



Unit 4, Lesson 16

## TODAY'S EPIC STORY: FORGIVENESS HEALS A FAMILY

GENESIS 46:1-7,  
26-34; 47:1-11;  
50:15-26

### THE STORY @ HOME

Forgiveness and restoration are the key themes in this Epic story. Israel (Jacob) and his entire family left Canaan and went to Egypt where, at Joseph's request, Pharaoh gave them the best land and allowed them to care for his own animals. Joseph forgave his brothers and cared for them. Israel died when he was in Egypt and when Joseph grew old, he too died.

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- How do you think Joseph's brothers felt knowing that he had forgiven them?
- What differences between life in Canaan and life in Egypt do you think there were for Joseph's family?
- What was it like for Jacob to see his son Joseph again?
- This is a story of major forgiveness. What do you think it would have been like if Joseph had not forgiven his brothers? Is there someone that you need to offer forgiveness to?

### TOGETHER @ HOME

There's lots of hugging and weeping in today's Epic story. Give some intentional hugs this week. Look around at the people God has placed in your life. Give hugs to your friends and family this week and tell them you love them. Is there anyone that you need to forgive? This is a great time to do it.

### BIBLE MEMORY @ HOME

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you." (Isaiah 54:10)

Israel and his entire family moved to a new land. Now it's your turn to do some moving. Participate in this activity either outside in the yard or in a corner of the space. Determine an ending point across the yard or room. Then, decide how you're going to get there (bunny hop, crab walk, bear walk, hop on one leg, etc.). Move from the starting point to the destination. When everyone arrives, say the memory verse together. Then, determine a new destination and a new way to move there. Say the verse again when everyone arrives at the destination. Repeat several times.

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