

1. Watch chapter 9 from the animated Complete Learning System, *Joseph's Reunion* DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

2. Read D&C 64:9

“Wherefore, I say unto you, that ye ought to forgive one another; for he that forgiveth not his brother his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin.”

Did Joseph patiently bear, without seeking revenge, what his brothers had done to him? (Yes.)

3. What is one way that Heavenly Father rewarded Joseph for being forgiving? (By blessing him with a spiritual gift that helped he become a ruler in Egypt, which made it possible for him to save not only his family, but nations from the famine.)

4. Can the atonement of Jesus Christ help us when we are forgiving?

“The Savior has offered to all of us a precious peace through His Atonement, but this can come only as we are willing to cast out negative feelings of anger, spite, or revenge. For all of us who forgive “those who trespass against us,” (JST Matt. 6:13), even those who have committed serious crimes, the Atonement brings a measure of peace and comfort. Let us remember that we need to forgive to be forgiven...I believe in the healing power that can come to us as we follow the counsel of the Savior ‘to forgive all men,’ (D&C 64:10).” *James E. Faust, Conference Address, April 2007 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

5. Share an experience when you have found peace and comfort through the Atonement of Jesus Christ by forgiving someone. Ask other family members to share an experience when they felt better after forgiving someone. (Help younger children. Example: Remember when Johnny took your toy? How did it make you feel inside after you forgave him?)

6. Does Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ expect us to forgive everyone who has been unkind to us?

“I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men.” (D&C 64:10)

7. Why is forgiving others so important? (Discuss ideas.)

“A person’s ability to forgive is in proportion to the greatness of his soul...An unresolved grudge gnaws at our hearts, disturbs our peace, and is a burden we would well be rid of...Forgiving relieves us of a lingering uneasiness inside ourselves. Oh, what easing of our relationships with loved ones, and with others also, with a lightening of our own lives, as we learn to forgive!...How can we expect forgiveness if we don’t forgive?” *Richard L. Evans, The Spoken Word, Mar 1971 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

8. Forgiving others isn’t always easy. What can we do to help us find the strength to forgive others?

(Pray to Heavenly Father to help soften our hearts and help us forgive those who have been unkind to us.)

9. Quote:

“To err is human, to forgive divine.”

Alexander Pope, An Essay on Criticism, 2:1711.