

# JOSEPH FORGAVE HIS BROTHERS

BABIES  
**UNIT 2**  
SESSION 2

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

### CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

*(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)*

Have you ever held a grudge against someone who wronged you? How did that make you feel? Was there a heaviness in your chest or racing thoughts about how you could get even? Unforgiveness can make you physically sick, emotionally weary, and spiritually distant from God.

Joseph had every reason to hold a grudge. His brothers abandoned him in a pit, sold him to traders, and misled their father about his disappearance (Genesis 37). As a result of their actions, Joseph endured slavery and imprisonment (Genesis 39–41). Unforgiveness for the injustice he suffered would be understandable, but Joseph chose a different path.

When Joseph's brothers feared retribution for their actions, Joseph responded with *nasah*, a Hebrew word for *forgive* that means "to lift or carry away." Through forgiveness, Joseph lifted and carried away the burden of his brothers' sins and the pain of his own suffering. He refused to allow himself or his family to be crushed under the weight of unforgiveness.

Family members sometimes hurt other family members. Forgiveness is not forgetting a past hurt but releasing that hurt to God and trusting His healing.

As you pray this week, ask God to forgive you for any ways you may have hurt people in your family. Pray for your family members by name, especially those who have hurt you. Ask God to empower you to love and care for your family by practicing forgiveness.

## TEACHER TIP

Babies should not be offered nursery snacks, unless approved by the parents first. Most babies are not given snacks until they can sit up unassisted or crawl.



### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God made families.

### LIFE POINT

Family members can love and care for one another.

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Genesis 37; 41:53-56; 42–43; 45; 46:28-34; 50:15-21

### BIBLE VERSE

Show love to one another.  
Romans 12:10

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