

**Year 1**

**Week 25**

## **Joseph Goes to Prison**

**Scriptures: Genesis 39, 40**

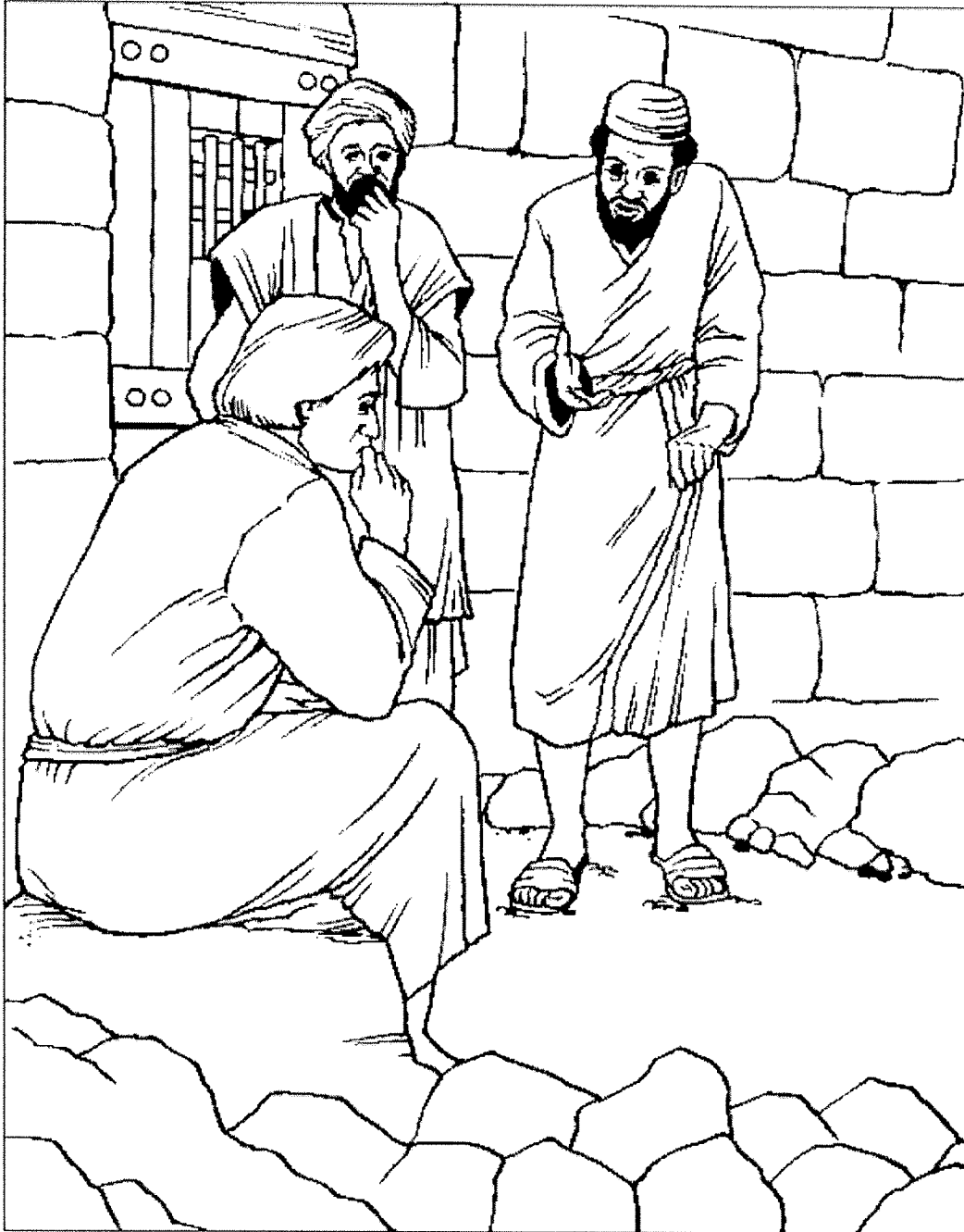
**Key Verse: Genesis 39:2 The Lord was with Joseph and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.**

**Key Points:**

1. Joseph became successful in Egypt. The Lord was with him and made him prosper. Joseph had favor with Potiphar and he became overseer of his house.

2. Joseph was handsome and Potiphar's wife wanted him to love her. But Joseph would not sin with this woman. She lied to her husband, saying that Joseph had tried to grab her. Potiphar got angry and put Joseph into prison.

3. God blessed Joseph even while he was in prison and made him prosper and find favor in the eyes of the prison keeper. In prison, he met a butler and a baker who had dreams. (Explain dreams) Joseph was able to correctly interpret these dreams and the dreams came true. The baker was killed, but the butler was restored to his position. The baker forgot about Joseph in prison for 2 years.

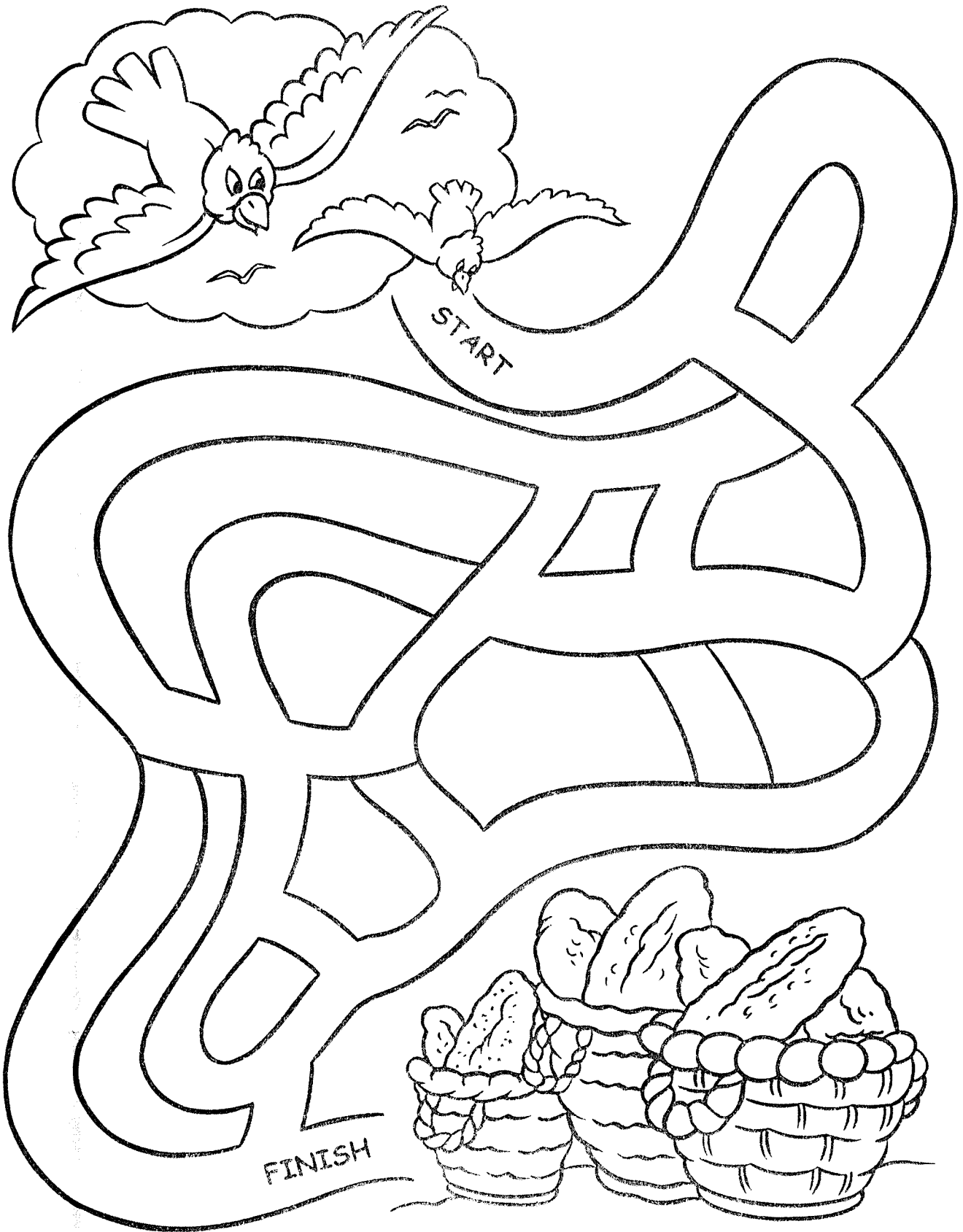


## JOSEPH IN PRISON

Scripture: Genesis 39 – 40



Memory Verse: Genesis 39:20b-21a



Help the birds get to the bread.

## 29. JOSEPH & POTIPHAR (GENESIS 39:1-23)

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ANGEL  
BLESSED  
CAPTAIN  
EGYPT  
FAVOR  
JOSEPH

KEEPER  
LORD  
MERCY  
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PRISON  
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**TRUE OR FALSE**

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### FILL IN THE BLANKS:

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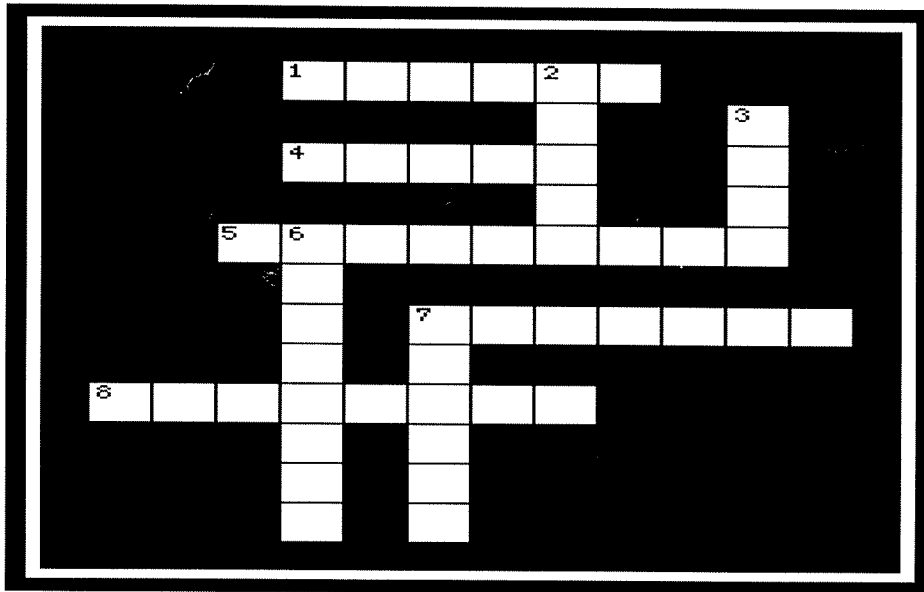
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## Joseph Tells The Meaning Of The Prisoners' Dreams (Genesis 40:1-23)

Use the secret code below to decode the following message:

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# JOSEPH IN PRISON

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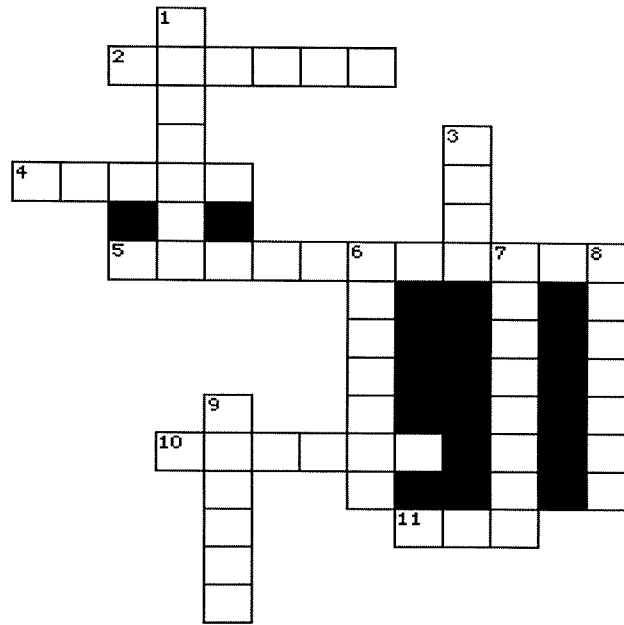
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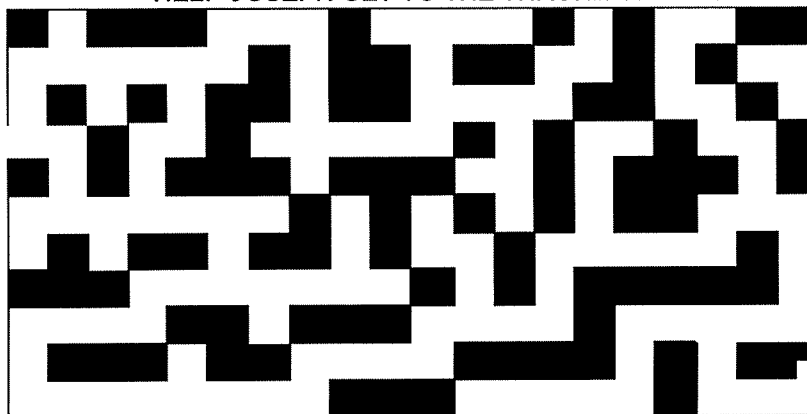
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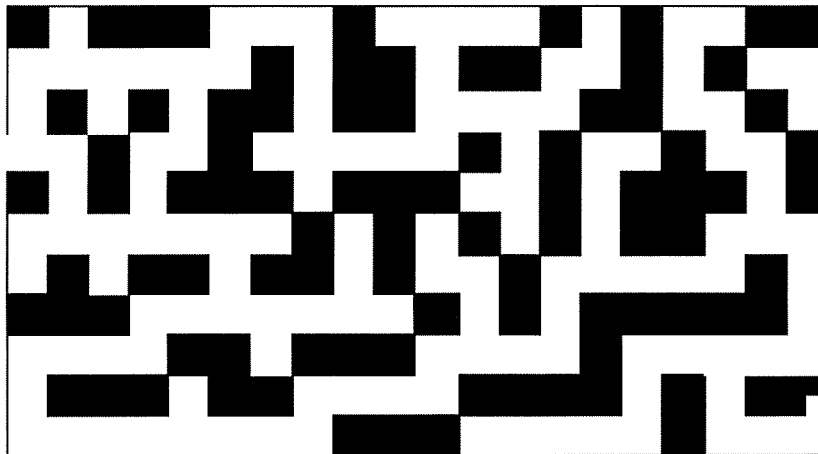
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**Lesson 25: Middle School**

**RADIO PLAY OF GENESIS 39-40--JOSEPH & POTIPHAR'S WIFE,  
THE CUPBEARER & BAKER**

**News Desk:** This is the latest report from Christian Radio. Remember we've been following the story of Joseph who was sold by his jealous brothers to some Ishmaelites who sold Joseph to the Egyptian captain of the guard named Potiphar. Joseph has been in charge of Potiphar's household now for some time. One of our reporters is there now talking with one of Potiphar's servants.

**Reporter:** So what do you think of Joseph, your master's new attendant? I've heard he's been put in charge of Potiphar's household and entrusted with everything he owns.

**Servant:** Joseph? Yes, since he's arrived, everything has been going great for Potiphar. Joseph's God of Israel seems to smile on everything he does and gives him success. Therefore everything in Potiphar's house and fields prospers because of Joseph and this God that blesses him.

**Reporter:** Great to hear! So no problems now that this Joseph the Israelite is here?

**Servant:** Well . . . there is one thing. Joseph is very well-built and handsome, AND Potiphar's wife . . . well, she's always flirting with Joseph. He's very careful as slaves and servants must be; he tries to stay away from her as much as possible. But--off the record--I'm a little worried because Potiphar's wife likes getting her way no matter who gets hurt!

**Reporter:** That's the story from Potiphar's house. Back to you at the news desk.

**Several weeks later:**

**News Desk:** We're back with a breaking story about a scandal at Potiphar's house. Most of you know he's a captain of the guard here in Egypt. Let's see if we can get him to talk with us.

**Reporter:** Can you tell us what happened, Potiphar?

**Potiphar:** (*angrily*) Oh, I'll tell you what happened all right! That slave Joseph that I trusted with everything, thought he could take advantage of my absence and get too friendly with my wife! She had evidence, too-- Joseph's own cloak in her hands! My wife's exact words were "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." Good thing I put him in prison or I would have killed him I was so angry!

**Reporter 2:** Thank you, Joseph, for speaking with me. (to Warden) Warden, tell us about your prisoner, Joseph.

**Warden:** He's a born leader, this Joseph. Things are running smoothly here at the prison ever since I've put Joseph in charge--just amazing!

**Reporter:** News Desk, that's the other side of the story for our listeners, here from the prison.

**News Desk:** Thank you for that report.

**Some time later:**

**News Desk:** This is Christian Radio coming to you with a taped report once again from the Egyptian prison where the king or pharaoh's prisoners are sent. You may remember weeks ago the report about the Israelite Joseph who was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife. When our reporter arrived at the prison this time, he found Joseph speaking with both the king's cupbearer and the king's baker who had angered their master. Listen in . . .

**Joseph:** Why are your faces so sad today?

**Cupbearer:** We both had dreams . . .

**Baker:** . . . but there is no one to interpret them.

**Joseph:** Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.

**Cupbearer:** In my dream I saw a vine in front of me, and on the vine were three branches. As soon as it budded, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes. Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup and put the cup in his hand.

**Joseph:** This is what it means. The three branches are three days. Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer. But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. For I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.

**Baker:** That was a favorable interpretation. I too had a dream: On my head were three baskets of bread. In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.



## Middle School

### Lesson 25: Draw Joseph in each situation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph, Overseer for Potiphar \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph, Overseer of the Prison \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph with the Cupbearer and the Baker \_\_\_\_\_

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Who was responsible for Joseph's quick rise to responsibility in Potiphar's house?
2. What sort of person is placed in charge of another man's possessions?
3. How did Joseph resist the temptation with Potiphar's wife?
4. What motivated Potiphar's wife to lie about her encounter with Joseph?
5. What does the Lord's care for Joseph show us about times when we suffer injustices?
6. What lessons can we learn from Joseph's behavior in Potiphar's house and in prison?
7. Name another person in the Bible who had dreams and visions and could interpret for others. . .
8. When we read that the cupbearer forgot all about Joseph, what are we reminded to do?

**Year 1**

**Week 26**

## **Pharaoh's Dreams**

**Scriptures: Genesis 41**

**Key Verse: Genesis 41:16 Joseph answered Pharaoh saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."**

**Key Points:**

1. Pharaoh had 2 dreams. He had one dream about 7 fat cows coming up out of the river and eating up 7 skinny cows. The second dream was similar, 7 thin, blighted heads of grain devoured 7 plump, full heads of grain. These dreams troubled Pharaoh and no one could interpret the dreams.
2. The butler finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh how he had interpreted his dream. Pharaoh sent for Joseph and he interpreted his dreams for him. Joseph told Pharaoh there would be 7 years of plenty, then 7 years of famine that would eat up the 7 good years.
3. Joseph advised Pharaoh to set up a man to be over the land of Egypt and officers to collect one-fifth of the grain in the good years to save for the famine. Pharaoh recognized that God was with Joseph and that he was wise. He appointed Joseph to be over the land of Egypt and clothed him with fine clothing and jewelry.
4. Joseph was 30 years old when he was put over Egypt. He had two sons during this time by his wife Asenath: Manasseh and Ephraim.
5. Joseph gathered much grain during the plentiful years. When the famine was over all the face of the earth, all the countries came to Joseph to buy grain for the famine was severe.

## 29. JOSEPH & POTIPHAR (GENESIS 39:1-23)



"And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled."

**GENESIS 39:19**

# JOSEPH IN PRISON

(GENESIS 40:1-41:57)



“And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison.”

**GENESIS 39:20**

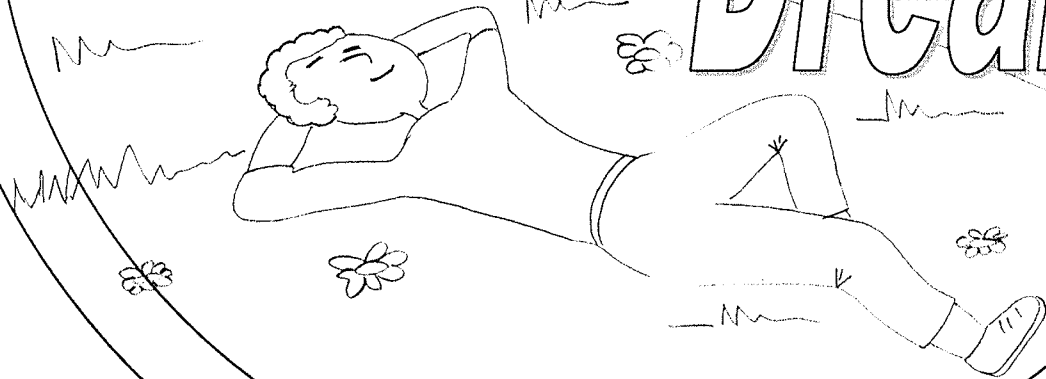
## Joseph's dreams crafts

Joseph dream wheel ~ print on cardstock and cut out where indicated. Let the children color/and or find stickers to use on the wheel.

Fat cows/skinny cows ~ use paper plate folded over to make cow. You can fold them to be either fat or skinny.

Cut out this  
window.

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**Joseph • Dreamer**



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