

## Lesson XII.

**JOSEPH CARES FOR HIS KINDRED**

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Genesis 47 : 1-12. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Matt. 7 : 7-12.

**Golden Text**—Honour thy father and mother.—Ephesians 6 : 2.

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**THE LESSON RETOLD**

When Pharaoh, king of Egypt, heard that Joseph's brothers had come down from Canaan to get food in Egypt, he told Joseph to fill their sacks with corn and to give them everything they needed, and send them home to bring their wives and children and their father Israel and come back to live in the land of Egypt, where there was plenty of food. Pharaoh told Joseph to give them wagons to bring their wives and their little ones.

Joseph gave the brothers clothing and food for their journey, and he sent a great many presents to his father and plenty of corn and meat to feed them all on the journey back to Egypt, and they started back to the land of Canaan.

At last after a long, tiresome journey they all came again to the land of Egypt.

Then Joseph told Pharaoh that his father and brothers and their wives and children with everything they owned had come to the land of Goshen and were waiting there to see

where Pharaoh wished them to live. And Joseph took five of his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh. Pharaoh talked to them and asked them what their occupation was, and they told him that they were shepherds and could not get food for their sheep in their own land. They asked Pharaoh to let them stay in the land of Goshen, where they might live by themselves and tend their sheep.

Pharaoh told Joseph to let them live in the very best part of the country, and he also told Joseph to let some of them take care of the flocks and herds that belonged to him.

Then Joseph brought his father to Pharaoh and Pharaoh talked to him, and then he gave Pharaoh his blessing and went back to the place where his sons were.

So Joseph made a home for his father and brothers and their families in the best part of the land where the pasture was the best and the water pure and plentiful for themselves and their flocks, and Joseph supplied them with what food they needed, and they were all very happy and prosperous in their new home. So you see all Joseph's dreams came true, and God blessed him because he obeyed the words of our Golden Text, "Honor thy father and mother." And this is how the children of Israel came to live in the land of Egypt.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What did Pharaoh say when he heard that Joseph's brothers had come down to Egypt to get corn? 2. What did Joseph give them for their journey? 3. To whom did he send a present? 4. Who came back to Egypt with Joseph's brothers? 5. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh? 6. Whom did Joseph present to Pharaoh? 7. What question did Pharaoh ask the five brothers? 8. What was their answer? 9. Where did

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