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WEEK 2 Genesis 46:1-6



Connect

Other than the country you currently reside in, is there any other country that you would one day like to live in? What country is that? Take time to share with one another some things about that country and why you chose it. (You may share his activity with everyone a day or two ahead of your devotion time so everyone can read up regarding their chosen country.

What if, all of a sudden, we tell you to pack your packs and get ready to go live in that country? Would that excite you?

That is kind of what happened in our story in Genesis 46:1-6.



Read the Word

Genesis 46:1-6

1 So Israel set out with all that was his, and when he reached Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!" "Here I am," he replied.

3 "I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. 4 I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes."

5 Then Jacob left Beersheba, and Israel's sons took their father Jacob and their children and their wives in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to transport him. 6 So Jacob and all his offspring went to Egypt, taking with them their livestock and the possessions they had acquired in Canaan.

By this time, Jacob was already an old man. He had walked with God for a long time and he probably thought he was already in the last years of his life. But God was not yet done. Because of the famine, he now had to move his entire family and all their possessions to a different land. It was on this specific journey that God called out to him, to assure him that He will go with him. And God promised him that right there in Egypt, his family will become a great nation but that He will bring them back to the land He promised to them.

How exciting it is not only to step into an unknown land but to be able to hold on to such promises and assurances from our God! You see, when God leads you or directs you to do something or go somewhere, He does not send you there blindly. We may not see what is waiting for us there but we can have the promise that He will go with us.



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Do you know which country you are living in? Do you know your home address? Can you say it out loud? If you ever got lost, do you think you will be able to find your way back home?
- Do you believe that God knows you by name and He knows where you are?

7-12 years old

- Has God ever asked you to do something you did not feel comfortable to do? What was it? Did you obey Him? Why or why not?

Kid/s to Parent:

- Has God ever called you to do something that you have never done before (e.g move to a new place, move to a new job, stop doing something, start something new, etc)? What was it like? How did it turn out?

Whenever God calls us for something or tells us to do something new, it is never a random call. It may feel like "new territory" for us but there is always a purpose and for this, He will go with us. He will not just leave you to fend for yourself. With this assurance, we can obey without hesitation.



Dear God, thank You again for knowing us by name. Please help us to remember that You are always with us. We ask the Holy Spirit to always remind us of Your purpose for us and we can trust in You wherever You may lead us to. Let our eyes see You. Let our ears hear You and let our hearts obey You. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Beersheba is a place where (Jacob, father of Joseph) offered sacrifices to God of his father Isaac. But did you know that Beersheba is also where Abraham made a covenant to the Philistine king, Abimelech of Gerar. The word Beersheba means "well of oath" referring to the seven lambs in Genesis 21. Today Beersheba is 28 miles Southwest of Hebron on "the southern border of a vast rolling plain broken by the torrent beds of Wady Khalil and Wady Seba (Robinson). The plain is treeless but is covered by verdure in the spring; it is dry and monotonous most of the year. Within the last few years this long-deserted spot, a wide stretch of shapeless ruins, the haunt of the lawless Bedouin has been re-occupied. The Turks have stationed there an enlightened Kaimerkhan (subgovernor); government offices and shops have been built; wells have been cleared, and there is now an abundant water supply pumped even to the separate houses.