

Script – Joseph is Kind to His Brothers

Narrator: The governor of Egypt spoke kindly to the people who came to buy food.

Joseph: [to himself] I'm glad God warned Pharaoh that there was going to be a famine so that we could store up food ahead of time.

Narrator: Joseph looked carefully at the strangers that bowed before him.

Joseph: [to himself] These men are my brothers!

Narrator: He remembered his dreams about his brothers bowing to him.

Joseph: [to himself] They won't recognize me now. [Now out loud to his bowing brothers] Where are you from?

Narrator: Joseph spoke to his brothers in Egyptian. He used an interpreter to explain his words to the brothers.

Brother 1: [still bowing] from Canaan.

Narrator: Joseph remembered how his brothers had sold him as a slave, twenty years earlier.

Joseph: [strongly] You are spies!

Brother 2: [sitting up and with feeling] Oh, no! We are all brothers. A younger brother is at home and another brother is dead.

Joseph: [strongly] You are spies!

Narrator: Joseph had the soldiers put the brothers in prison. Three days later, Joseph called the men before him.

Joseph: [still speaking through an interpreter] I will let you take food to your families, but one of you must stay here in prison till you return with your younger brother. When I see the younger brother, then I will know that you are telling the truth.

Brother 1: [afraid] This trouble has come because what we did to Joseph.

Ruben: Didn't I tell you not to harm him?

Narrator: The brothers did not know that the governor could hear and understand them, or that he was their brother Joseph. When the brother got home, they told their father what had happened.

Brother 2: The ruler thought we were spies.

Narrator: When they opened their food sacks, each man found his money in the sack.

Brother 1: [questioning] What can it mean?

Narrator: Many weeks later, all of their food was nearly gone. The brothers hurried back to Egypt for more food.

Ruben: We must take good care of Benjamin. If anything happens to him, I don't know what father will do.

[scene changes back to Egypt, in front of the steward of Joseph's home]

Brother 2: Sir, when we got home, we found the money we paid for the food in the sacks. We don't know how it got there. Here it is.

Steward: Don't worry you paid your money.

Joseph: [coming up to the brothers] Is your father well?

Brother 1: Yes, our father is well. Here is our youngest brother.

Narrator: When Joseph saw his younger brother, he had to hurry from the room to hide his tears. After he washed his face, he hurried back to his brothers.

Joseph: [to his steward] Fill the men's sacks with food and put each mans money back into the sack. [steward nods] Take my silver cup and place it in Benjamin's sack.

Narrator: The brothers went on their way back to their home. Early the next morning, Joseph's steward caught up with the brothers on the way.

Steward: [angry] Why have you taken the governor's silver cup?

Brother 1: [looking puzzled] We would not steal. Search us. If you find the cup, we will serve you.

Steward: Let the one that has the cup serve my master!

Narrator: He opened Ruben's sack first, because he was the oldest. The brothers watched has he searched each sack. When, at last, the steward opened Benjamin's sack, there was the shiny silver cup.

[scene change back to Joseph's home. All the brothers are together in front of Joseph]

Judah: [kneeling before Joseph] Sir, our father is very old. He still misses Joseph. If anything happens to Benjamin, our father may die. I promised to bring him home safely. Let Benjamin go and I will be your servant.

Joseph: [crying] I am your brother Joseph.

Narrator: The brothers stared at him in fear.

Joseph: Don't be afraid. God has made me a ruler here. Bring my father and your families here to Egypt where there is plenty of food.

Narrator: Joseph cried and kissed his brothers and forgave them.

The End