

JOSEPH'S FAMILY LIVE IN EGYPT

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¹Joseph went and told Pharaoh, “My father and brothers, with their flocks and herds and everything they own, have come from the land of Canaan and are now in Goshen.” ²He chose five of his brothers and presented them before Pharaoh.

³Pharaoh asked the brothers, “What is your occupation?”

“Your servants are shepherds,” they replied to Pharaoh, “just as our fathers were.” ⁴They also said to him, “We have come to live here awhile, because the famine is severe in Canaan and your servants’ flocks have no pasture. So now, please let your servants settle in Goshen.”

⁵Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you, ⁶and the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land. Let them live in Goshen. And if you know of any among them with special ability, put them in charge of my own livestock.”

⁷Then Joseph brought his father Jacob in and presented him before Pharaoh. After Jacob blessed Pharaoh, ⁸Pharaoh asked him, “How old are you?”

⁹And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty. My years have been few and difficult, and they do not equal the years of the pilgrimage of my fathers.” ¹⁰Then Jacob blessed ¹¹Pharaoh and went out from his presence.

¹¹So Joseph settled his father and his brothers in Egypt and gave them property in the best part of the land, the district of Rameses, as Pharaoh directed.

¹²Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father’s household with food, according to the number of their children.

¹³There was no food, however, in the whole region because the famine was severe; both Egypt and Canaan wasted away because of the famine. ¹⁴Joseph collected all the money that was to be found in Egypt and Canaan in payment for the grain they were buying, and he brought it to Pharaoh’s palace. ¹⁵When the money of the people of Egypt and Canaan was gone, all Egypt came to Joseph and said, “Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? Our money is used up.”

¹⁶“Then bring your livestock,” said Joseph. “I will sell you food in exchange for your livestock, since your money is gone.” ¹⁷So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and he gave them food in exchange for their horses, their sheep and goats, their cattle and donkeys. And he brought them through that year with food in exchange for all their livestock.

¹⁸When that year was over, they came to him the following year and said, “We cannot hide from our lord the fact that since our money is gone and our livestock belongs to you, there is nothing left for our lord except our bodies and our land. ¹⁹Why should we perish before your eyes—we and our land as well? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we with our land will be in bondage to Pharaoh. Give us seed so that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate.”

²⁰So Joseph bought all the land in Egypt for Pharaoh. The Egyptians, one and all, sold their fields, because the famine was too severe for them. The land became Pharaoh’s, ²¹and Joseph reduced the people to servitude, from one end of Egypt to the other.

²²However, he did not buy the land of the priests, because they received a regular allotment from Pharaoh and had food enough from the allotment Pharaoh gave them. That is why they did not sell their land.

²³Joseph said to the people, “Now that I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh, here is seed for you so you can plant the ground. ²⁴But when the crop comes in, give a fifth of it to Pharaoh. The other four-fifths you may keep as seed for the fields and as food for yourselves and your households and your children.”

²⁵“You have saved our lives,” they said. “May we find favor in the eyes of our lord; we will be in bondage to Pharaoh.”

²⁶So Joseph established it as a law concerning land in Egypt—still in force today—that a fifth of the produce belongs to Pharaoh. It was only the land of the priests that did not become Pharaoh’s.

²⁷Now the Israelites settled in Egypt in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there and were fruitful and increased greatly in number.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Joseph's family come to Egypt?
5		2.) What did the people trade with Joseph for food? (Verse 16)
5		3.) Why did Joseph buy all the land in Egypt from the people? (Verse 19)
5		4.) Why do you think the people agreed to sell their land and work for Pharaoh?

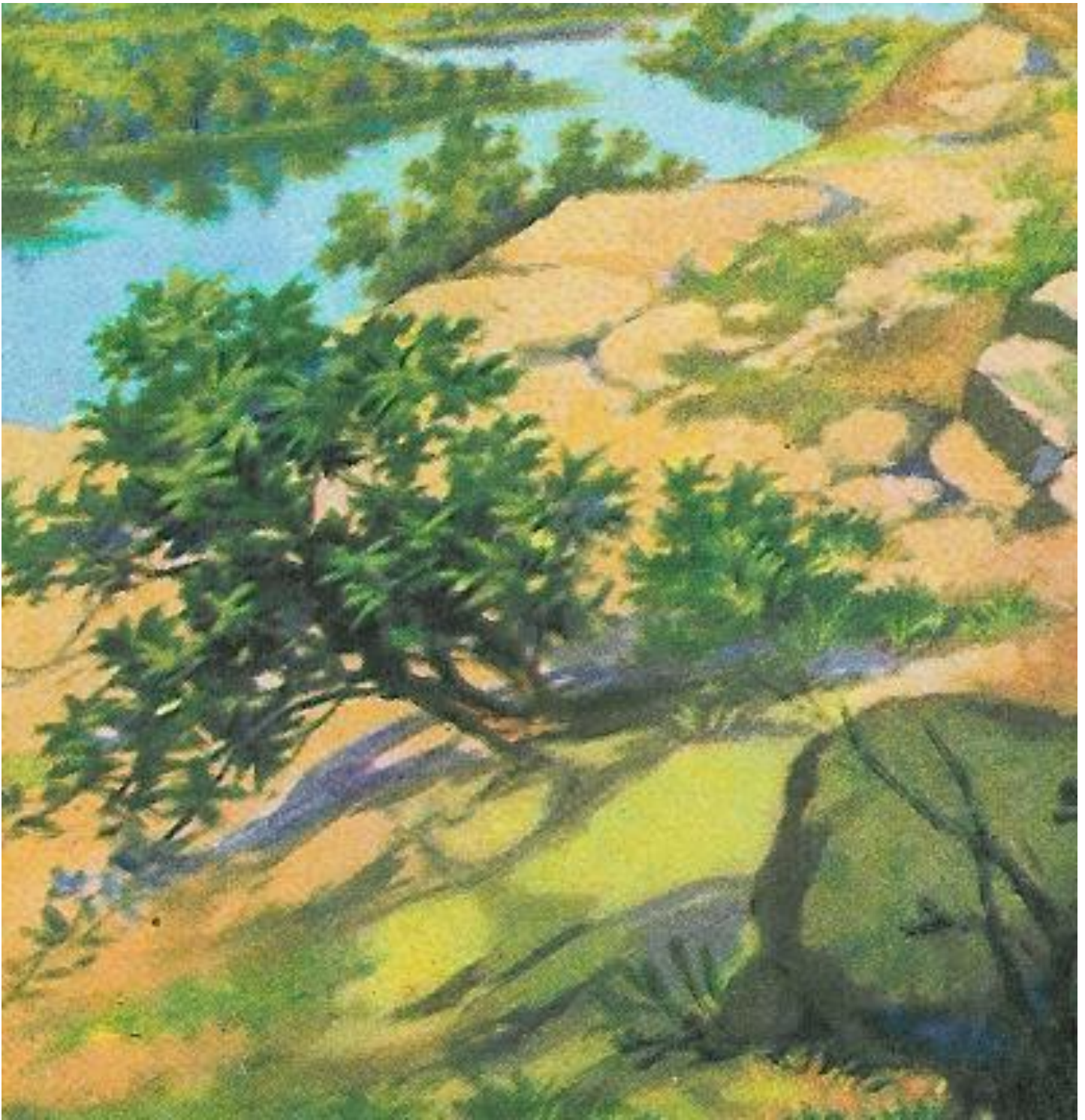
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proverbs 14:21</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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Joseph moves his father and brothers to Egypt

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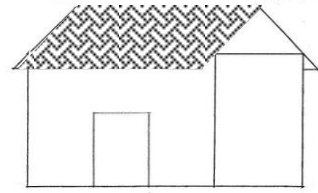
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: HOUSES

Students will make a house to remind them of how Joseph allowed his family to live in Egypt during a period of famine.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. House Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Glue
5. Tape
6. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
7. Grass
8. Paper Plates



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a house pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students color the house pattern with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. The roof does not need to be colored because students will glue grass on it later.
3. Instruct students to cut out the house on the black lines. Students will fold on the dotted lines.
4. Students will then put glue on the tab that says "glue" and assemble the house.
5. Help students tape the roof on from the inside of the house.
6. Tape the house to a paper plate.
7. Allow students to glue grass onto the roof to make it look thatched.
8. Students may draw or glue grass to the paper plate to represent wheat.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their houses, remind them of how God provided for Joseph's family through Joseph. Point out that once the Egyptians ran out of money, they traded their livestock for food. After that, they agreed to sell their land and become servants of Pharaoh in return for food. Israelites also settled in Egypt during this time. This is significant later when a new Pharaoh came into power. He was not as kind and would eventually enslave the Israelites.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE: Approximately 30 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

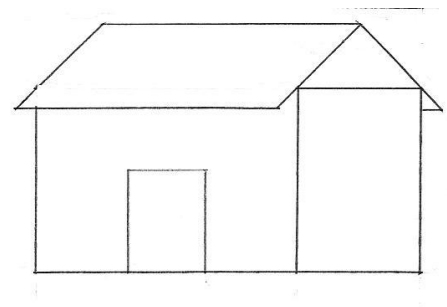
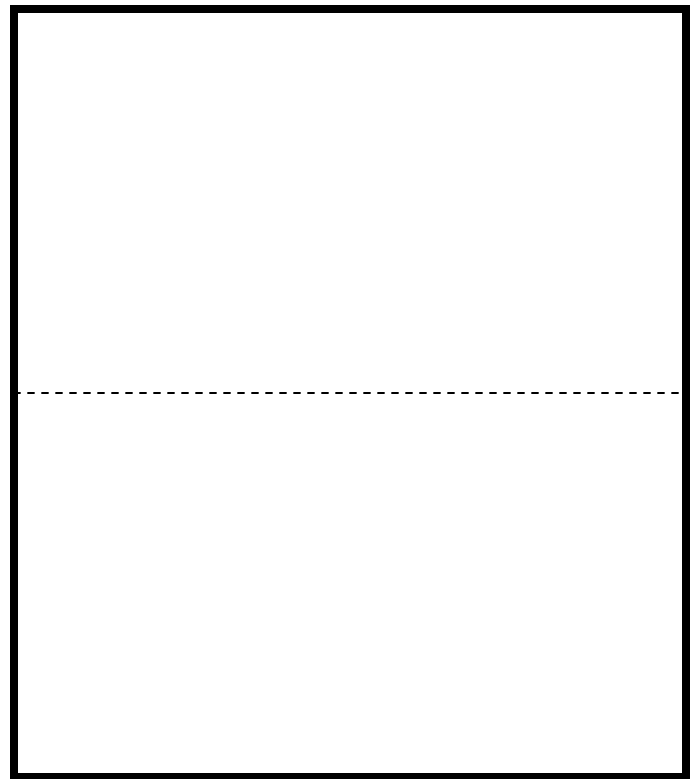
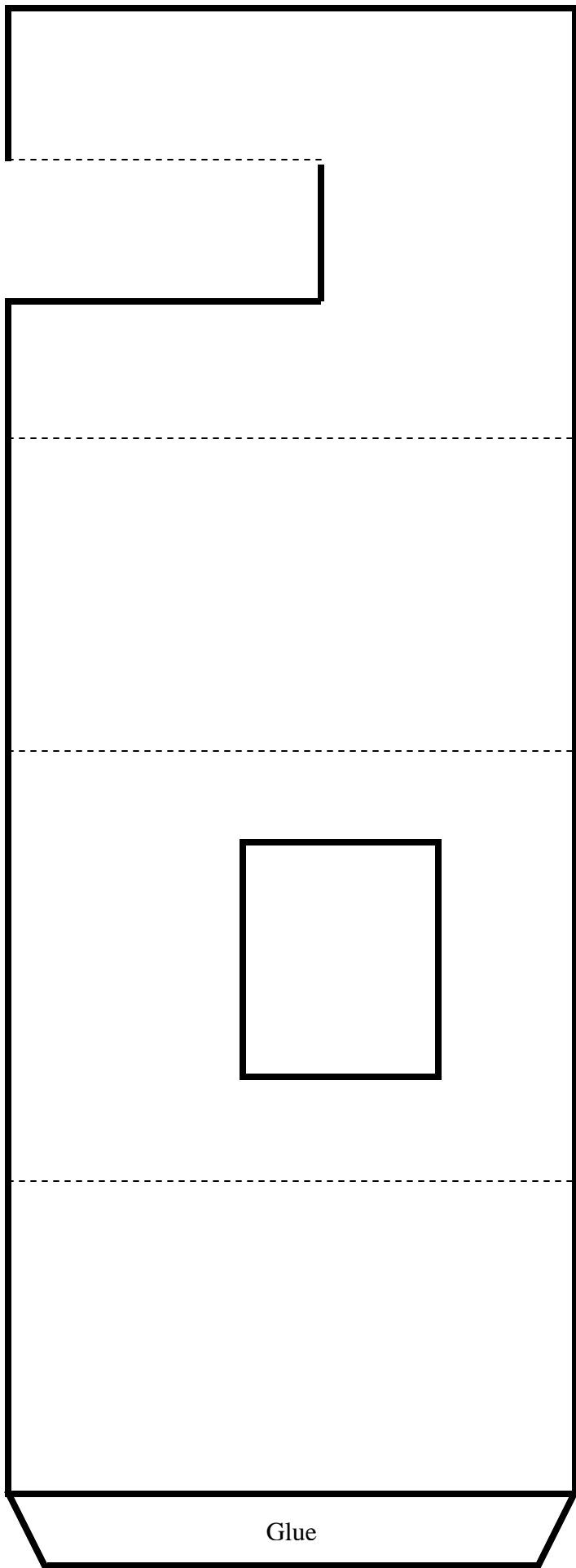
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HOUSE PATTERN



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Joseph did a great
job preparing Egypt
for the famine.
Even his own
brothers traveled
from their homeland
to buy grain in Egypt.
The numbers in this
puzzle add up to a
special lesson
Joseph's whole
family learned during
a time of need.

Joseph's Jingle

1. _____ far away
2. _____ to live one day.
3. _____ There he did grow.
4. _____ all to know
5. _____ is the key
6. _____ and harmony!

Work out each math problem, writing the answers in the boxes.
Then use the final answers to put the lines of Joseph's Jingle in order.

A. $4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = \square - 7 =$

B. $5 \times 5 = \square - 19 =$

C. $12 \times 2 = \square \div 6 = \square - 3 =$

D. $4 + 4 + 4 = \square - 8 =$

E. $6 \times 3 = \square \div 2 = \square - 7 =$

F. $12 - 5 = \square \times 2 = \square - 9 =$

☐ There he did learn.

☐ to peace and love

☐ Down in Egypt,

☐ And now he wants us

☐ Joseph went

☐ forgiving others

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Joseph told Pharaoh that his family had arrived from Canaan. Pharaoh told Joseph that his family could live in the best

part of Egypt. Pharaoh also wanted his family to take care of his livestock.

The famine continued in the land. People came to buy grain from Joseph.

Soon the people had no more money to buy grain to eat. So Joseph traded grain for their livestock.

The next year, the people traded themselves and their land for seeds to plant. They became slaves in Egypt. Joseph told them that they had to give Pharaoh a fifth of the crops. They could keep the rest of the crops for themselves.

To find out more, read Genesis 47:1-27 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Where did Joseph's family come to live?
2. What did people trade their livestock, their land, and themselves for?
3. How do you think God was caring for Joseph's family?
4. Why do you think Pharaoh let Joseph's family live in the best part of Egypt?

MEMORY VERSE

"He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy."

Proverbs 14:21

CROSS OFF THE LETTERS

Cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines below to reveal the hidden message.

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