

# Week 34: Genesis (and Job) Review, Part 3

Genesis 33–50; Acts 7:9; Psalm 105

## Objectives

Students will . . .

- Recall major events in the life of Joseph.
- Identify God’s broader purpose in what happens to Joseph.

## Week at a Glance

*To the Teacher:* Pray for your students daily and prayerfully study the verses given above.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lesson</b>	Joseph— From Prince to Prison	Joseph— From Prison to Palace	Joseph Forgives	Highlights from the Life of Job	Show What You Know Final Review, Part 3
<b>Big Idea</b>	Joseph is cared for by God when it doesn’t look like it.	Joseph is in prison and then is promoted to leader.	Joseph rescues his family and forgives his brothers.	God never wastes our suffering.	Review for and administer this week’s quiz.
<b>Videos</b>	<a href="#">Joseph and His Brothers</a> (1:57 min.) <a href="#">Joseph’s Dreams</a> (2:13 min.) <a href="#">Joseph Works for Potiphar</a> (1:54 min.) <a href="#">The Story of Joseph, Part 1</a> (1:54 min.) <a href="#">The Story of Joseph, Part 2</a> (5:00 min.)	<a href="#">Joseph in Prison</a> (1:57 min.) <a href="#">Pharaoh’s Dreams</a> (1:50 min.) <a href="#">The Story of Joseph, Part 3</a> (7:39 min.)	<a href="#">Joseph Forgives His Brothers, Part 1</a> (1:59 min.) <a href="#">Joseph Forgives His Brothers, Part 2</a> (2:04 min.) <a href="#">The Story of Joseph, Part 4</a> (6:11 min.)		
<b>Activity</b>				Drawing: Paper and Markers	
<b>Copies</b>	Daily Bible Connection; Review Challenge	Review Challenge	Review Challenge	Review Challenge	Show What You Know Final Review, Part 3

# MONDAY: Joseph—From Prince to Prison

Genesis 35,37,39; Acts 7:1–9

## Monday Review Challenge (Key)

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After students try the Review Challenge, you may want to watch the video right away to help them refresh their memories.

1. Who were the two sons of Jacob and his favorite wife, Rachel? **Joseph and Benjamin**
2. Who died when Benjamin was born? **His mother, Rachel**
3. Of all twelve sons, who was Jacob’s favorite son? How did Jacob show who was his favorite?  
**Joseph. He gave him a special coat.**
4. What did Joseph dream about?  
**That his brothers (and his parents) would all bow down to him.**
5. How did Joseph’s brothers show they hated him?  
**They threw him in a well, sold him to slave traders, smeared blood on his coat, and told his father he was dead.**
6. What happened when Joseph was a slave to Potiphar?  
**Potiphar’s wife lied about Joseph (saying he tried to rape her) and Potiphar threw him into prison.**

## Video

These short videos are an excellent resource for reviewing the major events in Joseph’s life. Choose the ones that work best for your students.

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## Discussion: Where Is God in Suffering?

Acts 7:1–9

Do you have some family stories that get retold every now and then? When the Jewish nation retells their family story, they often mention the three people who started their nation—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (renamed *Israel*). This was a message a man named Stephen was preaching.

**Reading Focus:** What did Stephen say about Joseph?

**Read Aloud:** Acts 7:2–9

**Question for Comprehension:**

- Why did Jacob’s brothers sell him?  
*Answer:* They were jealous of him.
- Where was he taken?  
*Answer:* Egypt
- Who was with Joseph?  
*Answer:* God

What about you? Is God with you when life is hard and when other people do things that make your life much harder?

Everyone since Adam and Eve sinned will have hard things happen in life. There are three things that cause pain:

1. The brokenness of the world. Maybe you struggle because your eyesight or hearing isn’t good. Maybe you will get cancer. These are just a few of the things that happen because we live in a world where sin came in.
2. The sin of others against you. For Joseph, it was his brothers. For you, it may be your parents, your friends, a teacher. All of us have people who sin against us. Sometimes they do it on purpose. Sometimes they do it because they don’t even notice they are hurting us.
3. The sin you do against others. This may actually cause the greatest pain of all once we realize we have hurt those we love.

The good news is that God can be with you in every one of these situations. You will either suffer with God or suffer without Him.

[*Note to Teacher:* Take time to share some of your life story of troubles you have experienced and how God has helped you.]

**Discussion: Major Points in Joseph’s Story**

After Jacob met Esau, God brought Israel (Jacob) and his family back to Bethel to remind Israel one more time about all the covenant blessings. The family was moving on from Bethel to Bethlehem when Rachel, Israel’s favorite wife, began to have her second baby.

In that day a mother couldn’t rush to a hospital for surgery if her delivery didn’t go well. For Rachel, the delivery was so bad that she actually died after giving birth to Benjamin.

At a time when Jacob would normally be delighted at the birth of his twelfth son, he is devastated by the death of his favorite wife. Not long after that, Israel went to Hebron to visit his father, Isaac. His mother had died while he was with his Uncle Laban. Isaac died after having lived 180 years. Esau and Israel buried their father.

Clearly these two deaths would have been incredibly hard for Jacob (Israel). He lost his favorite wife and his father.

It was also hard on Joseph, Rachel’s oldest son. He was about seventeen at this time. Whether we are young or old, we will encounter trouble in our lives. We can learn much by watching how God gave Joseph grace to stand strong when trouble came into his life.

Joseph's brothers hated him. They were ready to kill him. Judah had the idea of selling him as a slave to a passing caravan headed to Egypt, and that is what they did.

God was with Joseph in Egypt. God blessed him while he was a slave in Potiphar's house. When Potiphar saw that Joseph was blessed, he put everything in Joseph's hands. But Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph and Potiphar threw Joseph in prison.

For Joseph, losing his mother and grandfather in death didn't feel like great success. Being hated and then sold into slavery did not feel like a blessing. Being lied about and thrown into prison didn't seem like God was in control of anything! Yet, through all Joseph endured—God was with him. We can never look at our circumstances to make sense of our lives. We have to look to God to be able to make sense of our circumstances.

## Review Game—Who Am I?

Ask these questions aloud. You can make it a Smarty Review if you want to give out smarty candy to those who answer correctly. *This is not for a grade.*

1. I am Joseph's younger brother. Who am I? **Benjamin**
2. I am the brother who thought we should sell Joseph into slavery. Who am I?  
**Judah**
3. I am the one who was with Joseph in all that he suffered. Who am I?  
**God**
4. I gave my son a special coat because he was my favorite. Who am I?  
**Jacob/Israel**
5. I threw Joseph in prison because my wife told me a lie. Who am I?  
**Potiphar**

## TUESDAY: Joseph—From Prison to Palace

### Genesis 40–41

### Tuesday Review Challenge (Key)

(This review is not graded. A handout is available for students. Use this like a pop quiz to see how much students can recall without any review.)

1. Where did Joseph meet a baker and cupbearer? What part did they play in his story? **In prison. Joseph told them their dreams. The baker died. The cupbearer ended up helping Joseph get out of prison and into the palace.**
2. What made the cupbearer remember Joseph after 2 years back in the palace? **Pharaoh had a dream that he needed interpreted.**
3. What was Pharaoh's dream? **Pharaoh dreamed about 7 healthy stalks of wheat being eaten by 7 skinny stalks of wheat. He also dreamed about 7 healthy cows being eaten by 7 skinny cows.**
4. What did Pharaoh's dream mean? **Joseph told Pharaoh his dreams both meant the same thing. There would be 7 years of plenty in Egypt and then 7 years of famine.**
5. What did Pharaoh do with Joseph? **He put him in charge of collecting food from everyone to prepare for the years of famine.**

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### Video

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### Discussion: Where Is God in Suffering?

Acts 7:10; James 1:5; Genesis 2:18

Yesterday we discussed how Stephen talked about Joseph in his message.

**Reading Focus:** What does Stephen say about what happened to put Joseph in charge in Egypt?

**Read Aloud:** Acts 7:10

### Question for Comprehension:

- What three things does this verse tell us that God did for Joseph?  
*Answer:* (1) God saved him from all his troubles. (2) God make him wise. (3) God helped him become Pharaoh's friend.

- Does God want to save you from all of your troubles?

*Answer:* Yes. He hasn't yet, but if you trust him, in eternity He will.

Our greatest trouble is God's anger against all who sin. Jesus came and died to take the consequences of God's anger against all our sin. He rose again—which means that eventually we will be saved from *all* our trouble—either when we die or when Jesus comes back to take us home.

- Does God want to make you wise?

*Answer:* Yes

God gave us the whole book of Proverbs to teach us wisdom. Also, James 1:5 tells us that He will give us wisdom if we ask Him for it.

- Does God want to help you make friends that will guide your life?

*Answer:* Yes.

God designed us for a relationship with Him and with others. In Genesis 2:18 God says it is not good for man to be alone. That's not just talking about marriage. God designed us to be part of a team—just like your hand is part of your body. God designed us for healthy relationships.

## Discussion: Major Points in Joseph's Story

Joseph ends up in prison because he does the right thing. Then in prison he does the right thing and helps this wine taster—but he's still stuck in prison.

Sometimes it is easy for us to think, *God may answer other people's prayers, but not mine.* Joseph could have thought this way. God fulfilled others dreams, but what about his dreams? At least when he was Potiphar's servant he was in charge and close to royalty. Now he is in prison and forgotten.

People will disappoint you.

Even though all the evidence around Joseph makes it look like God is not just and that Joseph was forgotten, God *is* fair. Things were going exactly as God, in His wisdom, had planned.

Joseph was not in prison because God was upset with him. God was giving him a chance to learn humility and develop his leadership skills. God was keeping him safe until it was time for his next assignment.

Pharaoh brought Joseph out of prison and put him in charge of everything. The iron collar of a slave is now gone, and Joseph is wearing a gold chain. He moves from the lowest place to the highest, from alone to married, from confined in prison to traveling the land.

During those first seven years of plenty, Joseph has two sons. Their names are significant.

**Manasseh**—“God has made me forget all my trouble and my father's whole family.” *Forgetting* here does not mean Joseph had no memory of the harm done to him. But God has given him a new family and is using him in a powerful way. By God's grace, the pain of his past has lost its hold over him.

**Ephraim**—“God has given me children in the land where I've suffered so much.” Manasseh's name reminded Joseph he could let go of the pain of the wrongs he suffered *before* he came to

Egypt. Ephraim's name reminded Joseph he could let go of the wrongs he had suffered *since* coming to Egypt.

God has been with Joseph and blessed Joseph with success in all of these situations. God never forgot about Joseph—and He promises never to forget about us.

## Review Game: Who Am I?

Ask these questions aloud. You can make it a Smarty Review if you want to give out smarty candy to those who answer correctly. *This is not for a grade.*

1. I am second to Pharaoh over all the land of Egypt. Who am I? **Joseph**
2. I am the brother who found Joseph's silver cup in my sack with my grain. Who am I?  
**Benjamin**
3. I had a dream that Joseph helped me with, but I forgot all about him for two years until Pharaoh had a dream. Who am I?  
**Cupbearer**
4. I am the brother who said I would stay as a slave in Egypt to give my life in place of the life of Benjamin. Who am I?  
**Judah**
5. I had a dream about cows eating cows. It was very disturbing. Who am I?  
**Pharaoh**

## WEDNESDAY: Joseph Forgives

Genesis 42–50; Psalm 105:16–23

### Wednesday Review Challenge (Key)

(*This review is not graded.* A handout is available for students. Use this like a pop quiz to see how much students can recall without any review.)

1. Why did Jacob send ten sons to Egypt?  
*They were out of food because of the famine and there was food in Egypt.*
2. Which son did *not* go with his brothers to Egypt? *Benjamin*
3. Why did Joseph tell his brothers to bring Benjamin and put the money back in the sacks?  
*He was testing his brothers to see if they had changed or if they hated Benjamin as the new favorite brother.*
4. When Joseph was going to keep Benjamin as a slave in Egypt, what did his brothers do?  
*Judah offered his life in exchange for Benjamin.*
5. What did Joseph do to provide for all of the Israelite nation?  
*He moved all of them (seventy) to Egypt, gave them a place to live, and provided for their needs.*
6. Why could Joseph forgive his brothers for the way they wronged him?  
*He knew that even though his brothers meant evil, God meant it for good.*

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### Discussion: A Song About Joseph's Story

Psalm 105:16–23

God's chosen people, the Israelite nation, had a song book. In that book, they had a song about Joseph.

**Reading Focus:** Who sent Joseph to Egypt?

**Read Aloud:** Psalm 105:16–17

**Question for Comprehension:**

- Who sent Joseph ahead to Egypt?  
*Answer: God*
- Did Joseph's brothers sin against him and sell him to traders who took him to Egypt?  
*Answer: Yes*

- Does God use the wrongs people do to accomplish good things?  
*Answer:* Absolutely. Just look at the cross. People crucified Jesus, and God was doing the greatest good imaginable.

**Reading Focus:** What was on Joseph’s feet and neck?

**Read Aloud:** Psalm 105:18–19

**Question for Comprehension:**

- How would it feel to have an iron collar around your neck and chains on your feet?  
*Answer:* Painful. Heavy. Uncomfortable.
- How long was Joseph in prison?  
*Answer:* Until God’s Word to him in his long-ago dreams came true.

God’s Word will always be proven right—no matter how desperate things look.

**Reading Focus:** Who is teaching in these verses?

**Read Aloud:** Psalm 105:20–23

**Question for Comprehension:**

- Besides storing and giving out food, what else did Joseph do?  
*Answer:* He taught the princes and elders how to think and live wisely.
- Did the Israelite people become part of the Egyptian nation?  
*Answer:* No. They lived as outsiders.

What about you? If someone were to write a song about your life, would they be able to tell about how God used you to help others and teach them how to live a wise life? If God makes you a parent, do you want to teach your children how to live a wise life? What would need to happen for you to be able to do this?

## **Discussion: Major Points in Joseph’s Story**

Joseph moved his entire family to Egypt—his father, wives, brothers, their wives and children, servants, animals. Everything! The move was paid for by Pharaoh. Pharaoh had Joseph move his family to the land called Goshen. Jacob imagined that he would get to see Joseph again and then he would die, but God allowed Jacob to live another seventeen years in Egypt. This gave Jacob the opportunity to get to know the man his son had become. He had time to get to know his grandsons. As a matter of fact, Jacob adopted Joseph’s sons as his own, giving Joseph a double portion in the Promised Land.

God was with Joseph through every part of his life, even when it looked like things were not going well for him. Joseph’s life teaches us that God is at work, even when we can’t see what he is doing. We know that God is good. What he is doing is good. God can always be trusted.

## Review Game—Who Am I?

Ask these questions aloud. You can make it a Smarty Review if you want to give out smarty candy to those who answer correctly. *This is not for a grade.*

1. I died in Egypt after seeing my son whom I thought was dead and adopting his two sons.  
Who am I? **Jacob (Israel)**
2. We asked Joseph not to harm us after our dad died. Who are we?  
**Joseph's brothers**
3. We loaded all we had on wagons and moved down to Egypt so Joseph could take care of us and make sure we lived through the famine. Who are we?  
**All the Israelite people (who came from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob)**
4. I was beaten up, sold as a slave, wore a slave collar and chains on my feet, but I chose to forgive my brothers. Who am I?  
**Joseph**
5. While Joseph's brothers were doing him evil, I was working it all out for good. Who am I?  
**God**

## THURSDAY: Job Review

### Job

### Thursday Review Challenge (Key)

(*This review is not graded.* A handout is available for students. Use this like a pop quiz to see how much students can recall without any review.)

1. Why did Satan think Job followed God? **Because God gave Job good things.**
2. How does God describe Job? **He is one of a kind, honest; he does right; he respects God; he avoids evil. He is a man of integrity (honest and undivided).**
3. What happened to Job when Satan tried to destroy Job's faith? **Job lost all his belongings and his ten children—and then his health.**
4. How did Job's wife think he should respond to this suffering? **She told him to curse God and die.**
5. What did Job's friends do? **They came. At first, they sat quietly; then they told him his suffering was his own fault because he must have done something wrong.**
6. Did God say Job's friends were right? **No. God was angry at Job's friends and told them they needed Job to pray for them.**
7. How do you know Satan did not succeed at getting Job to doubt God? **Job continued to talk to God and talk about God because Job believed in and trusted God.**
8. What did God do when Job asked God why he was suffering? **God didn't answer his question, but God did show how powerful and amazing He is.**
9. What did God do at end of Job's life? **He gave back double all the possessions Satan took and gave him ten more children.**

### Discussion: Coming to God When We Suffer

God never got upset at Job for coming to Him with all the pain that was in his heart. God wants us to bring our pain to Him. It is comforting to know that we have a God who does so many amazing things all throughout the universe all the time. He is big. He is capable. He is beyond our comprehension. He is God. We are not. We can rest in His good decisions because He does all things well.

While we are designed to rule over ourselves, over the ground, and over animals, we are totally dependent on God. Without God sending rain, we can't raise crops to eat. Without God maintaining the right temperature for earth, we can't stay alive. Just as a baby is helpless and totally dependent on his or her mother and father, Job (and all humans) are totally dependent on God. Just as a baby has no way to grasp all that his or her parents are capable of knowing and doing, Job was unable to grasp all God was doing. That's why the idea of calling God into account is rather silly. We don't know enough to hold God accountable. We don't know what He knows. We can't do what He does. We are not in His league—but He loves us!

## Hands-On Activity: Pictures for Telling Job's Story

*Materials:* paper and markers (or crayons)

*Instructions:* Divide your students into groups. Have each group draw the pictures they would need to retell the story of Joseph.

## Review Game—Who Am I?

Ask these questions aloud. You can make it a Smarty Review if you want to give out smarty candy to those who answer correctly. *This is not for a grade.*

1. I did all I could to destroy Job's faith and his life. Who am I? **Satan**
2. I was a mom to twenty people. Who am I? **Job's wife**
3. We tried to tell Job that his problems were a result of his own sin. Who are we?  
**Job's friends**
4. I poured out my heart to God in prayer and believed that God was alive no matter how bad things got for me. Who am I? **Job**
5. I loved Job so much that I reminded him how powerful and amazing I am so he would never doubt that I could handle all of life. Who am I? **God**

## FRIDAY: Show What You Know, Final Review Part 3 (Key)

**Multiple Choice:** Choose the letter that best answers the question and write it in the blank.

- A   1. I am Joseph's younger brother. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. Jacob    C. Samson    D. Potiphar
- D   2. I am the brother who thought we should sell Joseph into slavery. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. Cain    C. Manasseh    D. Judah
- B   3. I am the one who was with Joseph in all that he suffered. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. God    C. Jacob    D. Judah
- C   4. I gave my son a special coat because he was my favorite. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. God    C. Jacob (Israel)    D. Judah
- D   5. I threw Joseph in prison because my wife told me a lie. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. God    C. Jacob (Israel)    D. Potiphar
- B   6. I am second to Pharaoh over all the land of Egypt. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. Joseph    C. Cupbearer    D. Pharaoh
- A   7. I am the brother who found Joseph's silver cup in my sack with my grain. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. Joseph    C. Cupbearer    D. Pharaoh
- C   8. I had a dream that Joseph helped me understand, but I forgot all about him for two years until Pharaoh had a dream. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. Potiphar    C. Cupbearer    D. Pharaoh
- D   9. I am the brother who said I would stay as a slave in place of Benjamin. Who am I?  
A. Reuben    B. Manasseh    C. Cupbearer    D. Judah
- D   10. I had a dream about cows eating cows. It was very disturbing. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. Joseph    C. Cupbearer    D. Pharaoh
- B   11. I got to see my son who I thought was dead and I adopted his two sons. Who am I?  
A. Benjamin    B. Jacob (Israel)    C. Joseph    D. Egypt
- D   12. We asked Joseph not to harm us after our dad died. Who are we?  
A. 70 Israelites    B. the Egyptians    C. the butler and baker    D. Joseph's brothers
- D   13. We loaded all we had on wagons and moved down to Egypt so Joseph could take care of us and make sure we lived through the famine. Who are we?  
A. Potiphar and his wife    B. the Egyptians  
C. the butler and baker    D. 70 Israelites

