

Read Genesis 45:12-20

**12** Then Joseph added, “Look! You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that I really am Joseph!

**13** Go tell my father of my honored position here in Egypt. Describe for him everything you have seen, and then bring my father here quickly.”

**14** Weeping with joy, he embraced Benjamin, and Benjamin did the same.

**15** Then Joseph kissed each of his brothers and wept over them, and after that they began talking freely with him.

**16** The news soon reached Pharaoh’s palace: “Joseph’s brothers have arrived!” Pharaoh and his officials were all delighted to hear this.

**17** Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Tell your brothers, “This is what you must do: Load your pack animals, and hurry back to the land of Canaan.

**18** Then get your father and all of your families, and return here to me. I will give you the very best land in Egypt, and you will eat from the best that the land produces.”

**19** Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Tell your brothers, “Take wagons from the land of Egypt to carry your little children and your wives, and bring your father here.

**20** Don’t worry about your personal belongings, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.”

**What was the message Joseph was trying to send to his brothers (v. 12)?** It really is me, your long-lost brother.

**What did he tell the brothers to do (v. 13)?** Tell my father how important I am in Egypt. And bring him here quickly.

**Why was it important that his father know how important Joseph was?** So he would feel protected, knowing no harm would come to him and his family.

**What did he and his brothers do next (vv. 14-15)?** They cried and hugged each other and talked together.

**Who heard about his brothers next (v. 16)?** Pharaoh and his officials.

**What did they think about Joseph’s brothers arriving?** They thought it was great!

**What did Pharaoh tell Joseph to do (v. 17)?** Tell your brothers to load up their donkeys and go back to Canaan.

**What did Pharaoh promise Joseph’s family when they returned to Egypt (v. 18)?** He would give them the best place to live where they could grow all their food.

**What did Pharaoh tell Joseph to do next (v. 19)?** Take some of my wagons to Canaan and bring your wives and children back here.

**What was the last thing Pharaoh told Joseph to do (v. 20)?** Don’t worry about your personal things. You can have anything you want when you get to Egypt.