



**What is grace?** We learned on Sunday morning that grace is **undeserved blessing**. Okay, but what does that *mean*? What's it look like? On Wednesdays this month, we'll be looking at **faces of grace**—examples of real people in the Bible who gave and received grace. First up, \_\_\_\_\_ and his brothers.

When Joseph was 30 years old, he was a *really* important person in the land of Egypt (**Gen 41:37-43**).



But life hadn't always been easy for Joseph.

Joseph was a part of a big family—he was the \_\_\_\_\_ of 12 sons of Jacob, and Joseph was his father's favorite (**Gen 37:1-4**). Joseph had some strange dreams about his family bowing down to him that made his brothers hate him even more (**Gen 37:8**). One day, when his father had sent Joseph to check on his brothers, they got so jealous that they threw Joseph in a pit (**Gen 37:18-24**) and sold him to some merchants on their way to Egypt (**Gen 37:25-28**).

Life didn't get easier for Joseph as a slave in Egypt. When he did the right thing, he was thrown in prison (**Gen 39**), but eventually, Pharaoh—the king of Egypt—had some strange dreams that no one could interpret (**Gen 41**)...except Joseph. A great famine was coming, so Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all the food. And who eventually came looking for help? Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ (**Gen 42:6**). Now, what would Joseph do?

### For Class & Family Discussion:

- When someone has been unkind to us, is it always easy to be kind to them?
- If someone has been mean to us, what might we feel like they deserve?
- Let's read **Genesis 45:1-11** together in our Bibles.
  - Why were Joseph's brothers afraid of him?
  - What was Joseph willing to do for his brothers, even though they had been very hurtful to him?
- Years later, Jacob—the father of these 12 sons—died, and Joseph's brothers got worried again that Joseph might give them what they “deserved.” Let's read **Genesis 50:15-21** together.
  - What do you think Joseph meant when he asked, “**Am I in the place of God?**”
  - Joseph showed **grace** to his brothers—he gave them an **undeserved blessing**.
- Let's end in **Romans 12:14** and **12:17-21**. Are there times we need to be like Joseph?