

Read Genesis 42:1-7

- 1 When Jacob heard that grain was available in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why are you standing around looking at one another?"
- 2 I have heard there is grain in Egypt. Go down there, and buy enough grain to keep us alive. Otherwise we'll die."
- 3 So Joseph's ten older brothers went down to Egypt to buy grain.
- 4 But Jacob wouldn't let Joseph's younger brother, Benjamin, go with them, for fear some harm might come to him.
- 5 So Jacob's sons arrived in Egypt along with others to buy food, for the famine was in Canaan as well.
- 6 Since Joseph was governor of all Egypt and in charge of selling grain to all the people, it was to him that his brothers came. When they arrived, they bowed before him with their faces to the ground.
- 7 Joseph recognized his brothers instantly, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. "Where are you from?" he demanded. "From the land of Canaan," they replied. "We have come to buy food."

When Jacob was still living in Canaan where the famine was going on, what did he hear (v. 1)? He heard there was grain in Egypt they could buy.

What did Jacob do (2)? He sent Joseph's older brothers to Egypt to buy some grain.

What about Joseph's younger brother Benjamin (v. 4)? Jacob would not let Benjamin go because he was afraid something bad might happen to him.

What did Joseph's brothers do when they arrived in Egypt and went to buy grain from Joseph (v. 6)? They bowed down before Joseph with their faces to the ground.

Joseph hadn't seen his brothers in 15 years. Did Joseph recognize his brothers (v. 7)? Yes, right away.

How did Joseph respond to his brothers? He pretended he didn't know them and talked mean to them.

How did the brothers answer Joseph's questions? They were from Canaan and wanted to buy some grain.

Do you think the brothers were nervous or scared?