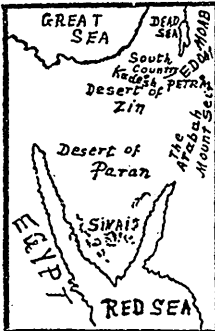


you . . . by a great deliverance (Rev. Ver.); literally "to be great company."

**III. JOSEPH'S INVITATION—9-11.** Haste ye . . . to my father. Joseph's circle of love is not complete. God hath made me lord; great news for an anxious father. Dwell in the land of Goshen; a rich pasture land in Egypt. Thou shalt be near . . . me. The whole family would be reunited. Will I nourish thee; keep them supplied with corn. Adversity has not soured, prosperity has not spoiled, time and absence have not dulled the heart of Joseph.

**12-15.** Behold, your eyes see. His brothers look bewildered as if it were all a dream too good to be true. Tell my father of . . . my glory; one of the finest touches in the story. He rejoices in thinking of Jacob's pride in his career. It is a happy son who can have the story of his life in a far land, carried home. His brethren talked; like brothers forgiven to a forgiving brother.

#### GEOGRAPHY LESSON



Politically, Egypt was a very old empire. Its rulers were called Pharaoh. This was not a proper name like Josiah or David, but a title name like King, Emperor, Czar, President. When Jacob and his people went down to Egypt, they really went to a shelter. Morally, Egypt was an improvement on Canaan where God's chosen people were exposed to the closest contact with heathenism. In Egypt, before

the oppression, they were left to increase as shepherd people. In the land of Goshen they not only increased in numbers, but maintained their faith and their traditions.

#### LESSON QUESTIONS

1, 2 What was it that broke down Joseph at last? Why did he put all onlookers out? When did Jesus do something like this? (Mark 5:40.)

3, 4 What was Joseph's first announcement? What was his first question? How did they feel at his announcement? Why?

4-8 What did Joseph say about their feeling? Whose purpose did he say they fulfilled? Why had God sent him to Egypt? Where does the psalmist speak of God's leading? (Ps. 23.) What does "father to Pharaoh" mean?

9-11 What was Joseph's message to his father? Where did he plan he should dwell in Egypt? What did Joseph plan to do for him during the famine?

12-15 What particularly did he wish to be told to his father? Upon whose neck did he fall? Who was Benjamin? How did he show his forgiveness of his brothers? What did the brothers do when they knew they were really forgiven?

#### FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did Joseph's brothers get off too easily?
2. Should deep feeling be expressed or repressed?

#### A PRAYER

Thou who didst plead on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," teach us the possibility and the glory of forgiving those who have wronged us. Show us the joy of opening our hearts to all about us and receiving them to our best. Because we love thee and thou dost love us Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That we should be forgiving.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection? A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

The Question on Missions—11. How is a visitor treated by the Indians? The visitor is treated kindly. If he asks for food or anything else the Indians have, it will be given cheerfully. But the Indian does not make any show of feeling. He says little, studies the visitor and tries to find out the kind of person he or she may be. The Indian is always reserved, and never shows surprise.

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe Joseph's making himself known to his brothers. ....
2. Why were they troubled when he made himself known? .....
3. How did Joseph remove their fears? .....

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