

*Biblical Drama based on Genesis 45:4-20, 25-28**Character Parts: Narrators 1-4, Pharaoh, Servant, Joseph, Benjamin, Levi, Reuben, Judah*

Narrator 1: Several years after being sold by his brothers and serving as a slave in Egypt, Joseph had become a powerful man. God did not forget him, but raised him up to a very important position.

Pharaoh: Joseph, since God is with you and you have helped us prepare for this famine, I am making you governor, second only to me. In many lands, all the plants have dried up in the heat. But here in Egypt, because of you, we have plenty of grain to eat! (*Pharaoh leaves*)

Servant: Pardon me, Governor, but you have some visitors. They appear to be the same men who came to see you a short time ago, sir. They are from the land of Canaan, I believe.

Joseph: Send them in!

Reuben: (*whispering*) I told you this was a bad idea, Judah. Your plans always get us into trouble! What if this Egyptian governor is angry with us for pestering him? What will he do to us?

Joseph: Welcome, welcome! Please, come closer. Make yourselves comfortable. Servants, you may go. I have important business to discuss with these men.

Judah: You do, sir?

Joseph: Oh yes, I do.

Reuben: What could he mean? He looks upset.

Joseph: (*pausing and clearing his throat*) Don't you recognize me? I am Joseph, the brother you sold into slavery all those years ago.

Benjamin: Joseph? Is it you?

Levi: Oh no. We're in big trouble now!

Judah: Now he has the chance to get us back for what we did to him!

Reuben: (*to Judah*) It was all your fault!

Joseph: Brothers, don't be angry with yourselves for what you did. God has been with me all this time. In fact, it was God who sent me here in the first place, in order to save many lives. The famine, which has come to your land and my land, is going to last five more years.

Reuben: Five years of famine! We'll starve!

Joseph: No you won't. I can help you! Go home and tell our father that I'm alive and doing well. Then bring him and everyone else to Egypt, including all of our family's sheep! I will take care of you all.

Benjamin: Oh, Joseph, I've missed you so much! This is a miracle!

Narrator 2: Little Benjamin ran to hug his older brother, and soon everyone was talking at once. Hearing about the reunion of Joseph and his brothers, Pharaoh and his servants were happy for Joseph — so happy, that they decided to help out, as well.

Pharaoh: Servants, find some wagons for Joseph's brothers. Those will help make their move easier. And tell the men that I will gladly give them the best land in Egypt when they return!

Narrator 3: So, Joseph's brothers were outfitted with clothes, wagons, and food. In addition, Joseph gave his younger brother Benjamin three hundred shekels of silver, as well as some donkeys and other provisions.

Judah: Thank you so much for everything.

Joseph: You're welcome. Good-bye, everyone. Travel safely. And one last thing: Please don't fight along the way. And don't throw anyone into a pit!

Narrator 4: Everything happened just as God revealed. When the famine came, Egypt was prepared. Joseph opened the storehouses and sold the grain, and people from all over the world came to Egypt for food.