

Wild Places Kid Studies

Week 2: Not Tame

Memory Verse: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Paraphrased for kids: Be strong and have courage; do not be afraid for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go

The Israelites, God's chosen people lived in Egypt. They were brought there by Joseph to save them from dying of starvation. (we will hear more about that in Lessons 4 & 7) Joseph was sold to traders by his own brothers because they were jealous of him. Joseph was his father's favorite son and that made his brothers mad!

Some of his brothers wanted to kill him, but they finally decided just to sell him to traders going to Egypt. When they arrived in Egypt with Joseph, he was sold to a rich man named Potiphar. (Gen. 39)

Ask your parents to read you Joseph's whole story...it is an amazing one and it is found in Gen. 37-50.

However, long story-short...eventually, after many years and trials, he ended up as Pharaoh's (the King of Egypt) right hand man. He was given control over ALL the food in Egypt and Egypt was one of the only countries at this time to have food.

Joseph found out that his family was starving and instead of holding a grudge and staying angry, he decided to forgive his brothers and give them food.

That takes faith and courage!! He also moved his whole family to Egypt where Pharaoh gave them the land of Goshen. Goshen was the most fertile, green, beautiful land in Egypt.

This is how God's people ended up in Egypt.

They were in Egypt for 400 years. Over these years the Egyptians forgot about Joseph and began treating the Israelites very bad. They were made slaves and worked very hard!! They cried out to God.

He sent Moses who rescued them and took them to the wilderness. (remember our story from last week?)

Joseph had faith and courage to save his people and forgive his brothers.

Moses had courage to face Pharaoh and save God's people.

Do you have courage? Could you forgive your brothers (or sisters)?

Do you have the courage to do what God asks of you?

God is good and He gives us the courage we need.