

Then Joseph said :
"Please fetch our father
and the rest of our family
to live here in Egypt, I will
take care of you. It is all
part of God's plan."

They did that and when
Jacob heard the good
news, he was very happy.
That night God spoke to
Jacob in a dream. "Don't be
scared to go to Egypt. I
will make you a great
nation in Egypt."

When they arrived in
Egypt, Joseph got onto his
chariot and drove to meet
his father.

They were very, very happy to see each other again and cried with joy.
Joseph gave them the best land to live on.



When they arrived
in Egypt, there were
only 70 of them and
when they finally
left Egypt, they
were 600 000
families! God made
them a great nation.
Yes, God's promises
always come true.

430 years later they all left Egypt, but that is a story for another day.

The way God spoke to Joseph and others through dreams, is also very interesting. You can read all about that in a story called :
THE DREAMS IN JOSEPH'S STORY.

You can also read Joseph's whole story in the Bible in Genesis 37 - 47.

2 JOSEPH THE RULER

At the end of part 1 of Joseph's story, he helped king Pharaoh to understand his 2 dreams and the message that God was giving him. King Pharaoh released Joseph from jail and made him a ruler, 2nd in charge in Egypt. King Pharaoh realized that the Spirit of God was with Joseph. He got married to a princess and they had 2 children.



During the good years, Joseph was in charge of collecting all the extra food from the people in Egypt, so that it could be saved for the bad years to come.



And God's words came true. 7 years later a great famine came over the whole earth.. People came from other countries to buy food in Egypt. Even Joseph's own family also came. His brothers bowed down to Joseph, without knowing it was him.

And so Joseph's dreams came true about that too.

But Joseph was actually very glad to see his brothers. He asked about their father, but he pretended not to know them. They told him that their father is old, that their youngest brother, called Benjamin, stayed behind and that they lost another brother. Joseph started to cry but was hiding his tears from them. He longed to explain everything to his brothers but he first wanted to teach them a lesson. He said that they are spies and he put them in jail. After 3 days he let them all go except 1 brother who had to stay behind. Joseph ordered them to fetch Benjamin first.



to bake bread, Jacob let them go back with Benjamin.. He gave them the money they found in their bags so that they could give it back, plus enough money to buy more grain. He even sent some gifts to the Ruler of Egypt, not realizing at all that it was his own son Joseph, who was still alive !



When Joseph heard that his brothers came back, he invited them to have lunch with him. His brothers were very scared of him but Joseph was friendly. They all enjoyed the lunch. When they left, Joseph ordered his men to put their money in their bags again AND to put his special golden cup in Benjamin's bag. This was still part of the lesson he was teaching them. Shortly after they left, Joseph's men followed them, looking for Joseph's missing golden cup They were in deep, deep trouble. When they saw Joseph they bowed down again and begged him for mercy.



This was a very difficult thing for his brothers to do. With sad hearts they went back home. But then a strange thing happened. They were very surprised to find all their money in little bags inside their bags of grain ! At home they told their father everything. Jacob was happy to see them and about the food they brought back but very sad and worried about his son in jail in Egypt. He didn't want them to take young Benjamin with them to Egypt. He was still heart sore about losing Joseph. In the mean time all Joseph's brothers realized that it was a very bad thing which they did to Joseph.

One of them promised to look after Benjamin when they had to go back to Egypt, even if he had to die instead. So when they had no more grain left

Finally Joseph burst into tears and said :

"I'm your brother, Joseph! I have forgiven you for the bad thing you did to me. God has been with me all the time and He helped me to become a ruler in Egypt." His brothers were shocked but after a while they believed him. He hugged Benjamin and all his other brothers and they all cried with relief.



