

He pretended he didn't know them, and accused them of being spies. He even hid treasures in their belongings, so when they got back home with the food he gave them, they would be terrified that he would accuse them of stealing from him.

He had great fun!

Which goes to show you, you should always be nice to your little brothers and sisters, because you never know what may happen in the years to come!

But, finally, he couldn't take it anymore. When his brothers came back a second time for more food, he was so overjoyed to see them, and especially his little brother Benjamin (who had stayed home with his father the first trip), that he finally told them who he was.

With tears in his eyes, Joseph hugged them all, and forgave them for the terrible thing they did to him all those years before.

He said to them, "What you meant for evil, God has meant for good! He sent me here to save your lives!"

Joseph was very wise indeed.

And so Joseph sent his brothers back to their father with the good news.

"Joseph is alive!" they told their father.

"My son is alive?!" Jacob said. He could hardly believe his ears. "I must see him before I die!"

And that is how Jacob and his sons and daughters and all his household came to live in the land of Egypt.

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THE POWER OF GOD

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JESUS FEEDS 5000

PART TWO

By Paul Dallgas-Frey

Moses was in trouble.

BIG trouble!

God had sent him to lead his people out of Egypt and back to the Promised Land. And, until now, things were going pretty well. Pharaoh finally let Moses and his people go. The Egyptians were so glad to see them leave, they piled their wagons and carts with treasures of silver and gold. And God himself was leading the way to the Promised Land as a great cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

But now Moses was standing on the shores of the Red Sea.

Behind him was the great multitude of God's people.

And behind THEM was the roar of Pharaoh's army, charging at them in a thundering cloud of sand and dust.

HOW DID MOSES GET HERE?

Well let me tell you ...

OUT OF EGYPT

Over 3,000 years ago...

“We are going to starve!”

“What are we going to do?!” Jacob's sons cried to their father.

A great famine had struck the land.

It wasn't great, like in, “this is really wonderful!” No, it was great, like in, “We just looked into our store houses and even the mice are packing their bags and scampering out to find food somewhere else!”

“There is food in Egypt,” Reuben said. “A very wise man there has stored up grain these last seven years. He has food enough for everyone in Egypt. If we go there, maybe he will be kind to us as well.”

So Jacob sent his sons down to Egypt to see if they could find food there.

They were in for a VERY big surprise.

That wise man in Egypt - was their little brother Joseph!

This didn't look good for Joseph's brothers.

Many years before, they had tried to kill their little brother.

They thought their father liked him best, and they were jealous. So one day, when Joseph came out to the country to look for them, they saw a chance to kill him without anyone knowing. But at the last minute, they sold him to an Egyptian who happened to be passing by. That was the last they thought they would ever see of him.

Now Joseph was the second most powerful man in all of Egypt - he was second in power only to Pharaoh himself. And his brothers were standing before him, begging for food.

Only they didn't recognize their long lost brother!

But Joseph recognized his brothers immediately.

At first, Joseph played a little trick on them.