

# EGYPT

## **“Joseph and Explains Pharaoh’s Dream”**

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- Joseph and his brothers had a difficult relationship
- God used Joseph to explain dreams
- Joseph provided for his family in Egypt
- Moses was born and raised in Egypt

Series Theme Verse: “Nothing will separate us from the love of God.” Romans 8:39

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that God helped Joseph understand dreams.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 41:1-4, 8, 14-16, 25-40

Materials Needed: Bibles, Cow coloring page for each student, colors, Series Theme Verse

Lesson Plan: Catch students up by summarizing what has happened to Joseph since his brothers sold him:

- Someone lied about Joseph, he was thrown in jail, he was forgot about in jail,
- Just when things seemed the worst, Pharaoh (King of Egypt) hears about Joseph and goes to Joseph because he has had a really weird dream and does not understand what it means.

Talking Points:

- Pharaoh had two dreams, but we are going to focus on the first dream.
- In Pharaoh’s dream, what was he standing by? (The Nile, a big river in Egypt)
- What happened at the river in Pharaoh’s dream? (7 fat cows walked out of the river and ate the grass)
- What happened next in Pharaoh’s dream? (7 skinny, sickly cows came out of the river and gobbled up the 7 fat cows)
- What did Pharaoh do the next morning after having the dreams? (Tried to find someone to tell him what the dreams meant)
- Could anyone tell him? (Not at first, but Joseph said that God could tell Pharaoh through Joseph)
- What did God tell Joseph the dreams meant? (7 fat cows – Plenty of food in Egypt, 7 skinny cows – Lack of food in Egypt)
- What did Joseph say Pharaoh should do because of the dream? (Find a wise person to help store food to prepare for the famine)
- Who did Pharaoh choose to be the one who would save Egypt from the famine? (Joseph)
- Joseph went from being in prison to being the second in command to Pharaoh, the King of Egypt because God was providing for Joseph.

#### The Story Retold:

- Give each child a copy of the cow coloring page below.
- Have the children color the cow.
- Remind students that God provides for us just like God provided for Joseph and all of Egypt.
- Ask students something they are thankful for that God has provided and write it on their cows.

#### The Story and Me:

- Remind students of the Series Theme Verse.
- Say the verse several times together so the children are familiar with the verse.
- Tell them you are going to play “Interrupting Cow.”
- The teacher will say the memory verse, but if the teacher says the verse wrong, then the children become interrupting cows and “moo” at the teacher to start over. Make your mistakes super obvious using crazy words, i.e. “French Fries” for “love,” etc.
- Do the verse several times incorrectly and then do it correctly, allowing children to help you say the verse.

