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1. Who did Yosaif want to be his slave? BINYAMIN
2. Why did Yosaif want Binyamin to be his slave and not one of the other brothers? AS PUNISHMENT FOR FINDING THE MAGIC SILVER CUP IN HIS BAG
3. Who did Yehuda want to be Yosaif's slave? ALL THE BROTHERS
4. What promise did Yehuda say he made to their father Yakov? TO BRING BINYAMIN HOME SAFELY
5. Before Yosaif told his brothers who he was, who did he tell to leave the room? HIS EGYPTIAN HELPERS
6. Why did Yosaif tell his Egyptian helpers to leave the room? SO HIS BROTHERS WOULD NOT BE EMBARRASSED WHEN HE TOLD THEM WHO HE WAS
7. Then Yosaif said, "I am your brother Yosaif whom you sold to the Egyptians. Is my father STILL ALIVE?"
8. The brothers were embarrassed and they started to leave the room. But Yosaif told them not to feel bad because they didn't send him to Mitzrayim, but why did he? SO HE COULD SAVE PEOPLE FROM DYING DURING THE FAMINE
9. Paroh was happy because he found out that Yosaif was not from a family of SLAVES
10. EXTRA CREDIT: Paroh invited Yakov and his family to live in a city in Mitzrayim. Name the city. GOSHEN
11. Before the brothers went home, what did Yosaif give them? WAGONS FULL OF FOOD
12. Yosaif also gave Binyamin more clothes and money than he gave to his other brothers. Why? TO SEE IF THE OTHER BROTHERS WOULD BE JEALOUS OF BINYAMIN AND MAYBE HURT OR KILL HIM LIKE THEY DID TO HIM
13. Were the other brothers jealous? NO
14. Yosaif knew that Yakov may not believe that he was still alive. So he told his brothers to tell Yakov something only he and Yosaif would know. What? THE JEWISH LAW YAKOV AND YOSAIF LEARNED BEFORE HE WAS SOLD
15. When the brothers got home, what did they ask Serach, Asher's daughter, to play on her harp for Yakov? SONGS THAT YOSAIF WAS STILL ALIVE
16. Did Yakov like the words and the music? YES
17. When the brothers told Yakov that Yosaif was still alive, did Yakov believe them? NO

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18. From the fact that Yakov did not believe his sons that Yosaif was still alive, what do we learn about telling the truth? ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH AND NEVER TELL A LIE
19. When did Yakov finally believe his sons? WHEN THEY TOLD HIM THE JEWISH LAW HE AND YOSAIF STUDIED THE DAY YOSAIF WAS SOLD
20. Yakov finally believed that Yosaif was still alive. He was happy not that Yosaif had a lot of money and was a ruler in Mitzrayim. What was Yakov happy about? THAT YOSAIF WAS STILL A TZADIK, A VERY GOOD MAN
21. Since Yakov was happy that Yosaif was still a *tzadik* even in Mitzrayim, what should Jewish parents want most from their children? THAT THEY GROW UP TO BE GOOD JEWS (not that the children should make a lot of money)
22. EXTRA CREDIT: Yakov decided to take himself and his family to Mitzrayim. Before they went, they stopped in Beer Sheva. Yakov cut down cedar trees. What will the wood of the cedar trees be used for? YAKOV'S DESCENDANTS, THE JEWS, WILL USE THEM TO BUILD THE MISHKAN IN THE DESERT AFTER THE JEWS LEAVE MITZRAYIM
23. Yakov didn't know if Hashem wanted him and his family to move to Mitzrayim. What did Hashem tell him in Beer Sheva? TO MOVE TO MITZRAYIM
24. ה' also promised that Yakov's descendants, the Jewish people, would one day leave Mitzrayim and live in what holy country? CANAAN (Israel)
25. How many people were in Yakov's family who moved to Mitzrayim with him?
70
26. Why did Yakov send Yehuda ahead? SO HE COULD MAKE SURE THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH HOUSES AND OTHER THINGS WHEN THEY GOT THERE
27. Yosaif and Yakov were about to meet for the first time in many years. What was Yosaif afraid of? THE SURPRISE OF SEEING HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME MIGHT KILL HIS OLD FATHER
28. Who did Yosaif send first to meet Yakov? YOSAIF'S TWO SONS
29. Then Yakov and Yosaif met. Yosaif cried. What did Yakov do? SAY THE SHMA PRAYER
30. Why did Yakov say the Shma prayer? TO THANK ה' FOR LETTING HIM SEE YOSAIF AGAIN
31. Yosaif wanted some of his brothers to meet Paroh. What did he tell them to tell Paroh when Paroh would ask them what they did in Canaan? TELL PAROH THEY WERE SHEPHERDS IN CANAAN
32. Did the Egyptians like shepherds? NO
33. So if the brothers told Paroh they were shepherds, where would Paroh tell them to live? FAR AWAY FROM THE EGYPTIANS
34. Did Yosaif want his family to live far away from the Egyptians? YES

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35. Why did Yosaif want his family to live far away from the Egyptians? SO THEY WOULDN'T PRAY TO EGYPTIAN IDOLS OR LEARN TO DO OTHER BAD EGYPTIAN THINGS
36. EXTRA CREDIT: Name the city the Jews lived in. GOSHEN
37. Yosaif picked five of his weaker brothers to talk to Paroh. Why did he pick weaker brothers? SO PAROH WOULD NOT WANT THEM TO BE IN HIS ARMY
38. The brothers stood in front of Paroh. When he asked them what they did, what did they tell him? THEY WERE SHEPHERDS IN CANAAN
39. They told Paroh why they came to *Mitzra-yim*. What reason did they tell him? THERE WAS NO GRASS FOR THEIR SHEEP IN CANAAN
40. Did Paroh give them permission to live in Goshen? YES
41. Then Yakov and Paroh met. When Paroh asked how old Yakov was, Yakov said he was 130 years. Then what did Yakov tell Paroh that he should not have said? THAT HIS LIFE HAD BEEN FULL OF PROBLEMS
42. How did ה' punish Yakov for complaining to Paroh? BY LETTING HIM NOT LIVE AS LONG AS HIS FATHER YITZCHAK
43. Paroh asked Yakov for a blessing. What blessing did Yakov give? THE WATER IN THE NILE RIVER SHOULD AGAIN GO ON FIELDS AND MAKE THE FOOD GROW
44. How long was the famine supposed to last for, and how long did it really last for? IT WAS SUPPOSED TO LAST SEVEN YEARS BUT IT LASTED JUST TWO YEARS
45. The Egyptians ran out of money to buy food from Yosaif. Yosaif agreed to buy their land. What did the Egyptians have to do? WORK ON IT AND GIVE SOME OF THE FOOD TO PAROH
46. Which Egyptians did not have to work to grow food in Mitzrayim? EGYPTIAN PRIESTS (who taught other Egyptians how to pray to idols)
47. EXTRA CREDIT: Why didn't Yosaif tell them that they had to grow food like the other Egyptians? BECAUSE HE WAS REWARDING THEM FOR SAVING HIS LIFE WHEN HE WAS ALMOST KILLED BY POTIFAR
48. The Torah tells us about Egyptian priests not having to work to teach us that if they didn't have to work and they were bad, we should certainly give money and food and clothes to good people who are good and who sit and STUDY TORAH
49. During the famine, who made sure Yakov and his family had enough food in Goshen? YOSAIF