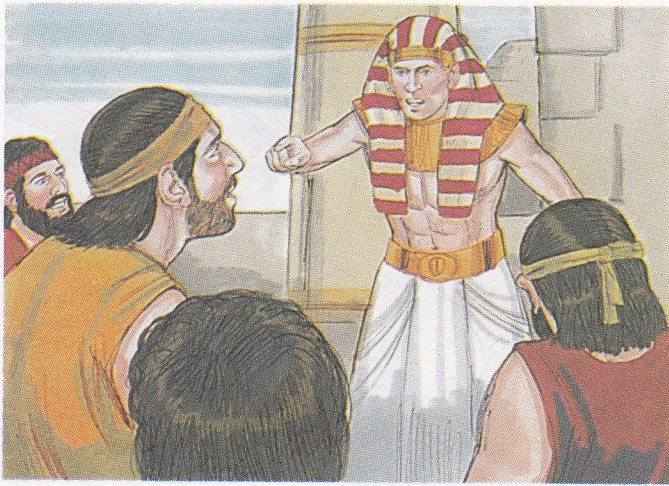
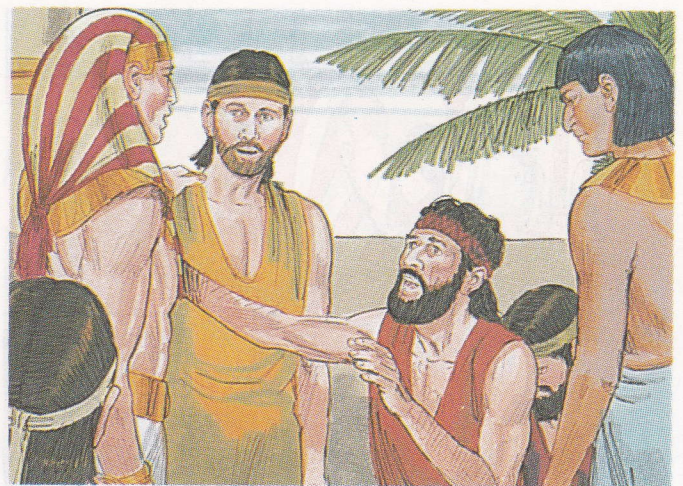


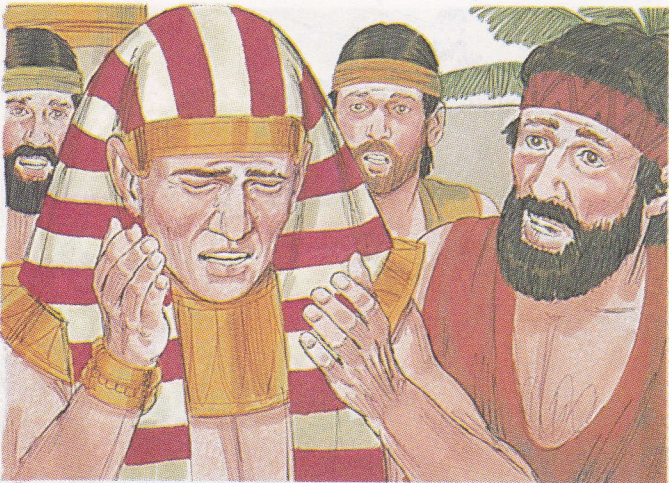
# “I Am Joseph”



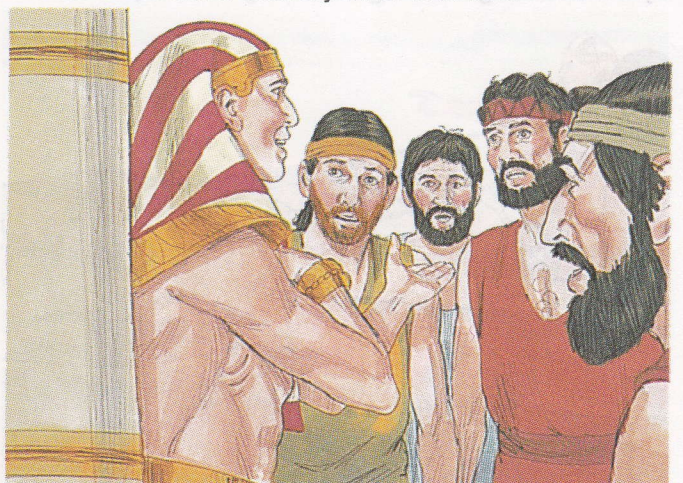
**1** Thinking they would be made slaves for stealing the Egyptian Prime Minister's silver cup, the sons of Jacob were surprised when they were told that all but Benjamin were free to return home.



**2** But Judah said to the Prime Minister, “Sir, if I go back without Benjamin, my father will die. I cannot face him without Benjamin. Let me stay here in his place and send him home with my other brothers.”



**3** At this point Joseph could no longer control his feelings, so he sent everyone out of the room except his brothers. He cried with such loud sobs that even the Egyptians outside could hear him.



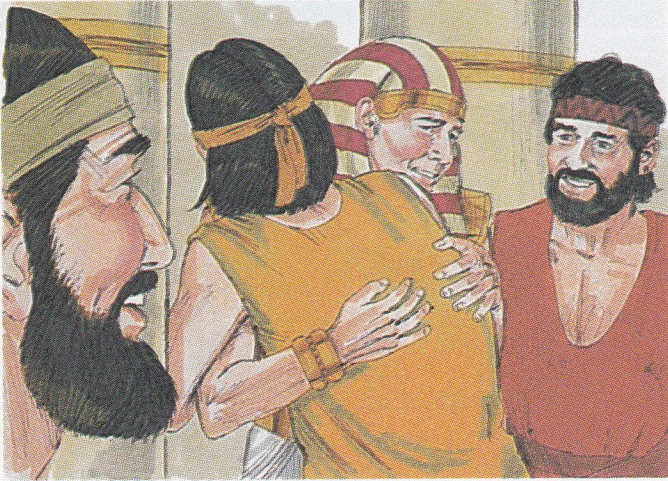
**4** Then he said to the sons of Jacob, “I am Joseph, your brother.” When they heard this they were so terrified that they could not answer.



**5** Then Joseph said, “Do not be upset or blame yourselves because you sold me here. It was really God who sent me here ahead of you to save your lives.”



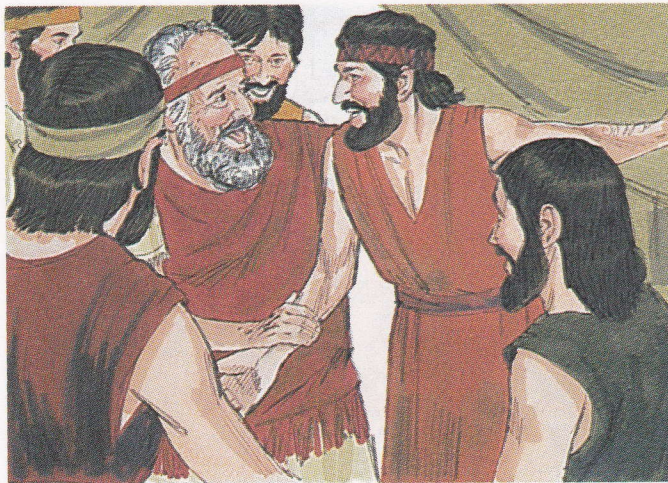
**6** “There will be five more years of famine, so go get our father and bring him here and live in the land of Goshen. Then I can take care of you during the famine so that you will not starve.”



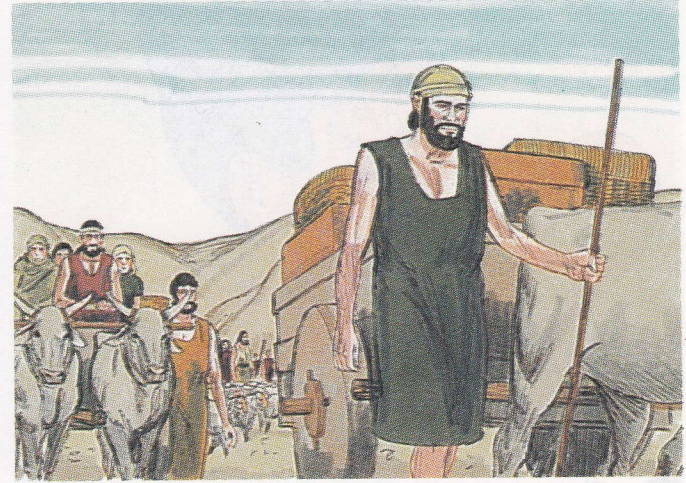
**7** Then Joseph threw his arms around Benjamin and began to cry. Benjamin also cried as he hugged his brother. Still weeping, Joseph hugged each of his other brothers and kissed them.



**8** The Pharaoh was pleased to learn that Joseph's brothers had come to Egypt. He invited them to bring their father and live there. So Joseph sent them home with gifts and food to get their father Jacob.



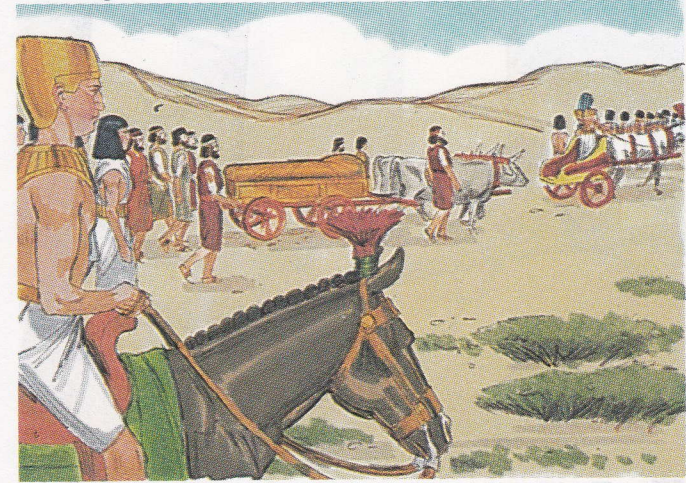
**9** As soon as they got back home, they told Jacob that Joseph was alive and was the ruler of all Egypt. Jacob was so surprised that he couldn't believe it at first. But finally he said, "I must go see Joseph."



**10** So Jacob loaded up all his possessions and his livestock and took his whole family to Egypt. The total number of descendants he took with him was 66, not counting his sons' wives.



**11** When Jacob arrived in Goshen, Joseph climbed into a chariot and went to meet him. Seeing his father for the first time after so many years, Joseph threw his arms around Jacob's neck and wept.



**12** After living in Egypt seventeen years, Jacob died. Joseph took Jacob's body back to Canaan to bury him beside his father Isaac and grandfather Abraham in the land God had promised him.