



Bible Study Guide For All Ages

Remember It?

- Where did Joseph's brothers throw him? _____
- Where did Potiphar throw Joseph? _____

Write the correct number in the blank.

17 30 7 2 ?

- _____ Years that the cupbearer forgot about Joseph
- _____ Years with plenty of food in Egypt and Canaan
- _____ Joseph's age when he was sold as a slave
- _____ The amount of grain that Joseph stored during the years of plenty

Answers: 1) Gen 37:24 2) Gen 39:20 3) Gen 40:23-41:1 4) Gen 41:29 5) Gen 37:2 6) Gen 41:49

Memory Workout

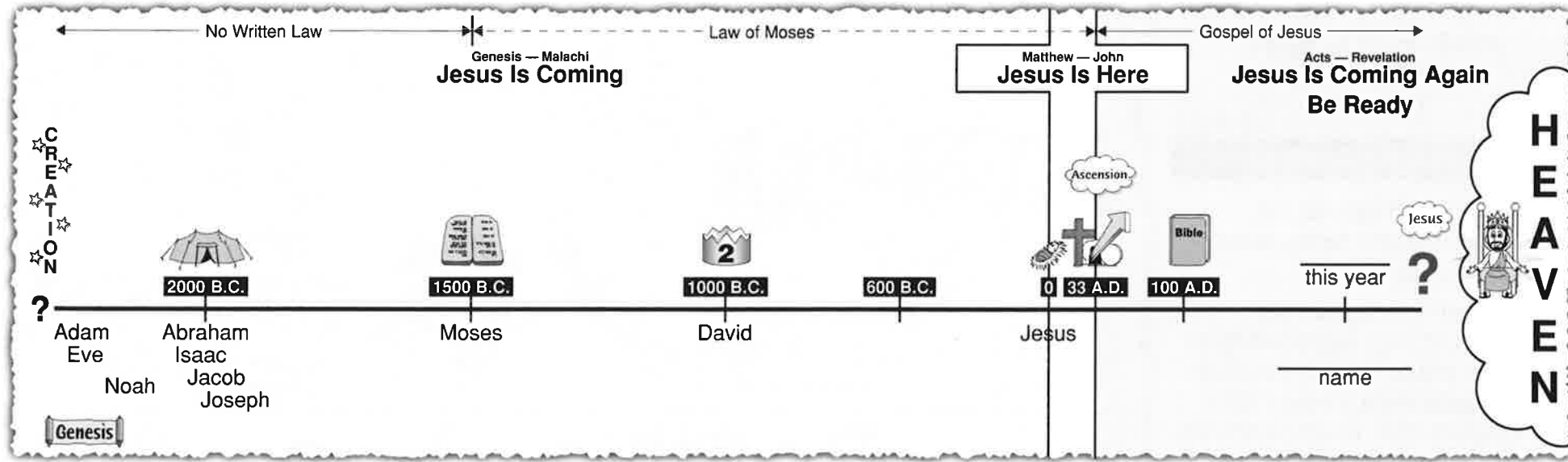
- Review the Genesis Bible Book Summary Card.
- Sing the song, "Twelve Sons of Jacob." *Disc 2, Track 40*

Guess What...

In the Old Testament, **Sheol** is the name of the place where all people go when they die. Sheol is often translated "grave."



Joseph was sold at age 17, made ruler in Egypt at age 30, and then there were 7 years of plenty before the famine. Joseph's brothers had not seen Joseph in over _____ years.



Time Line

- Write this year and your name in the blanks.
- Write a 1 beside the three people we read about in the first part of Genesis. Write a 2 beside the three people that are in the middle part of Genesis. Write a 3 beside the person we read about in the last part of Genesis.
- How many sons did Jacob have? Write this number on the time line.
- B.C. means _____ Jesus' birth.
- A.D. means _____ Jesus' birth.
- Label Jacob's youngest son.

Apply It!

- Read Genesis 42:21. Why do you think the brothers did not listen to Joseph when he was begging them for his life?
- What is God saying to you for your life? Answer using the word "I" or "me."

- Who do you care about most, yourself when you are hurting or someone else when they are hurting? Why do you think that, often, we are not very good at listening to others?
- Talk to God about what he has taught you in this lesson.

Get Active

Divide into groups of 2 or 3 and write down some situations when you can be a better listener to people who are hurting, lonely or in trouble.

Take a couple of minutes to make up a skit showing a way you can listen to others.

Perform your skit for the rest of the group.

Brothers Go to Egypt to Buy Food
Genesis 42

Discover the Bible

Teacher: Paraphrase 42:1-5.

1. **Why** did Jacob's family need food from Egypt?

2. Did Joseph recognize his brothers? Did they recognize him? Underline *yes* or *no* in the bubbles. In the shaded area, circle a letter and a picture that, when combined, form the word that belongs in the blank.

3. Underline the correct number or word in the parentheses. Above the prison, shade the lines to show how many days the brothers were in prison.

4. Circle the dot beside each of Joseph's instructions.

5. Read the Bible verse. Draw what Joseph did when he turned away from his brothers. Label the brother who was kept in prison.

6. **Why** do you think Joseph was treating his brothers this way?

Teacher: Paraphrase 42:27-38.

7. In the bubble, write who the brothers thought was doing these things to them. On the sign, label the land. Circle the correct underlined words. Draw what each brother found in his sack. Mark out what Jacob did *not* say.

1 Buy grain from Egypt! **42:1-5**

Why?

2 You are _____!

yes/no

yes/no

42:6-12

s c e m

3 We were (10 11 12) brothers. One is with our father. The other is no more.

Prove it! You stay in (prison Canaan). Send one to get your brother.

days

4 **42:18-20**

- Five of you get flogged.
- One of you stay in prison.
- The rest of you feed your family.
- Bring back the youngest brother.
- Give me your sandals and walk barefoot in the desert.

5 I told you! **42:21-24**

Genesis 42:21 Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that's why this distress has come upon us.

6 Put \$ back in sacks. **42:25-26**

Why?

7 **42:27-38**

Everything is going my way!
Life is beautiful!
Everything is against me!
Benjamin will not go!