

But Joseph spoke kindly to them, saying, "Do not grieve because you sold me. God let you do it, that I might save grain here, to feed you and your children. Now make haste, and go to my father, and tell him that I have great riches and power in Egypt, and bring him here to live near me, and you, too, must come, and live near me, and bring also your flocks and your herds and your children with you, so that I may be able to feed you all, during the five years of famine that are yet to come." Then Joseph threw his arms around Benjamin's neck, and kissed him, and wept for joy, and he kissed his other brothers, too, and they felt no more afraid, but began to talk with him.

So Joseph's father and brothers came to live with him in Egypt, where they were very happy, until at last the old man died. Then the brothers once more began to fear Joseph's anger, and said to each other, "Perhaps Joseph has only been kind to us, to please our father. He may not have really forgiven us, and now that our father is dead, he will punish us." So they sent a messenger to Joseph, and told him to say, "Your father, before he died, told us to beg you to forgive us for the wicked way in which we once treated you."

Joseph wept when he heard this message: he was so sorry that his brothers thought he would ever be unkind to them. Soon, they themselves came, too, and falling down before him, asked his forgiveness. And Joseph said, "Do not be afraid; it was wrong to sell me, but God made the evil deed turn out for good, after all, for, as you know, I have been able to save you and many others from dying of hunger, and I shall still go on caring for you and your children."

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Pharaoh's dreams come true?
2. What did the people do then?
3. Who came, amongst others, to buy grain?
4. Why did the brothers not know Joseph?
5. Who knew them?
6. What did Joseph do one day?
7. How did the brothers feel?
8. How did Joseph comfort them?
9. What did he tell them to do?
10. What did he then do to his brothers?
11. What happened next?
12. What did the brothers do, when their father died?
13. How did

Joseph receive their message? 14. What did he say to the brothers themselves? 15. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Hymn

Through His name we are forgiven—

O how He loves!

Backward shall our foes be driven—

O how He loves!

Best of blessings He'll provide us,

Naught but good shall ere betide us!

Safe to glory He will guide us—

O how He loves! Amen.

—Hymn 542, Book of Praise

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—26. What did God say to Adam and Eve when He had placed them in the garden? God told Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree in the garden except one.

SHORTER CATECHISM—56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

#### The Question on Missions

6. What forms of mission work are carried on in Honan? The Canadian ministers and their Chinese helpers preach the gospel. At each station is a hospital, where a doctor treats free the sick and blind who come. Missionary ladies teach and minister to Chinese women and children. Schools are conducted.

#### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Joseph's brothers were very unkind to him, but he did not pay them back; he was as kind and good as if they had always been

*Be ye kind*

good to him. Copy the text, and think, as you do it, in how many ways a little girl or boy can be kind.

#### I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD LOVE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS