



## ***March Theme***

**We are family!**

## ***Monthly Memory Verse***

“Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!” [Psalm 144:15b](#)

## ***Monthly Challenge Verse***

“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- [Genesis 12:3](#)

## ***March 5 - Life Application***

**God's perfect family is all about Jesus! ([Genesis 46](#))**

**Parents:** This month, we are learning about **God's perfect family**, and how He protected and cared for them through His Providence. We also see that He blesses us in many ways-through His plan for our families, and by blessing us through parents and grandparents. **This week, we learn that Jacob's family is Jesus's family**, and that God saved them through Joseph so that Jesus could be born and live in this world, and then die for our sins. After listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. [Read pages 114-115 together in The Action Bible](#), and use [Genesis 46](#) in your Bible for reference.

1. God spoke to Jacob (Israel) in Beersheba on his way to be with Joseph in Egypt. Read [Genesis 46:1-3](#). **What did He say to Jacob?** (*That He would be with Jacob and his family, and that they should not be afraid. Also, that He would make them into a great nation.*)
2. Read [verse 4](#). **What else did he promise Jacob?** (*That He would go with Jacob to Egypt, and that Jacob would see Joseph again before he died.*)
3. **What did Jacob take with him?** (*His wives, his children and grandchildren, his livestock, his servants, and everything he owned.*)
4. Read [verses 26-27](#). **How many in all came to live in Egypt?** (70)
5. Read [verses 29-30](#). Finally, Joseph sees his father again in Goshen and he weeps with happiness! **How do we know that Jacob is also happy?** (*Jacob says that he can die now because he has seen Joseph and knows he is alive.*)
6. **How did Joseph provide for Jacob and his family?** (*By making sure they had land in Goshen, which was the perfect place for shepherds to raise their sheep.*)

### LET'S DIG DEEPER

**Remember we talked about God's providence?** Here is how it played out for Jacob's family:

- Not only did God care for Jacob's 70 family members and give them a good place to live in Egypt, **He also provided for them and protected them for the next 400 years until the Promised Land** (promised by God to Abraham) was ready for them!

- Without Joseph going through many trials and suffering in order to become the Prime Minister in Egypt, **he would not have been able to save and protect his family.**
- Without Joseph, the tribes of Jacob's sons would not have been able to survive the famine to live to see the Promised Land, and **Jesus would not have been born into the tribe of Judah!**
- Do you see **God's perfect plan for this family, the great nation He had promised to Abraham?** It's all about Jesus!
- Finally, **we are all part of God's perfect family**, through our relationships with Jesus!

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

Introduce this month's verse. **Take a walk together outside** and think of all the ways God has blessed your family. As you walk, take turns thanking Him. **Together, create a poster with this month's verse and put it up somewhere in your home.**

### PRAYER

*Dear God, We know that You cared for Joseph's family, and You also care for our family. We know You are always with us. Help us to honor You with our lives every day! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*