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Story 3 - Forgiveness and Good News.

You can read this story in your Bible:

Genesis
45: 1-28



Genesis 45: 8

Ask somebody to help you find this verse.

When Joseph's silver cup was found in Benjamin's sack, they all had to go back to Joseph. He pretended to be very angry with them. After a little while, however, he said none of them would be put to death, but Benjamin would become his slave. The others could go home to their father.



When they heard this, they were really upset, and one of them, named Judah, begged Joseph to take him as a slave, instead of Benjamin. He tried to explain that their father would die of grief, if Benjamin didn't come home safely. (This part of the story is in Genesis 44: 14-34.)

Underline the right word in each sentence.

The silver cup was in the sack belonging to **Judah / Simeon / Benjamin.**

Reuben / Simeon / Judah offered to become a slave, instead of Benjamin.

Benjamin / Joseph / Judah had not yet told his brothers who he was.

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When Judah finished speaking, Joseph could see plainly that his brothers had had a change of heart. Now they cared about each other, and also about their elderly father.

The time was right for him to tell them who he was! He ordered everyone else to leave the room, and then he said to his brothers,

“I am
Joseph!”

Colour the picture and letters.

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His brothers could hardly believe it! They were so overcome that they could not speak. Joseph himself was moved to tears, especially as he hugged Benjamin.

Joseph forgave his brothers for what they had done to him, so many years ago. Indeed, he said it was God's plan for his life. God had sent him to Egypt, so that their lives could be spared in time of famine. How kind of Joseph to think of it in that way!

Fill in the missing words to show what Joseph said to them.

God *you* *sent* *here*

"It was not _____ who _____
me _____, but _____."

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There were still five years of famine to come, so Joseph quickly thought of a plan. He told his brothers to hurry home, and tell their father about what a great person Joseph had become. Then they were all to come to Egypt.

Joseph promised them land in a part of Egypt called Goshen. He would see to it that they would be well cared for until the famine was over.

Put **RIGHT** or **WRONG** after these sentences:-

Goshen was part of Egypt.

The famine would last three more years.

Jacob and his whole family were to come to Egypt.

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So Joseph and his brothers were good friends again. Do you know that God wants to have us as His friends, even though we have sinned against Him? To make this possible, the Lord Jesus came from Heaven and died for our sins. Have you taken Him as your Saviour? If you have, then all is well between you and God.

For teacher's remarks

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