

# Jesse Tree

## KIDS' DAILY DEVOTIONAL



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIS POINT IN GOD'S STORY?

We've walked through God's story for a week now. We've seen in these stories that God loves people. He loves us so much that He promised from the very beginning of the Bible to send Jesus to us. Yesterday, we read about God making the same promise to Jacob that He made to his grandfather, Abraham. A promise to bless all the earth through him. And in that promise, He was talking about Jesus!

In today's story, we're reading about Jacob's sons and how they treated each other. Jacob had 12 sons and one of them, Joseph, was his favorite. He gave Joseph a special coat, and Joseph had dreams that were about his brothers bowing down to him. This really made his brothers very unhappy with Joseph and one day when he went to visit them out where they were working, ten of his brothers sold him as a slave. Joseph went to live in Egypt, which was very far away from where his family lived.

### BIBLE READING

Genesis 37:31-33

While his father thought he was dead, a LOT happened to Joseph that his family didn't know about. He worked for a long time as a slave, then was put in prison for something he didn't do, and then, with God's help, he got out of prison and become someone VERY important in the country of Egypt.

There came a period of time when all of that part of the world didn't have enough food to eat. Thanks to Joseph (and God!) Egypt had lots of food stored up. Eventually, Joseph's family was so hungry that they sent his brothers to Egypt to find food. There, they did find food. And, they found Joseph! It took them a while to figure out that it really was Joseph, and when they did they were really scared!

Genesis 45: 4-8

### WHAT DO THOSE VERSES TELL US ABOUT GOD?

Joseph was able to forgive his brothers. He could see that God's plan was at work all along. This story is a great example of something that God does so well . . . HE FORGIVES! Joseph was able to forgive his

brothers for doing awful things and God is able to forgive us! In fact, God's plan to send Jesus was all about forgiving people!

Just as he did in the story of Joseph, God will use all the bad things that happen to Jesus to bring about good things, too.

## **PRAYER**

Dear God, Thank you for making good come out of bad for Joseph and helping him to forgive his brothers. Help us to forgive others when they do things that are wrong to us, just as you forgive us. In Jesus name, Amen.



