

Keeping Hope Alive



Lesson 4
September 27, 2020
Genesis 45:1-8, 10-15

get excited (5 minutes)

Discuss the difference between knowledge and wisdom.

key verse exercise.

Circle the word that describes what Joseph did not want his brothers to feel in the Verse to Remember. (Hint: The word begins and ends with the letter "D.")

happy annoyed embarrassed

sadness distressed nervous

ashamed guilty shy afraid

tired glad excited

Scripture Summary Genesis 45:1-8, 10-15

Jacob refused to send Benjamin to Egypt, fearing that he would lose yet another son. However, the need for food outweighed everything else, and Jacob finally agreed to send Benjamin with his older brothers. Joseph gave his brothers more grain, then he sent them on their way, but before they left he had his servant secretly hide a silver cup in Benjamin's bag. The next day, Joseph sent his servant out to them accusing them of stealing the cup. The brothers knew that if they didn't return home with Benjamin, Jacob would go into a deep depression. They all returned to Egypt and Judah went before Joseph, pleading for Benjamin's life because the cup was found in his bag. At that moment, Joseph knew his brothers' hearts had changed, and he was ready to forgive them. Then Joseph revealed to his brothers who he really was.

Verse to Remember

"Do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here: for God sent me before you to preserve life."

Genesis 45:5.

Instructions and answers can be found in the Teacher's Guide at cedamezion.com. Click on the "resources" tab, then click CSL, then click the appropriate Quarterly.

read and learn (10 minutes)

ADVENTURES OF THE FAITHFUL FIVE

EPISODE 4: FORGIVE LIKE JOSEPH

"We have been learning so much about Joseph, and I can't wait to find out what happens next," said Zakiyah. The rest of the Faithful Five felt the same way as they sat ready to listen to Mrs. Brown share more.

"This story is like a TV movie," said Jahari.

"Yeah," agreed Mekhai.

Mrs. Brown shared how Joseph was excited to see his brothers return with their younger brother, Benjamin. "When Joseph saw his brother, Benjamin, among the other brothers, he was so happy he had to leave the room to cry because his brothers still did not know who he was. Shortly after the brothers set off for Canaan, the next day, Joseph sent his servant out to them accusing them of stealing the cup he had the servant hide in Benjamin's bag. They **vehemently** denied stealing the cup and vowed the one who had the cup would remain in Egypt as a slave. They were certain the cup was not with any of their belongings, because they didn't know that Joseph had secretly hidden it! The servant found the cup in Benjamin's bag and all the brothers were shocked. They knew that if they didn't return home with Benjamin, their father would die of **despair**. But what could they do?"

"What did they do?" Nevaeh asked.

Mrs. Brown finished the story. "They returned to Egypt and the brother that was responsible for keeping Benjamin safe (Judah) begged Joseph to take him instead of Benjamin. That's how Joseph knew they were sorry for

selling him into slavery. So, he forgave them and told them who he was."

"Wow," said Ashanti, "Joseph still loved his brothers even after all that they had done to him."

"Yes," said Mrs. Brown. "Joseph forgave his brothers and didn't hold a grudge. He loved them so much that he also made sure they had more grain to take back home to feed the family. This is what God wants us to do. We are to forgive others and show them love."

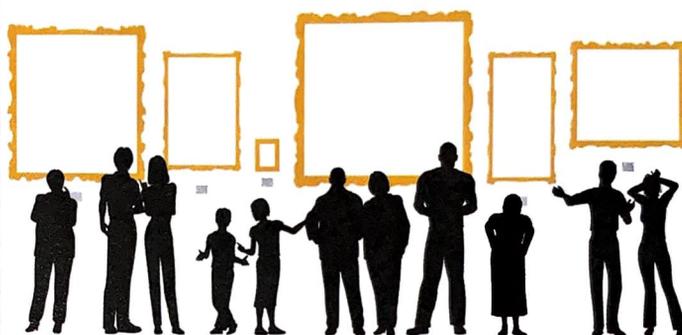
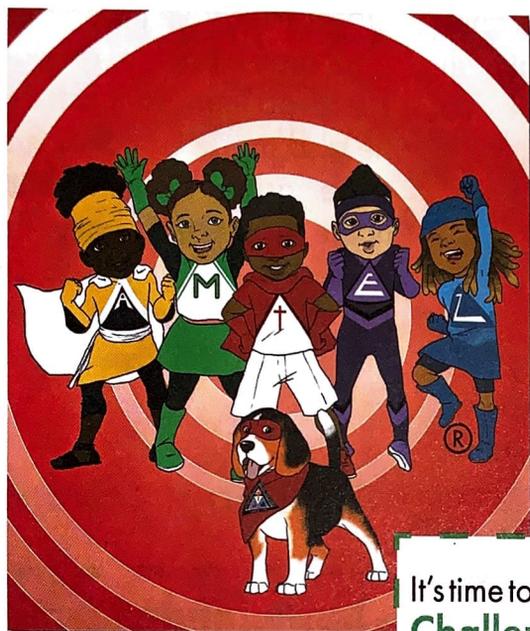
key words

vehemently

with a lot of emotion

despair

a complete loss of hope



It's time to work with the Faithful Five on this week's **Superhero Challenge: "GALLERY WALK."** Help the Faithful Five take a walk through Joseph's life by identifying places where Joseph used his gifts and power wisely.

what do you think?

Why did Judah want to take Benjamin's place?

How did Joseph respond to Benjamin's actions?

What did Mrs. Brown want the Faithful Five to learn from Joseph's story?

time to create

Make a family shout-out.

time to pray

Dear God, thank You for giving us families. Help us to be kind even when we have difficult times. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen