YOUNG TWIGS

# Genesis 48–50

**Year 1, lesson 14**

**Jacob and his family settle in Egypt, there to grow into a mighty nation. What are God's plans for this band of shepherds? When will they get back to Canaan? ▲**

## Observation: *what does it say?*

Read Genesis 48. Mark *God, Joseph, Jacob/father/Israel, Ephraim, Manasseh.*

1. What does Jacob say about Ephraim and Manasseh in v. 5?

2. Which brother is the firstborn? Which brother receives the firstborn blessing?

Read Genesis 49. Mark *God, Jacob/father, name of each son of Jacob, Canaan.*

3. Where is Jacob when he dies, and where does he want to be buried?

4. Who else is buried there?

Read Genesis 50. Mark *God, Joseph, father, brother.*

5. What are Joseph's brothers worried about?

6. How long did Joseph live?

7. What is his final request to his descendants?

## Interpretation: *what does the author mean?*

8. Compare Gen 48:17–19 with Gen 25:23. Who was the "younger" referred to in ch. 25? What similarity do you see?

9. Make a list of Jacob's sons from ch. 49 and write a comment on the blessing that each of them receives from Jacob. Which sons get "good" blessings? Which ones seem bad? What questions do you have?

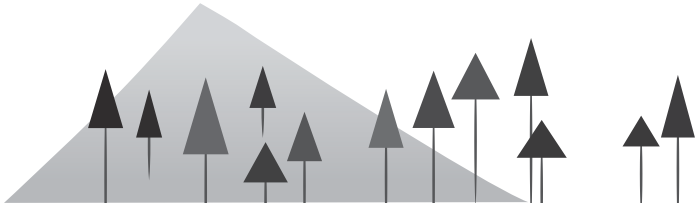
10. See Ex 1:7. What part of God's promise to Jacob in Gen 48:4 has come true? What part is yet to be fulfilled?

11. What do you learn about Jacob and Joseph in Heb 11:21–22?

12. See Gen 50:20. What does Joseph mean when he says to his brothers, "you meant evil against me"? What does he mean when he says, "to preserve many people alive"? Who is he talking about?

## Application: *therefore, what shall I do?*

13. Read Gen 50:20. What has happened in your life that looked "bad" but actually worked for good?

14. Joseph's brothers did not feel like they were forgiven, even though he spoke kindly to them. How do you receive God's forgiveness? Is being forgiven dependent on our feeling forgiven?

15. What have you learned about God from your study of Joseph's life?