

1. Spend some time thinking about just how much God loves you.
2. Then spend some time considering if you are showing that love to other people.
3. In what ways do you need to ask God to help you to change?
4. Make it a habit to ask God to be with you everyday, to help you to show His love to other people.
5. Remember always, that God is read to forgive us and help us.



And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him      Romans 8:28<sub>NIV</sub>

# Family Reunion

## Sabbath

Have you ever been to a family reunion where all your relatives are together in one place? (If you've never been to one imagine what it would be like if you did have one)

Yes / No

There would be your family, and your aunts and uncles, your cousins and their children, your grandparents and your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins and their children and so on...

How many brothers and sisters do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many aunts and uncles do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many cousins do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many nieces or nephews do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many grandparents do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

If all these people came together, how many people would there be?



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Refer: Gen 44:15-34; 45; 46:1-7, 26-34; 47:1-12 NLT; Patriarchs and Prophets p229-240; The Bible Story vol2 p67-72

## Sunday

Remember how Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food? Joseph didn't tell them who he was; he wanted to test them first, so he told them they had to bring their younger brother next time. Jacob, their father, didn't want to let Benjamin go to Egypt but when they ran out of food he had to.

Joseph was happy to see Benjamin and find out that his father was still well; he invited the brothers for a meal and he seated them according to age, from oldest to youngest. Then Joseph served them, giving Benjamin five times as much as he gave the others! He wanted to see if his brothers would be jealous, but they didn't say anything.



Then Joseph sent them home with their sacks full of grain, but before they left he told his manager to place Joseph's own silver cup in the top of Benjamin's sack.

After they left he sent his manager to catch them and accuse them of stealing! He said, "The one who stole the cup will become a slave."

When the cup was found in Benjamin's sack, the brothers tore their clothing in despair; then they loaded their donkeys again and returned to the city.

They fell to the ground before Joseph and Judah said, "Please, let me stay here as a slave instead of the boy. If our father sees that the boy is not with us, he will die!"

Then Joseph sent his attendants away and told them who he was. "God sent me ahead of you to keep our families alive during this famine. Now hurry back to my father and tell him God has put me in charge of the land of Egypt. Bring your families and everything you own, I will take care of you here, for there are still five years of famine ahead of us."

Joseph gave them wagons and supplies for the journey and sent twenty donkeys loaded with gifts, food and other supplies for his father. So Jacob and his entire family moved to Egypt and when they arrived, Joseph hugged his father and cried, holding him for a long time.

## Friday

How does God change us? When we build a relationship with God we realise just how much He loves us and our love for Him also grows. It is this love that motivates us to want to change and God's power in our lives that makes the change possible. Fill in the missing words of these Bible verses and then use them to fill the grid.

John 3:16<sup>NLT</sup> is probably the most well known verse describing God's love. "For God \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (12 down) the world so much that He gave His one and only \_ \_ \_ (8d), so that everyone who \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (4a) in Him will not perish but have \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (11a) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (1d)."

In 2 Corinthians 12:9<sup>NLT</sup> God says, "My \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (10d) is all you need. My \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (2d) works best in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (3d)."

Philippians 1:6<sup>NLT</sup> "I am certain that God, who began the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (14a) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (13d) within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (5d) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (7a) returns."

Have you learnt yet that you can't MAKE your brothers or sisters change? No one can MAKE another person change; but there is something we can do to change the way we feel, and sometimes as a result, the other person does decide to change too. That something is to show love – God's kind of love.

1 Corinthians 13:4, 5<sup>NLT</sup> describes God's love. It says, "Love is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (9d) and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (15a). Love is not jealous or boastful or \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (2a) or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (6a)."



## Thursday

Joseph's brothers were sorry for what they had done and God had changed them into good, kind men.  
God can change you as well.  
Pray that we will all listen to God and allow Him to change us and make us better people.

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Decode the words of Romans 8:28<sub>NIV</sub>

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## Monday

Joseph's brothers had grown up but had they changed? He really couldn't tell from the first time they came to Egypt. For all he knew, they might have treated Benjamin the same way they had treated him; perhaps they had even sold or kill Benjamin too. How happy he must have been to learn that both his father and brother were still alive. Yet he decided to test his brothers; would they become jealous when Benjamin was given more than them? Would they allow Benjamin to be taken as a slave when the silver cup was found in his bag?

The actions of his brothers showed without a doubt that they had changed. They would do anything to protect Benjamin. Somehow, through the years of watching their father's sadness at the loss of Joseph and living with their secret guilt of what they had done, they had changed.

People can change, but it is not an easy thing; nor is it something that you can do for someone else. The only person you can change is yourself and even that is not easy. The habits and the character traits that we develop as a child, most often stay with us for our whole lives. It takes a lot of time and effort to change a habit; sometimes it seems impossible, but of course everything is possible if we remember Matthew 19:26. Look it up and write it in your own words:

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It may not be easy, but with God's help you can change both your habits and your character traits; developing character traits that God would want you to have, like faithfulness, honesty, integrity, patience, tolerance, lovingness, determination, courageousness to name a few. Do you know what they all mean? If not, look them up in the dictionary.

## Tuesday

Use your Bible, Genesis 35:23-26, to help you unscramble Joseph's brother's names and then solve maths problem to find out how much Joseph gave them to eat.

BENREU  
MISEON  
LIVE  
HADJU  
CHARISAS  
ZUNEBUL  
JABMINEN  
NAD  
HAPTALIN  
DAG  
HERAS

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Joseph tested his brothers and found out that they had changed. Unscramble the words and then draw arrows to the left or right to show what the brothers used to be like and how they had changed.

**BEFORE**



Jealous  
Patient  
Hateful  
Caring  
Sorry  
Angry  
Lying  
Truthful  
Changed

**NOW**

## Wednesday

Did you know what all the character traits on the end of Monday were? Write in your own words what each one means:

Faithfulness: \_\_\_\_\_

Honesty: \_\_\_\_\_

Integrity: \_\_\_\_\_

Patience: \_\_\_\_\_

Tolerance: \_\_\_\_\_

Lovingness: \_\_\_\_\_

Determination: \_\_\_\_\_

Courageousness: \_\_\_\_\_

There are many examples of people of character in the bible. Use these clues to fill in the crossword.

Who showed honesty in Nehemiah 2:1-4? (3 down)

Who showed integrity by refusing to break God's 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment in Genesis 39:7-9? (8a)

Who showed great patience in 1 Samuel 15:13, 1 Samuel 24:1-6, 20 and 2 Samuel 5:4? (5d)

Who showed tolerance in Acts 10:9-15, 27-29? (1d)

Who showed determination in Daniel 1:8-14? (7a)

Who showed courage in Joshua 1:9-11? (8d)

Hebrews 11 is called the Faith chapter of the Bible, use the first 5 faithful people mentioned to fill in the remaining spaces

