

Joseph was a very wise young man and he gave king Pharaoh a wonderful plan. If all the people in Egypt give some of their extra grain in the good years, the king can keep it in a safe place. Then they will have enough food when the bad years came. That way the people in Egypt will survive. Joseph also told the king to choose a man to help the king with this work.

King Pharaoh and all his rulers were very happy about Joseph's help. This is what he said to Joseph :

"I can see that the Spirit of God is in you and it is God who is helping you to be the wisest man in Egypt."

King Pharaoh made Joseph the ruler who is 2nd in charge in Egypt. Everybody in Egypt had to listen to Joseph and he was only 30 years old!. He got married to a princess and had 2 children during the 7 good years.



Joseph and his family came together again in a wonderful way.

But you can read all about that in the next story called :
THE STORY OF JOSEPH Part. 2;

The dreams they had are also very interesting. You can read about that in another story called :
THE DREAMS IN JOSEPH'S STORY

The whole story of Joseph is in the Bible, in *Genesis 37-47*.

1 JOSEPH THE DREAMER



Have you had some difficult times in your life? Have things happened to you that is very unfair. That's very hard. I want to tell you about Joseph. He went through some bad stuff, but in the end he became a leader with God's help.

Joseph was his father Jacob's youngest son. They were God's people and lived in the land Canaan.. Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons and made him a coat with different colours. When Joseph was 17 years old, he had 2 dreams that he will one day be a ruler and that his brothers will bow down to him. Because of all this his brothers hated him and tried to kill him. But instead, they threw him into a deep pit and later sold him as a slave. They lied to their father. They said that a wild animal killed Joseph. Jacob was very, very sad and heart broken.



Joseph became a slave in country called Egypt. He worked in Potiphar's house, who was one of king Pharaoh's rulers. The Lord was with Joseph so that his work was very good. Potiphar trusted Joseph and made him the chief over all the slaves.

Joseph was also good looking and pure of heart. Potiphar's wife told her husband a bad lie about Joseph even though he didn't do anything bad to her. Potiphar was very sad and cross. Joseph was put in jail even though he was not guilty.



But even in jail the Lord was still with Joseph and he worked hard and well. All the jailers liked him. The man in charge of the jail also trusted Joseph and made him the chief over all the prisoners.

One day, 2 of king Pharaoh's servants misbehaved and were sent to jail. It was the waiter and the baker. Joseph had to take care of them. Then each of them had a dream on the same night but they didn't understand the meaning of their dreams. Joseph told them that only God knows the real meanings of dreams. God helped Joseph and he told them what their dreams meant and their dreams came true. The baker was killed and the waiter was set free and got his job back. Joseph asked him to ask king Pharaoh if Joseph could also be set free, but he forgot all about Joseph. Joseph was very sad but he still did his work well as he did before.

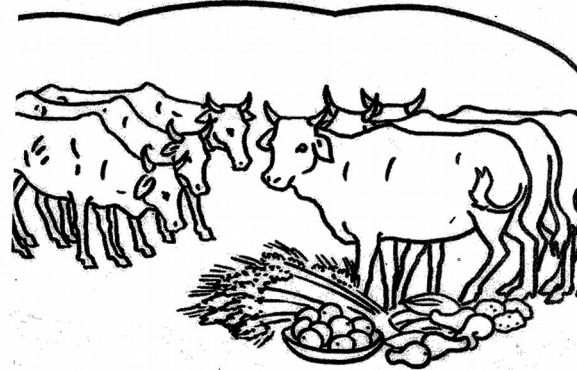
2 years later, king Pharaoh had 2 dreams which made him very worried. None of his wise men or sorcerers knew what it meant. Then the king's waiter remembered about Joseph. He told the king about it and the king ordered for Joseph to be

fetches from jail. They quickly gave him a bath and gave him clean clothes to wear.



When Joseph came before king Pharaoh, he told Joseph what his dreams were. Joseph gave the king the meaning of the dreams. He did this with God's help.

The meaning of the dreams were this: God decided that there was going to be 7 good years but after that there will be 7 years of famine over the whole earth.



There will be no rain and the food will become very scarce. This will be a very difficult time for everybody.

