

Joseph and Judah Meet Again

1. Carefully read through Genesis 42:1-45:15. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 43:9, "I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever."
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 42:1-45:15.
4. What reason does Joseph give for treating his brothers the way he does? What does he want to find out?
5. What does Reuben offer to do in order to ensure Benjamin's safety? Why do you think Jacob refuses?

6. What does Judah offer to do in order to ensure Benjamin's safety? Why do you think Jacob consents?

7. What does Joseph do for his brothers when they return? Why do you think he does this?

8. What is significant about Joseph's cup? Why do you think he uses it in the way he does?

9. What does Judah do in order to ensure Benjamin's safety? What does this reveal about Judah? How does this relate to Judah's actions in chapters 37-38?

10. How does Joseph finally reveal himself to his brothers? Why do you think he waited so long? How does the text describe his emotions? What does he say to them?