Read Genesis 50:22-26

- **22** So Joseph and his brothers and their families continued to live in Egypt. Joseph lived to the age of 110.
- **23** He lived to see three generations of descendants of his son Ephraim, and he lived to see the birth of the children of Manasseh's son Makir, whom he claimed as his own.
- **24** "Soon I will die," Joseph told his brothers, "but God will surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."
- **25** Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, and he said, "When God comes to help you and lead you back, you must take my bones with you."
- **26** So Joseph died at the age of 110. The Egyptians embalmed him, and his body was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Did Joseph ever leave Egypt and go back to the Promised Land (v. 22)? No. He lived in Egypt for the rest of his life.

How old was Joseph when he died? 110

How many grandchildren and great grandchildren did Joseph have when he was still alive (v. 23)? Lots and lots from the families of his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim.

What did Joseph tell his brothers (v. 24)? That he was going to die soon but God would take care of them. God promised to take their descendants out of Egypt and back to the Promised Land to live (<u>Genesis 15:13-16</u>). Joseph was probably the first of the brothers to die.

Why was the land of Canaan called the Promised Land? Because God had promised to Abraham, who was the first Jew, that He would give the Jewish people the land of Canaan to live in forever.

What did Joseph make his brothers do (v. 25)? He made them promise that they would take his bones back to the Promised Land and bury him there.

What happened when Joseph died (v. 26)? The Egyptians wrapped and preserved his body just like they did with Jacob. Then they put his body in a casket until they could take his body back to the land of Canaan.