

Read Genesis 48:8-14

**8** Then Jacob looked over at the two boys. "Are these your sons?" he asked.

**9** "Yes," Joseph told him, "these are the sons God has given me here in Egypt." And Jacob said, "Bring them closer to me, so I can bless them."

**10** Jacob was half blind because of his age and could hardly see. So, Joseph brought the boys close to him, and Jacob kissed and embraced them.

**11** Then Jacob said to Joseph, "I never thought I would see your face again, but now God has let me see your children, too!"

**12** Joseph moved the boys, who were at their grandfather's knees, and he bowed with his face to the ground.

**13** Then he positioned the boys in front of Jacob. With his right hand he directed Ephraim toward Jacob's left hand, and with his left hand he put Manasseh at Jacob's right hand.

**14** But Jacob crossed his arms as he reached out to lay his hands on the boys' heads. He put his right hand on the head of Ephraim, though he was the younger boy, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, though he was the firstborn.

**When Jacob saw Joseph's two sons what did he say (v. 8)?** He asked Joseph if the boys were Joseph's sons.

**Why didn't Jacob know who they were?** He had never seen them before. They were born to Joseph and his wife while he was in Egypt.

**What did Jacob ask Joseph to do (v. 9)?** Bring the boys closer so he could give them the family blessing.

**Why did Jacob ask Joseph to bring the boys closer to him (v. 10)?** Jacob was old and couldn't see very well. He was half blind.

**How did Jacob treat the boys?** He hugged them and kissed them. He loved them. They were the grandsons of his favorite son.

**Why was Joseph so happy (v. 11)?** He thought he would never see Joseph again but he got to see not only Joseph but his sons also.

**What did Joseph do next (vv. 12-13)?** (Read) He put Manasseh near Jacob's right hand. Manasseh was the oldest and he would get the family blessing. He put Ephraim near Jacob's left hand.

**What did Jacob do next (v. 14)?** He crossed his hands and put his right hand, the blessing hand, on Ephraim the youngest.