

Wild Places Kid Studies

Week 4: Dothan

Memory Verse: "And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength"

Mark 12:30

We are back to Joseph this week! His life has so many lessons for us. Remember when his brothers sold him to traders? The beginning of this part of the story is that Jacob, Joseph's father, sent him out to find his brothers who were out tending to the family flocks. Joseph finally found his brothers at Dothan.

When he found his brothers, they were not happy to see him. The Bible says that they hated him and were jealous of him. (Gen.37:4-5) They talked about killing him but the oldest talked his brothers into throwing him into a well or cistern instead. They stripped off Joseph's fancy coat and threw him in the well. Then they sat down and had a meal together, not far from the well.

Read *Joseph Forgives His Brothers*

Could you forgive your brothers if they took your favorite shirt and threw you in a hole?

If you could hear them eating and talking like normal while you were in the well, could you forgive them?

When they sold you to traders from a far away country could you forgive them?

Who do you need to forgive?

If Joseph could forgive his brothers for such a bad thing can you forgive a brother, sister, friend, or parent?

Did you know that Jesus asked God to forgive the people that were crucifying him to be forgiven as they were hurting Him?

We can forgive the people in our lives if Jesus and Joseph could forgive the people who hurt them.