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Lesson Focus

Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph recognized his brothers and tested them to see if they were changed before he revealed who he was. The brothers bowed before Joseph just as he dreamed they would. Joseph forgave them because he realized that God had sent him to Egypt to save his family from the famine.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: Genesis 42:6–8, 42:17–20, 43:33–34, 44:1–4, 50:19–20

Grades 4–5: Genesis 46:3–4, 50:19–20

What You Heard in the Word

- Joseph tested his brothers to see if they were the same angry, jealous men who sold him into slavery. But they protected Benjamin when he was accused of stealing.
- Joseph forgave his brothers because he understood that God had a purpose for what they did to him. Joseph saved his family and many others from the famine.