

Chat with the Children: Pass it on

- Rugby ball and passing...
 - skill is to pass on that which you have received...
 - Joseph has learned to trust and follow God:
 - now he is to pass on that which he has learned to his family!
 - *Lord, help us pass on what we have learned, and help others around us know what it means to have you reign over their lives*
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Introduction

- **Story:** up and down to Canaan, sacks and silver and grain, parents and reconciliation

Helping others to grow

- God has been at work in Joseph so that his reign is embodied in his life:
 - in his big-headed-ness and dependence on God...
 - in his rule over Egypt in a time of famine, with grain for everyone rather than folk dying of hunger...
- What would it mean for God to reign, for God's kingdom to appear, in other parts of Joseph's life?
 - in his relationships with his family?
 - reconciliation?
 - growth in trust in God?
 - attitudes of selfishness amongst brothers and father being challenged?

Joseph sees and seizes an opportunity

- Brothers turn up...
 - there is an opportunity
 - how does Joseph see that? Chance for revenge, chance to leave things as they were, make things comfortable again by ignoring?
 - or seize the opportunity to go for spiritual, emotional growth?

Joseph makes the first move towards growth

- *Towards God's reign in their lives as well as in ours?*
- Reconciliation
- Justice
- Beauty

Conclusion

- Will we consciously seek the growth of others?
 - prayerful concern over the long term...
- Will we see and seize the opportunities that come up in life, in conversation, in circumstance?
- Will we make the first move towards growth?
 - reconciliation? justice? beauty?...