

Read Genesis 50:1-6

**1** Joseph threw himself on his father and wept over him and kissed him.

**2** Then Joseph told the physicians who served him to embalm his father's body; so, Jacob was embalmed.

**3** The embalming process took the usual forty days. And the Egyptians mourned his death for seventy days.

**4** When the period of mourning was over, Joseph approached Pharaoh's advisers and said, "Please do me this favor and speak to Pharaoh on my behalf.

**5** Tell him that my father made me swear an oath. He said to me, 'Listen, I am about to die. Take my body back to the land of Canaan, and bury me in the tomb I prepared for myself.' So please allow me to go and bury my father. After his burial, I will return without delay."

**6** Pharaoh agreed to Joseph's request. "Go and bury your father, as he made you promise," he said.

**When his father died, what did Joseph do (v. 1)?** He hugged his father and kissed him and cried over him. Joseph was very sad that his father had died.

**What did Joseph tell the doctors to do (v. 2)?** He told them to wrap up and preserve Jacob's body to get ready for the funeral.

**How long did that take (v. 3)?** Forty days

**How long did the Egyptians mourn Jacob' death?** Seventy days.

**Why do you think the Egyptians mourned Jacob's death since he was Jewish and they were Gentiles?** This shows the great respect the Egyptians had for Joseph but also for Jacob because he was Joseph's father.

**When the period of mourning was over, what did Joseph do next (v. 4)?** He talked to Pharaoh's advisors and explained the dying wishes of his father. He gave them a message for Pharaoh.

**What message did Joseph ask Pharaoh's advisers to take to Pharaoh (v. 5)?** Ask Pharaoh if he could go back to the Promised Land of Canaan and bury his father in their special family cave. Then he would come back to Egypt.

**What did Pharaoh say (v. 6)?** You can go since you promised your father you would take his body back home.