

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Epiphany 7 – Year C		SOLA 
Trust in Hard Times		
Readings	1) Genesis 45:3-15 2) 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30-42 3) Luke 6:27-38	
Scripture Focus	Genesis 45:7-8	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Illustrations from Free Bible Images: https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/joseph-reunion/	
Message Never underestimate the power of a story told well. Anybody remember the story of Joseph? He was his dad’s favorite son and his brothers knew it and didn’t like it. They didn’t like it so much that they wanted to kill him. Yeah, that was pretty bad. But, they didn’t. Instead, the sold him to people who wanted to sell him again. Joseph was taken to Egypt where God took care of him. First he ended up in Potiphar’s house (he was the Captain of Pharaoh’s guards) and worked in his house. [Who or what is Pharaoh? It’s another word for King.] Things went really well... for a while. He ended up in jail, but God was still looking out for him. He made friends and helped people in jail and one day Pharaoh said he wanted Joseph to tell him what his dreams meant. Joseph said, “I can’t do that, but God can.” And God did. Because of that Joseph started working for Pharaoh and was treated very well. A time was coming when there wouldn’t be much food in all the land and God gave Joseph a plan to save the people. One day, while Joseph was doing his job giving people food, his brothers showed up to get some. They didn’t see that it was him because he looked like somebody from Egypt. When he saw them he didn’t tell them who he was right away. But finally, he said, “I am your brother Joseph who you sold! I was brought to Egypt. Don’t worry, God sent me here first to take care of everyone and you who are God’s chosen people. What you did to be mean, God used for the good of everyone. Isn’t that a great story? Joseph is sold by his brothers, gets a good job, goes to jail, ends up working for the great King of Egypt, and is finally reunited with his brothers. Even in his hard times, Joseph trusted God and God took care of him. We can trust God and he will take care of us too... even if we have some hard times. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Only you / could help Joseph / like you did. Only you / can turn hard times / into good times. Help us trust you. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	





