

Bible Workshop

Joseph and his family*

7. Joseph a type of Christ

JOSEPH is an excellent example for us to learn from and follow. The Lord Jesus Christ is, of course, the perfect example for us to follow; but the details of Joseph's life can help us better understand the life of Jesus. Joseph was just a "shadow" or "type" of Jesus and the amazing things Jesus did in order to 'seek his brethren'. Find *thirty* types or comparisons relating Joseph's life to Jesus' life (don't just think of Joseph . . . think of Judah, Pharaoh, Potiphar, Jacob, Simeon, Benjamin, etc.) We realise that the first ten or fif-

teen types may be fairly easy for you to get, but make sure you do your best to get thirty—the last twenty or so may really require you to think hard! A good way to set up your page might be as in the table below.

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	The life of Joseph	Reference	The life of Jesus	Reference
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This is a great discussion question . . .

There may be [young people] today who endeavour to walk in the steps of Joseph and after the greater example of our Lord Jesus Christ. These young people may be called upon to love their brethren as Joseph did, and to show faithful obedience towards God, after the fashion of Joseph and the Lord Jesus Christ. There are still people as hard-hearted and spiteful as Joseph's brethren . . . sometimes such people are drawn to the Truth by examples in their own age group which illustrate and manifest some of Joseph's maturity of sacrificial love.

Shane Kingsbury, *Teenagers of the Bible*, p. 27