Jen 50 Forgiveness is good

[Today we are going to finish the incredible story of Joseph. Joseph had dreams that got him in trouble with his brothers, so they sold him into slavery in Egypt. While he was in Egypt he had many adventures that ended with him working for Pharaoh. While he was working for Pharaoh, his brothers came to him looking for food. They did not recognize him. At first Joseph messed with them, but then he welcomed them and his father to Egypt. Eventually his father died and that is where we find ourselves.

In our story are Rubin and Simian and some more of Joseph's brothers, and Joseph.

[Scene] Brothers are talking.

[Simian] Rubin, I'm really afraid.

[Rubin]Afraid of what?

[Simian]I'm Afraid of Joseph. Now that our Father isn't here to help us any more, well Joseph could decide to get revenge for what we did to him when we sold him into slavery.

[Rubin]Joseph told Father that he had forgiven us.

[Simian] Yes, that's true but now that Dad is gone, well, he might have been nice to make sure that Father wouldn't be upset. Joseph is really smart, and he knows how to wait. I think we'd better get him to promise us that he won't hurt us again.

[Rubin]I guess you are right, let's tell Joseph that Father wanted him to absolutely promise that he wouldn't hurt us.

[Simian] I'm glad that you agree? Let's go and find Joseph!!

[Scene] Brothers go to find Joseph.

[Narrator] So off the brothers went to find Joseph. They found him hard at work because he was the second most important person in Egypt and had many decisions to make. But when he heard who was looking for him he stopped everything and made time for them.

[Simian] Brother Joseph.

[Joseph] Hello Rubin and Simian. it's good to see you again although I know that we are all so very sad because Father died.

[Simian] Well, that's kind of what we wanted to talk with you about.

[Joseph] What do you mean?

[Simian] Well, we know that you were very busy with your administrative duties during the final days of Father's life so you weren't able to be there as much as you would have liked or as we were.

[Joseph] you are right, I was with him at the end of course, like we all were but I do have to run Egypt you know.

[Simian] Well, when some of us were with father before he died, he asked me to give you a message for him after he died.

[Joseph] He did? What is the message?

[Simian] He said to tell you not to hurt us because of what we had done to you when you were still very young back home.

[Joseph] Hmmmm. I thought I'd already explained. I believe that God sent me ahead of all of you to make things ready for you and your families during this famine. I know that you wanted to hurt me, but God made things turn out for good. I've long since forgiven you and I promise that I won't do anything to hurt you.

[Narrator] Joseph knew that forgiveness was a very good thing. He forgave his brothers who had sold him into slavery and helped their families to find safe places in Egypt. He knew that he could have gotten vengeance, but he realized that that wasn't what God wanted and that it would make things very bad for a very long time. The ancient story tellers of Genesis kept this story to let us know that God wants us to forgive because forgiving is a very good thing.