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V-21 News

It's All About Jesus!

We've been talking a lot about Jesus this week, because it's all about Him! Yes, our Vacation Bible School is all about Him, but so is the whole Bible. All the stories in the Bible can teach us about Jesus or point us to Him. Ever since Adam and Eve fell into sin and ruined the world, God has been fulfilling His promise to send a Saviour. The whole Bible is about how God kept that promise and is keeping it still.

So when we read or hear our stories this week, we have been asking: *How can this story teach us about Jesus?* And they have! And we grow in faith in Jesus and in appreciation for all that He has done for us. That He is our brother who loves us very, very much.

SPECIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK

Wow, our vase is getting full! Your children are doing a great job of filling it up. I think this is going to cost pastor a lot of money! That's great! Keep up the good work! That means we can help buy more Bibles and Bible Story books for children around the world in their own languages.

During VBS tomorrow we'll count up all the money and let you know how much we gathered in tomorrow's newspaper.

Keep us the good work!

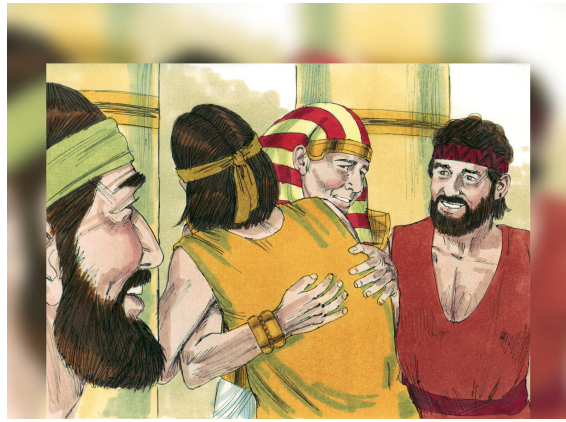
Parents' Column

What is one of the most important things a parent can do to teach their children God's love? *It is to ask your children for forgiveness!* Some parents won't do that or are ashamed to do that, but your children know you are a sinner too (they really do!) and that you need forgiveness too. Asking for forgiveness is powerful and will make a deep impression on your children. And then they get to forgive you just as Jesus forgave them. Try it!



Remember to bring quarters tomorrow!

V-21! Our victory has been won!



Joseph Forgives His Brothers

The story of Joseph is a remarkable one. It spans many chapters in Genesis, from 37-50. We weren't able to read it all in VBS, but you could with your children! ;-)

Joseph's forgiveness for his brothers is the climax of the story and is truly amazing. But it points us to Jesus' forgiveness for His brothers (us!), which is even greater and more amazing.

Forgiveness isn't easy. In fact, it's quite hard. I'm sure it was hard for Joseph, and think about how hard it was for Jesus - He had to hang on the cross to pay for the sins of all people in all the world for our forgiveness. How hard was that! But He wanted to. That's how much He loves us.

Sometimes people think that to forgive means that you have to forget, and if you haven't forgotten, you haven't really forgiven. NO! We can't control what we remember or not. I wish I could! So many things I'd like to remember, I forget; and so many things I want to forget, I remember! Forgiveness, rather, is maybe remembering the sin, but letting it go, not holding it against the other person. It is not to take revenge, but to love.

Adelphos

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Each day we're learning how to say the word brother in other languages - the same kind of languages the children speak who we will be helping provide Bibles and Bible story books to. Today we learned *adelphos* (Greek) and *bror* (Norwegian). This makes nine languages your children have learned how to say "brother" in! Ask your child to tell you these and teach you how to say them too!