changed. The word "slave" in the text is replaced by "servant".

Let's talk about it

1. Why do Joseph's brothers go to Egypt?
2. Why do they not know who Joseph is?
3. Whom does Jacob not want to let go?
4. Where is the silver cup found?
5. What does Judah offer to do to save Benjamin?
6. Have you ever changed the way you act toward someone?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** The famine has reached the land of Canaan, and there is grain in Egypt. More than twenty years have passed, and Joseph is dressed like an Egyptian governor. Jacob wants to keep Benjamin, the youngest, because he is afraid of losing him. The cup is in Benjamin's sack. Judah asks to stay as a servant in Benjamin's place, so that the boy can go home to his father.

To remember

My heart can change, God helps me every day. Jealousy before, now love leads the way.

The song: My heart can change

My heart can change, God helps me every day.
Jealousy before, now love leads the way!

To do

Think of someone you had a quarrel with. Do something kind for them this week: lend a toy, share a snack, say a gentle word.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/joseph-meets-his-brothers-again/
From the book of Genesis, chapters 42 to 44. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.