



## Lesson 24: Jacob's family moves to Egypt

### Scriptural Basis:



Genesis 46-50

### Overview:

The last 4 chapters of Genesis tell the story of Jacob's family moving to Egypt. In the process, God speaks to Jacob at Beersheba, and reconfirms His promise to make a great nation of Israel, and that moving to Egypt was part of His plan. God promises that He Himself will go with Jacob's family to Egypt, and also bring them up out of Egypt again. Jacob gets to see his son Joseph once again, and after pronouncing blessings over all of his sons and Joseph's two sons, Jacob lives out the remainder of his years in Egypt. After Jacob's death, Joseph affirms his forgiveness of his brothers and demonstrates his understanding that it was God who was responsible for things of Joseph's life.

### Things to consider:

Genesis, is about beginnings – the beginning of creation, and the beginning of God's chosen people, the nation of Israel.

Genesis also presents the foundational truths about God the creator – his power, and His holiness, and His love for humanity whom He created in His own image. Though throughout Genesis, we see sin at work in the lives of men, we see God's love and promises at work to a far greater degree. And thus we see the beginnings of God's redemptive plan at work.

God's promise to Abraham Isaac and Jacob never wavers, but the way He went about fulfilling it was not straightforward. In fact, Genesis has a surprise ending where the Israelites *leave* the promised land, rather than finally settling in it (stay tuned).

### Bible Study for Preparation:



Read Genesis 46-50. All the mega-themes of scripture are highlighted in these chapters. We see reuniting of father and son (Jacob and Joseph), restoration of relationships (Joseph and Brothers), God's powerful hand at work in being faithful to His promises – to make Israel into a nation that will bless the entire world. These point to the grand story of God restoring creation to Himself, though His means for doing so aren't necessarily how we might expect!

### Teaching the lesson:

- A: Review – Last week: Joseph forgives his brothers
- B: Bible verse memory activity
- C. Story
- D. Additional activity