

ASSESSMENT

Engaging Scenario

A tomb in Egypt is uncovered--it's the greatest find so far in the 21st Century. After the initial examination of the tomb, archaeologists determine that it includes an archives of Joseph's family, as well as a lot of gold and jewelry. You are one of the archaeologists called in to help interpret the findings.

TASKS

Task 1: On the wall of the tomb are four panels with faint drawings from four stages of Joseph's life. Your job is to recreate and interpret the meaning of the drawings, using the biblical text as your guide.

Each of the panels depicts a separate stage in Joseph's life. The picture is a central event in that stage of Joseph's life. For each panel, cite a verse that either quotes Joseph or describes an action he took. Write two sentences to explain how these words or this action reflect the motivations and personal traits of Joseph at this stage of this life.

TASK 2:

There is a cache of papyrus documents with ethical wills from several members of Jacob, Joseph, and each of the brothers.

You select one of the ethical wills to interpret.

I, _____, as I approach the end of my life have reflected on

some of my experiences, what I've learned from them, and the lessons I hope my descendants will learn from me.

The most important experiences I had were. . .

Mistakes I've made. . .

Experiences that have influenced me. . .

Lessons I've learned about the power of family relationships, forgiveness and reconciliation, and the possibility of growth over time.

There should be a footnote with the reference to a biblical verse for each of your paragraphs.

TASK 3:

You write a reflection for the magazine *Biblical Archeology* explaining how the lessons/themes from the ethical wills found in Joseph's tomb are still important today. Write one paragraph of the essay. In it, pick one of the lessons/themes from the ethical will you wrote about in Task 2, and provide an example from your own life, a work of literature, a movie, or from current events that is related to the lesson. Explain the connections between the lesson and the example you have chosen.