

LESSON 5 • Saving



SAVING

Genesis 41:47-49; 53-55

During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure. The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food.

1 Key Concepts

- Saving
- Teach the children why we save.
- Teach the children how to save

2 Teacher Preparation

- Read Joseph Feeds Egypt from The Story Bible.
- Have LCEF kids banks ready for the children to take home and start saving

3 Lesson

- Read the story of Joseph Feeds Egypt.
- In this story, Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge of saving the food for when the famine came.
 - Joseph saved the food from Egypt for 7 years.
 - Then when the famine came, they used the food they had saved.
 - Everyone had something to eat because they saved.
- Saving is something that God wants us to do too.
 - God doesn't want us to waste the things that we have.
 - He wants us to use what we have wisely.
- Our parents work, but don't spend it all at one time.
 - Parents save so that they have money to live on.
- We save so that we have something in the future.
 - It is hard for us to not spend all of our money on a toy that we want right away.
 - It is hard for us not to buy the things that we want.
- Sometimes we have to save for a special item for a long time before we have enough money to buy it.
 - What is something that you want, but are going to have to save for?
- Have the LCEF KIDS banks there to show them.
 - On this bank there is a place to share, save and spend.
 - When we share we give money to church or charity.
- Saving is something you do for a special item or just to keep saving for the future.
- Spending is what you spend on toys or food.

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Lesson (continued)

- Parents use the spending when they pay bills and buy our food.
- Parents use savings to put money in the bank.
- Parents use the sharing when they give money to church.
- Just because we aren't older doesn't mean we can't start sharing, saving and spending now.
 - If you get money for allowance you can use this bank.
 - If you get money for birthdays or Christmas you can use it too.
- Remember God wants us to save and use what we have wisely so we have something in the future.

4 Conclusion

Joseph planned and saved for 7 years, so that when the famine came the people living in Egypt had food. God doesn't want us to just spend what we have. Saving is something God wants us to do also.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the gifts you have given us. Help us to be like Joseph and save some of what you have given us. Amen

6 Resources

- [Bible](#)
- [Scholastic Children's Dictionary](#)
- [The Story Bible Edward Engelbrecht and Gail Pawlitz](#)
- [Berenstain, Jan and Stan. The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money](#)
Brother and Sister Bear spend money as soon as they get it. Mama and Papa Bear need to make them understand that there is more to know about money than just spending it
- [Caple, Kathy. The Purse](#)
Katie saves her money in a Band-Aid box. She likes the noise her savings makes. She spends her savings on a new purse and throws away the Band-Aid box. Now she has no noise and no savings.
- [Baden, Robert. Joseph Forgives His Brothers](#) Arch Book.
- www.lcef.org/kidsmaterial
This is where you can order K.I.D.S. supplies and the banks.

7 Vocabulary

Saving: to keep money to use in the future rather than spend it now

Famine: a serious lack of food

8 Activity

Have the children take home the LCEF KIDS banks.