The Ten Go Down to Egypt

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The Seed: Sovereignly Preserved / Messiah; Christ / Genesis 42
In Genesis 42, Jacob sends the ten brothers, not including Benjamin, down to Egypt to buy grain to survive the worldwide famine. In this chapter, Moses moves the narrative through three distinct scenes between Canaan and Egypt.

Family Discussion Questions

Genesis 42: God Is Always Working

Why did Jacob send his sons to Egypt?

Why did Jacob keep Benjamin at home?

Who was in charge of giving people grain in Egypt?

Did Joseph recognize his brothers?

Did his brothers recognize Joseph?

What did Joseph put back into the brothers' sacks?

When hard things happened, Jacob said, “All these things are against me."

Was Jacob right?

Joseph could have been mean to his brothers. Instead, he wanted them to admit they had sinned.

Why is it important to tell the truth when we sin?

Have you ever been afraid like Jacob?

What were you afraid of?

Can you think of a time when something bad happened at first, but later God used it for good?

Even when we don't understand what God is doing, can we still trust Him? Why?

Family Memory Verse

Romans 8:28 LSB

[28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Parents' Takeaway

Main Truth: Even when we cannot see what God is doing, we can trust that He is always working for the good of His people and the glory of His name.

Prayer: "Lord, help us trust You even when life is confusing or scary. Thank You for always keeping Your promises and taking care of Your children. Amen."