

Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Family Reunion

Shalom children! Today we will talk more about Yoseph. **(Place Yoseph on board.)** Yahweh sure was looking out for him! Do you think it was because Yoseph stayed faithful and obedient to Yahweh? I think so. Yoseph didn't get to where he was by himself, but it did help that he always trusted Yahweh. Last week, we talked about the dreams Pharaoh had and how Yoseph told Pharaoh what they meant, which led to Yoseph being promoted to second in charge. **(Place Pharaoh on board.)** Yoseph also ended up getting married **(place Yoseph's wife on board)** and having 2 sons, Menashsheh and Ephrayim. **(Place Yoseph's sons on board.)** Yoseph set his plan in place of saving up grain for 7 years so that when the bad years came, there would be plenty to eat. Now we are going to talk about something that happened during the 7 bad years.

(Remove all characters from board.)

Not only was food hard to grow in Mitsrayim, but all the cities around Mitsrayim were also having a hard time growing enough to eat. So, people came to Yoseph to buy food. Well, Yoseph's father heard that there was food to be purchased in Mitsrayim, so he sent 10 of his sons to go buy some. **(Place 10 older brothers on board.)** He did not send his youngest son, Binyamin, because he was afraid that something bad would happen to him just like Yoseph. **(Place Binyamin on board.)**

Yoseph's 10 brothers came to Mitsrayim and bought lots of grain for the family. **(Place pyramids on board by the brothers.)** They did not know at first that they were buying from Yoseph. **(Place Yoseph on board next to the brothers.)** After testing his brothers to see if they had become better men, Yoseph told them who he was. They were afraid at first, but then they had a happy reunion with lots of hugs. **(Place brothers embracing scene on board.)**

Pharaoh was happy that Yoseph's family had found him. He told Yoseph that he should bring his whole family to live in Mitsrayim close to him. He even told Yoseph to send donkeys **(place donkeys on board)** and wagons **(place wagons on board)** and food **(place food on board)** so that his father and the other members of the family could come to Mitsrayim.



He told them not to worry about bringing all their stuff, because Pharaoh would make sure they had plenty of new stuff. **(Place happy emoji on board.)** Man, that sure is a nice Pharaoh! Do you think Pharaoh was extra nice because Yoseph had saved all of Mitsrayim with his big idea? I think so. He was probably very thankful to Yoseph for making sure that his family was safe from going hungry, and now he wanted to make sure Yoseph's family was safe from being hungry too. **(Place thankful emoji on board.)**

Yoseph did what Pharaoh said and sent his brothers back home with food and wagons. He gave 1 piece of clothing to each brother for the trip **(place 10 robes on board)**, but to his little brother Binyamin, he gave 5 pieces of clothing. **(Place 5 robes on board.)** He also gave him 300 pieces of silver. **(Place silver money bag on board.)** Wow, that's a lot of money! He also told the brothers not to argue. **(Place angry emoji on board.)** He must have remembered that his brothers sometimes got angry and got into trouble. Maybe he didn't want them trying to take the silver from Binyamin. Well, off the brothers went to tell their father about Yoseph. **(Remove Yoseph from board.)**

When the brothers finally made it back to their father Ya'aqob **(place Ya'aqob and tent on board)**, they were excited to tell him that Yoseph was not dead, but that he was a ruler in Mitsrayim. Ya'aqob didn't believe them at first, but then he saw all the things that the brothers had brought back, and he knew it was true. He was so excited; he was ready to pack his stuff and go. **(Point to happy emoji.)**

Ya'aqob then gave thanks to Yahweh and made an offering. **(Place altar on board next to Ya'aqob.)** Yahweh reassured Ya'aqob that he was doing the right thing by going to Mitsrayim and that Yahweh would be with him there just like He was with him in Kena'an. Ya'aqob was happy to be able to go see his son Yoseph, so he rose up, and he and all the families made the journey to Mitsrayim. **(Place Yoseph on board and move Ya'aqob next to him.)** That must have been a beautiful family reunion to see!

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

