

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.
- You can also have the Piggy Bank Primer ready for use.

3 Lesson

- Read Joseph Feeds Egypt.
- Saving is something Joseph did so the people would have food for the seven years of famine.
 - It was saving for a long time, but it was worth it for the people to have food at a time when nothing would grow.
- Like Joseph, God wants us to save for our future.
- What is something you would like to save for?
 - How do you plan on saving the money?
- We already know that God wants us to share the resources we have with those in need.
- Let's look at our savings banks.
 - The first box is share then save and spend.
- Saving is something we can do like Joseph in our story.
 - Save for the item you want or save for something special or someone special.
 - You can save to buy something for someone else.
 - You can save even if you don't make a lot of money.
- Our parents save to pay the bills.
 - They save so they have money to live on when they are older.
 - They save for your school.
 - They save to buy food for us.
- We should learn how to save for our future.

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Lesson (continued)

- The savings bank will help you to do that.
 - Share with church or charities.
 - Save for something special.
 - Spend when you need something or have enough for that special item.
- Joseph saved for the future so the people would have enough to eat for 7 years.
 - That is a long time to save but God knew it would help them survive.
- Save for your future too.

4 Conclusion

Save like Joseph. Save for the future. Don't just ask your parents for something when you want it. Learn the importance of saving for something you really want. It makes that something even more special knowing you saved hard for it.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the things you have given to us. Help us learn how to save. Help us to save for the things we want and wait patiently for those things. Help us to not be wanting things right away but learn how to save for them. 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.
- **http://www.stlouisfed.org/education_resources/elementary.cfm**
This site is where you can download the Piggy Bank Primer.
- **http://www.primarygames.com/Spending%20Spree/question_1.htm**
Play the Spending Spree game.

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 K.I.D.S. LCEF banks. Have the children go through the first part of The Piggy Bank Primer.