

God's surprising plan to bless the world

Genesis 46-47— God keeps his promises and blesses his family even when they're away from home. Christians can be comfortable in life but we're to look forward to our real home with God.

Home from home? (Genesis 46:1 – 47:12)

Read Genesis 46:1-7 and 11-12

1. What three things does God promise Jacob? (v3) _____
(v4) _____
(v4) _____
2. Why might Jacob and his family be tempted to stay in Goshen (Egypt) forever? (v11-12)

Joseph feeds the world Genesis 47:13-26

3. How did Joseph make sure everyone had enough food to live? (v15-16, v18-20)


4. How did the people view Joseph? (v25) _____

Far from home Genesis 47:27-31

3. What was life like long term for the Israelites in Egypt? (v27)

 4. What does the end of v27 remind you of? (Have a little look at Genesis 1:28)

- Life was going well for the Israelites!
5. Why do you think it was important to Jacob to be taken home (v29-30), even after he'd died?

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1. How does Joseph point us forward to Jesus in this passage?
 2. As Christians (especially in the UK), we are a bit like the Israelites in Egypt – life is pretty comfortable (I know it's not perfect!). What good things do we have that mean we have? (e.g. home, food...).
 3. Why is it still right, as Christians, to look forward to our *real* home with Jesus in heaven? (Have a read at Revelation 21:1-4 if you've got time – it's so exciting!)

Genesis 46-47

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Beersheba

blessed

fruitful

God

settled

increased

vision

property

number

great

food

promise

nation

famine

kindness

return

livestock

faithfulness

shepherds

lives

buried

Goshen

saved

Israel

pilgrimage