Grades 3–5 · Hard

Joseph Forgives Worksheet

Hard: look up the answers in your Bible · Genesis 45:1–15

Name: _____ Date: _____

Look it up in your Bible

Read the verse, then write the answer on the line.

1. Who could not refrain himself? *Read Genesis 45:1.* _____
2. Who heard Joseph weep aloud? *Read Genesis 45:2.* _____
3. Why could his brothers not answer him? *Read Genesis 45:3.* _____
4. What had the brothers done to Joseph? *Read Genesis 45:4.* _____
5. Who did Joseph say sent him to Egypt? *Read Genesis 45:8.* _____
6. Where would Joseph's father dwell? *Read Genesis 45:10.* _____
7. Whose neck did Joseph fall upon? *Read Genesis 45:14.* _____
8. What did Joseph do to all his brethren? *Read Genesis 45:15.* _____

Memory verse

Write Genesis 45:5 from memory. The first letter of each word is given.

Now t _____ b ___ n ___ g _____ , n ___ a _____ w _____

y _____ , t _____ y ___ s _____ m ___ h _____ : f ___ G ___ d ___

s _____ m ___ b _____ y ___ t ___ p _____ l _____ . *Genesis 45:5 (KJV)*

Think about it

Joseph was kind to the brothers who sold him. Who can you forgive?

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Answer key

Look it up in your Bible

1. **Joseph** could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him. *(Genesis 45:1)*
2. **The Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh** heard. *(Genesis 45:2)*
3. They **were troubled at his presence**. *(Genesis 45:3)*
4. They **sold** him **into Egypt** ("whom ye sold into Egypt"). *(Genesis 45:4)*
5. **God**: "it was not you that sent me hither, but God." *(Genesis 45:8)*
6. **In the land of Goshen**, near unto Joseph. *(Genesis 45:10)*
7. His brother **Benjamin**'s neck, and they wept. *(Genesis 45:14)*
8. He **kissed all his brethren**, and wept upon them. *(Genesis 45:15)*

Memory verse

"Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life." *Genesis 45:5 (KJV)*

Think about it

Answers will vary (a brother or sister, a friend, a classmate). Joseph told his brothers not to be grieved or angry with themselves (Genesis 45:5) and kissed them all (Genesis 45:15). The Bible says, "be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another" (Ephesians 4:32).

For the teacher

Time: about 20 minutes · **Ages:** grades 3–5

- **Bibles:** each child (or each pair) needs a King James Bible open to Genesis 45.
- **Old Bible words explained:** refrain = hold back, brethren = brothers, grieved = sad, hither = here, posterity = family line, earing = plowing, tarry not = don't wait, nourish = feed and care for.
- **Talk about it:** Joseph said, "it was not you that sent me hither, but God" (Genesis 45:8), and he kissed all his brethren (Genesis 45:15). Ask kids to share their "think about it" answers.
- **Teach the story first:** use the free Joseph Forgives His Brothers Sunday school lesson at vbshq.com/lessons/joseph-forgives-his-brothers-lesson.

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