

EGYPT

“Joseph Interprets Dreams”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- Joseph and his brothers had a difficult relationship
- Joseph interprets dreams
- Joseph's brothers come to Egypt
- Moses is born in Egypt

Series Theme Verse: “And my God will supply all your needs.” Philippians 4:19

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, tape, colors, a cow coloring page for each student, markers

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 forgotten 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:

- Option 1: Have the students act out the cow dream. This could be really funny for the children and help them remember the story.
- Option 2: Included in The Story and Me, below
- God helped Joseph understand dreams and God helps us every day in many ways, like providing food for us.
- Have students list some things that God provides for them.

The Story and Me:

- Give each child a copy of the cow below.
- Let them color the cow.
- Write on the back of each cow one word or part of the Series theme verse.
- Tape the cows to the wall with the words facing the students.
- Say the verse together and then flip a random word so the cow is showing and not the word.
- Say the verse again, flip another cow, and continue until you see only cows and the verse is being said by memory.
- Remind students that just as God provided for Joseph, God provides for us.

