

Read Genesis 45:21-28

21 So the sons of Jacob did as they were told. Joseph provided them with wagons, as Pharaoh had commanded, and he gave them supplies for the journey.

22 And he gave each of them new clothes—but to Benjamin he gave five changes of clothes and 300 pieces of silver.

23 He also sent his father ten male donkeys loaded with the finest products of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and other supplies he would need on his journey.

24 So Joseph sent his brothers off, and as they left, he called after them, “Don’t quarrel about all this along the way!”

25 And they left Egypt and returned to their father, Jacob, in the land of Canaan.

26 “Joseph is still alive!” they told him. “And he is governor of all the land of Egypt!” Jacob was stunned at the news—he couldn’t believe it.

27 But when they repeated to Jacob everything Joseph had told them, and when he saw the wagons Joseph had sent to carry him, their father’s spirits revived.

28 Then Jacob exclaimed, “It must be true! My son Joseph is alive! I must go and see him before I die.”

What did Joseph give his brothers for the trip back home to Canaan (vv. 21-22)? Wagons and supplies and new clothes.

Why did he give Benjamin more clothes and money? He loved Benjamin more than the other brothers who had sold him into slavery.

Why was that not a good idea? It was favoritism. The very same thing his dad had done to him which caused all the trouble.

What did Joseph send his father (v. 23)? (Read) Things Jacob would need for his trip to Egypt.

What were Joseph’s instructions to his brothers as they left on their journey (v. 24)? Don’t argue.

Why do you think they might argue with each other? They might blame each other for the way they had treated Joseph when they had sold him into slavery.

When the brothers got home and told Jacob that Joseph was alive, how did he react (v. 26)? He was shocked. He didn’t believe them.

What did the brothers do to prove that Joseph was still alive (v. 27)? They told him all that Joseph said to them and showed him the wagons and supplies that Joseph had given them to come back to Egypt.

How did Jacob react to the brothers’ story (v. 28)? He believed them and wanted to go to Egypt quickly so he could see his son.