

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think Joseph felt when he was in prison?
- How do we know God is with us? (See John 14:15-17.)
- How can God use your family to help others?

Joseph Explained Dreams

Genesis 39–41

STORY POINT: GOD GAVE JOSEPH POWER TO UNDERSTAND DREAMS.

The travelers who bought Joseph took him to Egypt and sold him to an Egyptian officer named Potiphar. One day, Potiphar's wife accused Joseph of doing something he didn't do. Joseph went to jail.

But God was still with Joseph and blessed him. One night, two of the prisoners—Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker—both had dreams. They told Joseph about dreams they had. Joseph told them what the dreams meant. Joseph said that in three days, the cupbearer would serve Pharaoh again; but the baker would not because in three days, he would be put to death. Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him and to tell Pharaoh that he did not deserve to be in jail.

The cupbearer forgot about Joseph. Two years later, Pharaoh had two dreams. No one knew what these dreams meant! Finally, the cupbearer remembered Joseph.

God told Joseph what Pharaoh's dreams meant, and Joseph explained the dreams to Pharaoh. "The dreams represent seven years when plenty of food will grow followed by seven years when no food will grow.

Pharaoh realized that God was with Joseph, so he made Joseph second in command in all of Egypt. Joseph stored away food during the good years. When the famine came, people from every land came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph.

Christ Connection: God sent Joseph to Egypt and blessed him so that he rose to a position of great authority. God used Joseph to help Joseph's family and many others. When Jesus came to earth, He gave up His position of honor in heaven to be the Savior of the world.



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To the Point

Use the key to decode the message about today's Bible story.

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A	1
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Dream Meanings

Match each dream with its meaning. Who had each dream—the baker, the cupbearer, or Pharaoh?



There would be seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.



This man would die in three days.



This man would return to his job in three days.