

**THE DEATHS OF JACOB AND JOSEPH**

Old Testament Lesson #33

After 17 years in Egypt, Jacob told Joseph, "I am about to die, but God will be with you and take you back to the land of your fathers" (Genesis 48:21). Before he died, he gathered all his sons together and told them what would happen to them in the future (Genesis 49). He concluded by giving them specific instructions that he was not to be buried in Egypt, but back in the land of Canaan, in the cave that Abraham had previously purchased. It was where Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah and Jacob's wife Leah were buried.

Jacob then died, and Joseph wept over his father. For 70 days, the Egyptians all mourned Jacob's death.

When the days of mourning were completed, Pharaoh permitted Joseph to bury Jacob in Canaan. All the dignitaries and officials of Pharaoh's court accompanied Joseph and his brothers back to Canaan, with only the children and the livestock remaining behind. A very large company traveled with many chariots and horsemen.

After burying Jacob, the company returned to Egypt. Joseph's brothers were at first afraid that Joseph would seek revenge now that their father was dead, but Joseph promised them he would take care of them.

Joseph lived out his life in Egypt, living to see several generations of his descendants. When he reached old age, he told his brothers that God would surely visit them, take them out of the land of Egypt and return them to the land promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He instructed them not to bury him in Egypt but to carry his bones out of Egypt and bury them in the Promised Land. So when Joseph died at the age of 110, he was embalmed and placed in a coffin so that his remains could one day be taken to the Promised Land.

**POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- The descendants of Israel kept the pledge of Joseph and took his bones with them when they left Egypt, carrying him back to the Promised Land. He was eventually buried in the Promised Land during the days of Joshua (see Exodus 13:19 and Joshua 24:32).
- Joseph is mentioned in Hebrews 11:22, commending him for his faith because of the instructions he gave concerning his bones. It showed his belief in the promises to the fathers.

**The Deaths of Jacob and Joseph**

- I. Jacob prepared to die.
  - A. He told Joseph of his impending death and said God would be with Joseph.
  - B. He gathered all his children and gave instructions for his burial.
  - C. Jacob said he wanted to be buried in Canaan, not Egypt.
  - D. Joseph and the entire land of Egypt mourned when Jacob died.
- II. When the days of mourning were over, Joseph planned Jacob's burial.
  - A. Pharaoh permitted Joseph to return the body to Canaan.
  - B. All the dignitaries of Pharaoh's court accompanied Joseph and his family.
  - C. Everyone returned to Egypt after the burial.
  - D. Joseph promised to continue caring for his brothers.
  - E. Some had been afraid Joseph would seek revenge since Jacob was dead.
- III. Joseph lived in Egypt the rest of his life.
  - A. Several generations of his children were born.
  - B. He told his brothers that God would someday take them to the Promised Land.
  - C. He gave orders that his bones be carried out of Egypt and buried in the Promised Land.
  - D. Joseph died at age 110.

**ANSWER KEY:**

He was to be buried in Canaan, in the cave with Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah and Leah.

with, lead, out, return, Promised, Land, not, bury, carry, bones, out, bury, Promised, Land, lived, age

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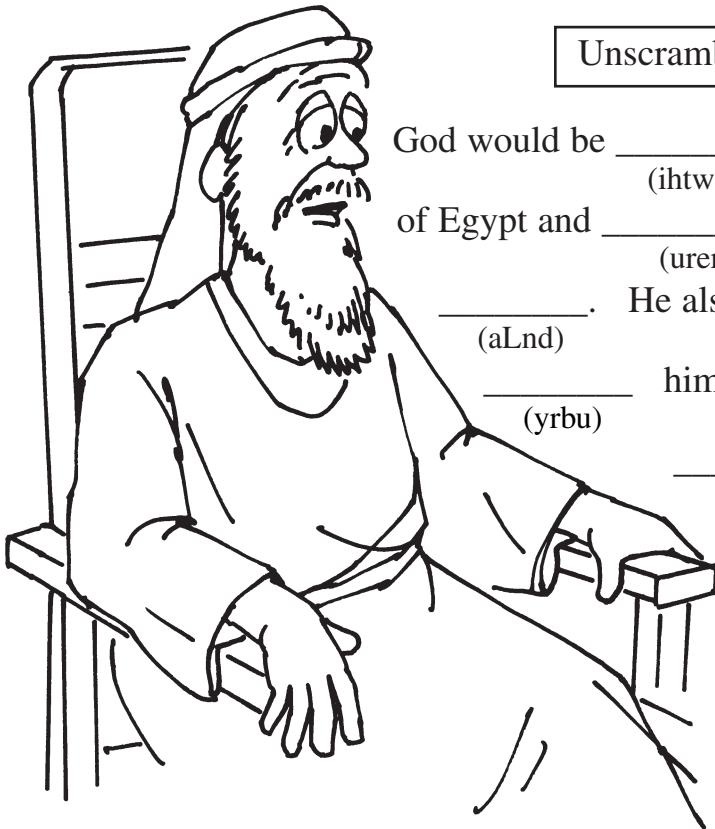
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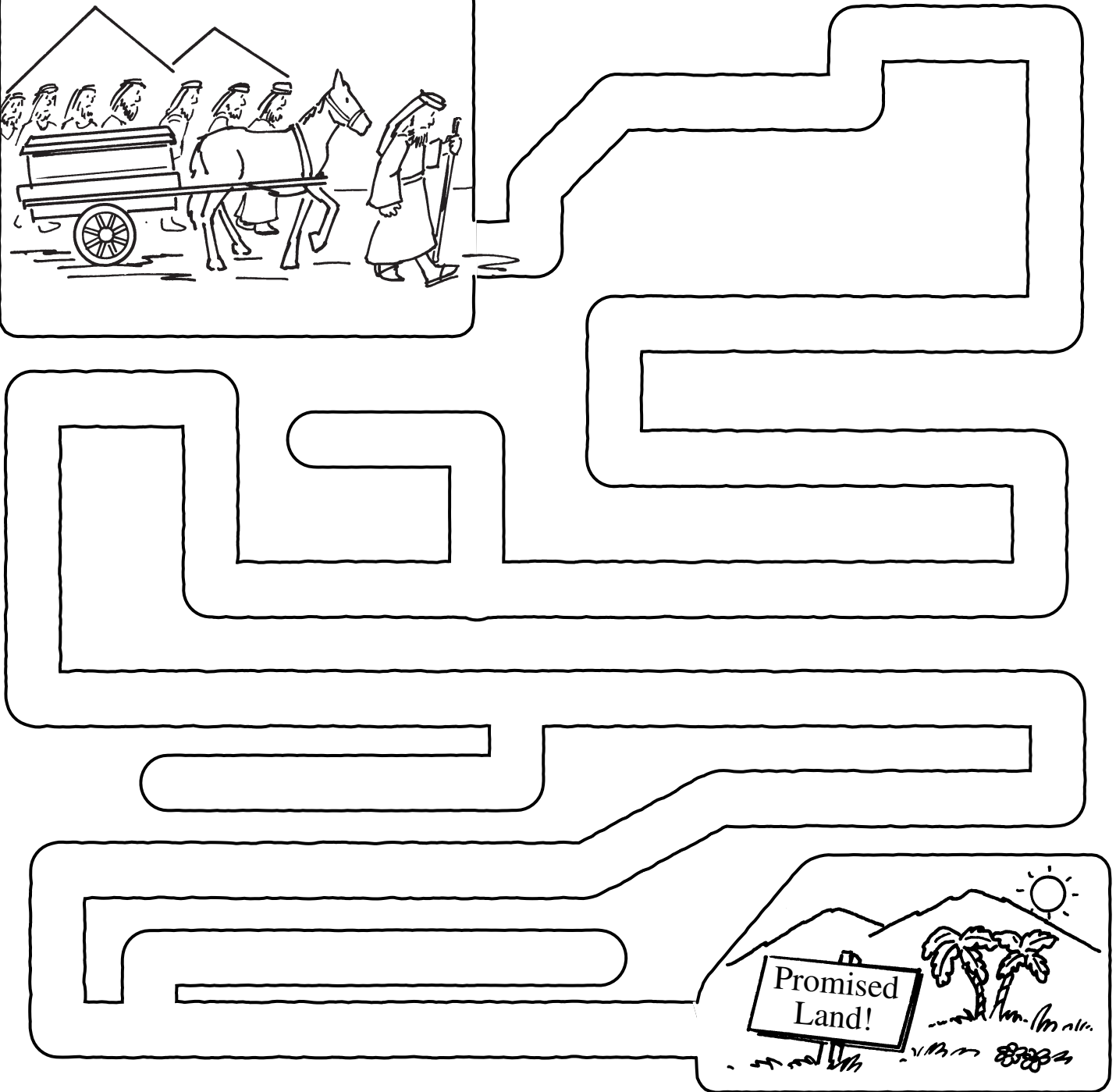
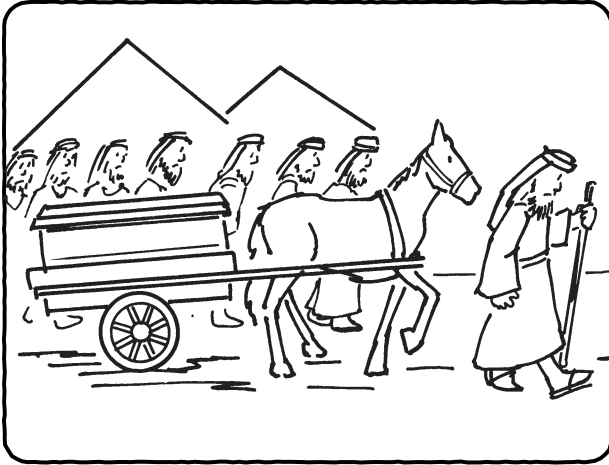
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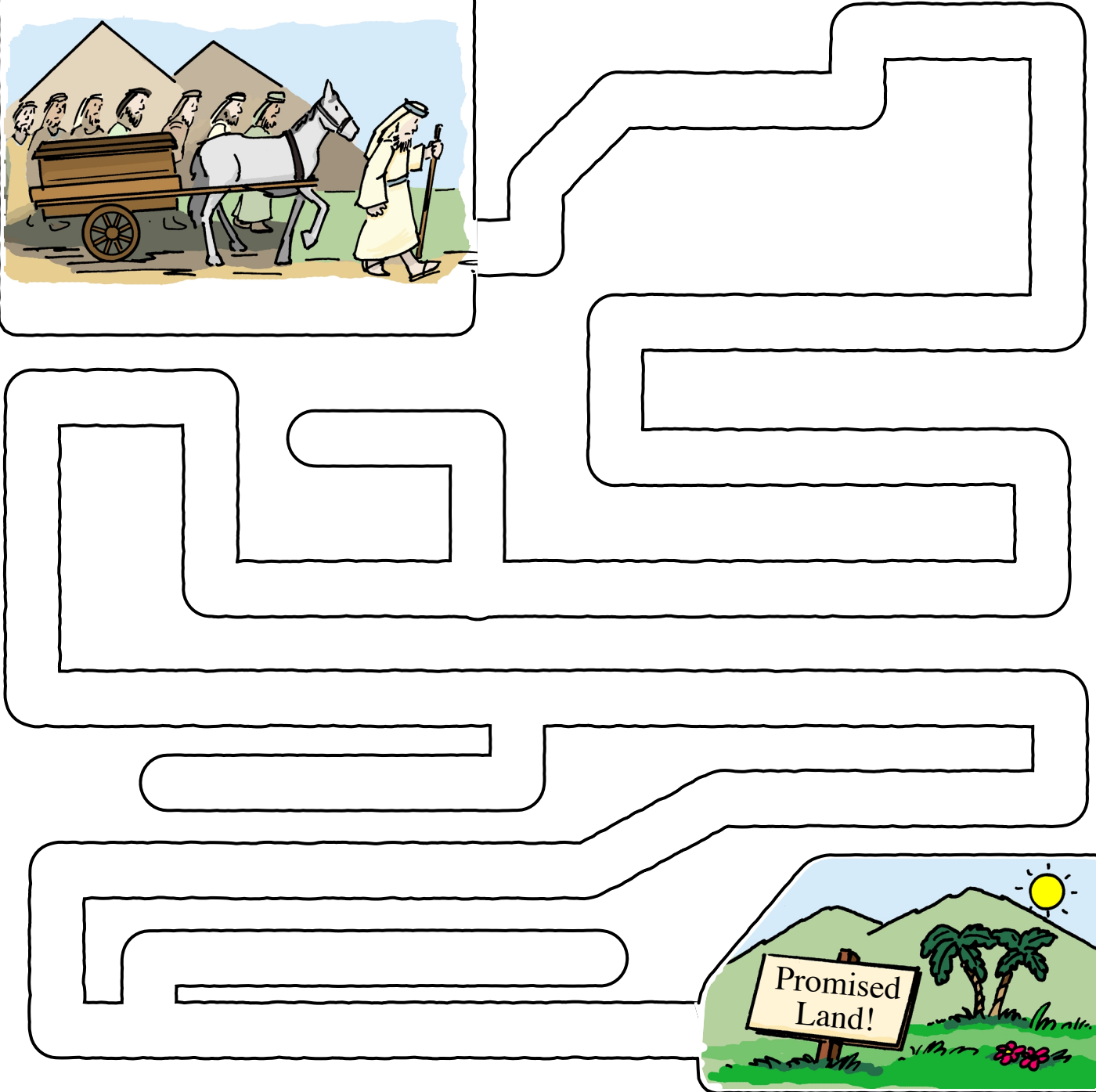
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