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Lesson #31---A CHANCE TO GET EVEN
SCRIPTURE: Genesis 43:1-45:15

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. Why did Jacob finally agree to let his boys take Benjamin to Egypt? _____

2. When Joseph saw his brothers returning, what did he tell his servants to do (43:16)? _____

3. Why were the brothers afraid to see Joseph this time? _____
4. What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin? _____
5. What strange things happened when they ate? _____

6. What did the servants put into the grain sacks? _____

7. Soon after they left for home, what happened? _____

8. What did Joseph threaten to do to Benjamin? _____
9. Which brother begged for mercy for Benjamin? _____ What had he done years _____
before (37:25-28)? _____
10. Did Joseph try to get even with his brothers? _____ What did he tell them? _____

11. Do you ever try to get even/? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones- Matthew 5:44, "LOVE your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Older ones- Romans 12:19-21

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: In a two-page paper entitled "Getting even," tell what the New Testament teaches about getting even. What does this mean to you?

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Even men who speak different languages understand the common meaning of a tear or a smile. So it is that our children, who may be too young to appreciate all the facts and ideas in a Bible story, find a real connection with the characters through the feelings and emotions portrayed in the story.

When Joseph cries, the child hearing the story is touched, for he had cried, too. When the brothers cringe in fear, the child understands this, for he too has been afraid.

As we tell the Bible stories, we must be sure to get across feelings as well as facts. We have failed to tell the whole story when we have told only what has been done. We must also tell what has been felt. Only then can the story come alive to thrill us and change us.

FOR ADULT STUDY: To keep the teen assignment from being too easy, we refrain from offering the usual list of scriptures this week.