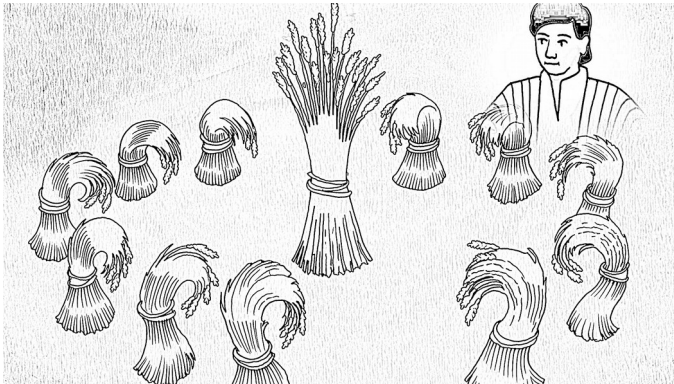


## THE DREAMS IN JOSEPH'S STORY

Have you ever had a really nice dream? That's so cool hey and I bet you wish it came true! Well as we heard in the 2 stories about Joseph, God spoke to 5 different people through dreams. I will tell you what they dreamed and what it means. We can also learn good lessons from each person's dreams. So let's start!

### JOSEPH'S DREAMS

Joseph had 2 dreams which were different but they had the same meaning. That means God was giving him an important message.

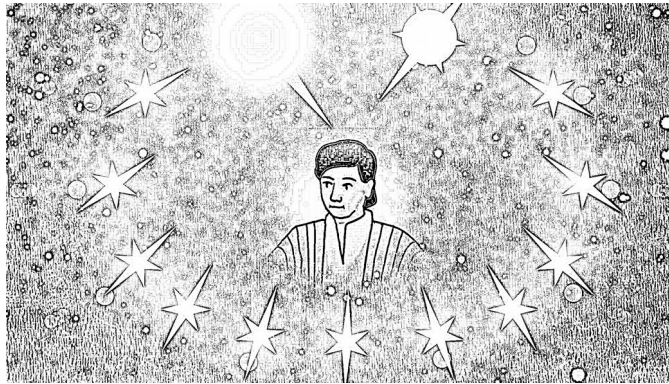


#### 1<sup>st</sup> Dream :

Joseph dreamed that he and his older brothers were working in their father's land, cutting the grain and tying them into bunches. Suddenly Joseph's bunch stood straight up by itself. Then all his brother's bunches came around Joseph's bunch and bowed down to him.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Dream :

The sun and moon and 11 stars all came and bowed down to Joseph.



Joseph was a teenager when he dreamed these dreams and 13 years later these dreams come true. Joseph became a ruler in Egypt, 2<sup>nd</sup> in charge under king Pharaoh, who was the ruler of the world at that time. And his older brothers bowed down to him! But before this Joseph went through very difficult times.

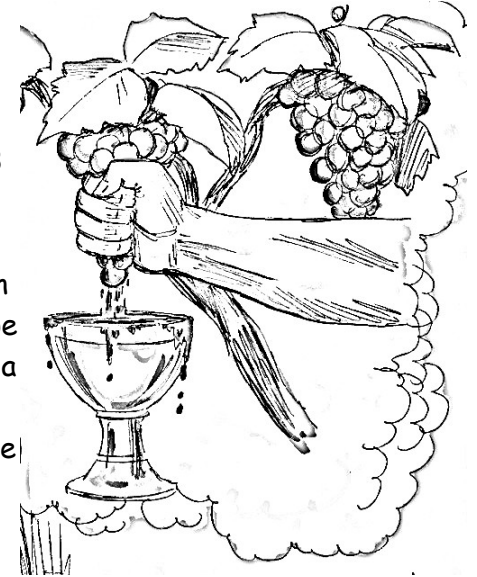
### LESSONS

\*Joseph told his brothers about his dreams and his brothers hated him for it. So it is better not to brag about it.

\*It is a good idea to write it down in a book and ask God to show the meaning of the dream. Then wait for Him to let it happen.

## PHARAOH'S SERVANTS' DREAMS

The waiter dreamed that there was a grapevine with 3 branches on. It quickly grew flowers and then suddenly had ripe grapes. He took a bunch of grapes and squeezed the juice into king Pharaoh's glass and gave it to him to drink.



The baker dreamed that he carried 3 baskets of white bread on his head. The birds flew passed him and picked the bread out of the basket.



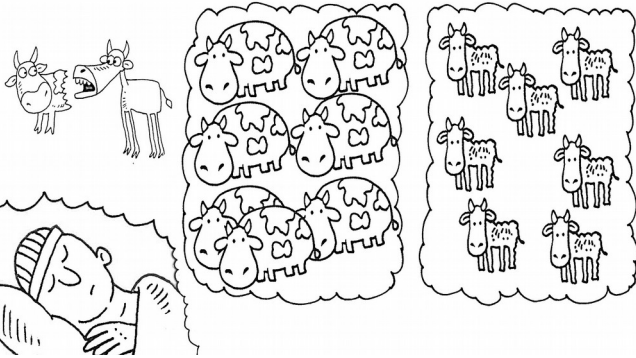
This is the meaning of these 2 dreams. The waiter will get his job back in 3 days time, but the baker will be killed. It came true for both of them.

## LESSONS

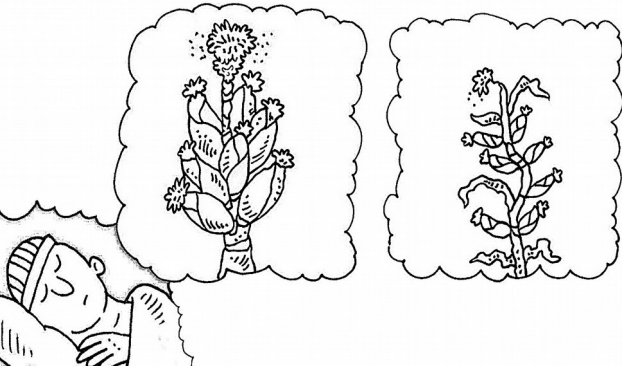
\*Joseph told these 2 servants that only God can help us to understand the meaning of Godly dreams. We can read this in Genesis 40 : 8.

\*God's dreams can be a warning. The baker should have asked the king to forgive him for the mistakes he made.

## PHARAOH'S DREAMS



**1<sup>st</sup> Dream :** 7 beautiful fat cows came out of the Nile river. Then 7 ugly thin cows also came out of the Nile river and they ate the 7 beautiful fat cows all up.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Dream :**

A grain plant grew out of the ground and it had 7 stalks with good ripe grain on it. Then

another grain plant grew just like the 1<sup>st</sup> one but it was a thin plant and the wind nearly broke it. Then the thin grain plant swallowed the good plant.

This was the meaning of these dreams which God gave Joseph :

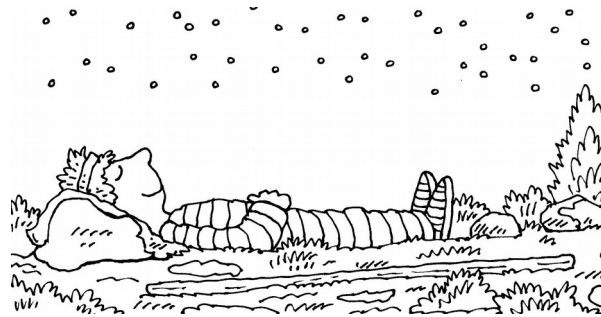
There was going to be 7 good years on the earth and after that there was going to be 7 years of famine.

## LESSONS

\*When God gives a dream with the same meaning more than once to a person, then God has definitely decided that it is going to happen soon. We can read this in Genesis 41 : 32.

\*This was a warning and king Pharaoh listened to Joseph's good advice.

## JACOB'S NIGHT VISION



A night vision is a bit different to a dream. God spoke to Jacob when he was sleeping.

It happened like this. When Jacob and his family moved to Egypt during the famine, Jacob was very happy because he would see his son Joseph again after about 20 years. But it was a strange

country and the people there didn't worship the only true God, which Jacob and his family did. This made Jacob worried. God spoke to him in a night vision. God said : "I am God. The same God of your father. Don't be afraid to go to Egypt. I will make you a great nation there in Egypt."

This also came true.

When Jacob's family moved to Egypt, there were 70 of them and when they left Egypt 430 years later, they were 600 000 families !

## LESSONS :

\*God's words will always come true.

\*God can give us messages to help us not to be scared.

\*When we listen to God and do what makes Him happy, \*He can send us messages to help us along the way.

\*Even people in the Bible were sometimes unsure about what the right thing was to do.

*You can read more about all these people in the Bible, in Genesis 37 - 47*

## God can speak to us in other ways, too, like :

\* In the Bible. Through our parents or teachers.

\* In nature like a when there is a beautiful rainbow.

\* The Holy Spirit speaks in our hearts and we can sometimes hear it when you are quiet.

*Our God is wonderful and He loves speaking to us.*

*Ask Him to help you to understand how he speaks to you. And, don't forget to speak to Him too!*

*Especially to tell Him you love Him and to say thank you for all the good things in your life.*