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THEME: Be Faithful to God in All You Do (Genesis 39:1- 41:57)

Sun **Read Genesis 39:1-6.** Last week, we saw how Joseph's jealous brothers sold Joseph into slavery in Egypt. He was placed in the home of an Egyptian official, a captain of the guard named Potiphar. Why was Joseph able to do a good job? _____

How did Potiphar reward Joseph for his good work? _____

*Pray that God will help you be faithful in your school work and responsibilities at home so that you can be a good testimony for Him.

Mon **Read Genesis 39:21-23.** Potiphar's wife got Joseph in trouble. She lied about him, and Joseph was sent to prison. Who continued to be with Joseph? _____

Who did Joseph work for while in prison? _____

What did he do in prison? _____

*Pray that God will help you obey Him regardless of whether you're in a good or bad situation.

Tues **Read Genesis 40:14, 21-23.** Two men, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, were also placed in prison with Joseph. Each had a dream he did not understand, but Joseph was able to interpret the dreams for them. In v. 14, what did Joseph ask the chief cupbearer to do? _____

In v. 23, did the chief cupbearer remember to do this favor for Joseph? YES NO

How would you feel if this happened to you? _____

*Pray that in times of disappointment, you will keep your trust in God.

Wed **Read Genesis 41:15-16, 25, 29-30.** Two years later, Pharaoh had a dream which no one could interpret. Finally, the chief cupbearer remembered Joseph.

How did Joseph explain his ability to understand dreams (v. 16)? _____

Why was it important for Joseph to give credit to God? _____

*Do you take credit for what God does in your life? If so, pray for forgiveness and ask Him to remind you that He is the source of your blessings.

Thurs **Read Genesis 41:33-40.** In v. 38, whom did Pharaoh give credit to for Joseph's skills? _____

What abilities or skills has God given you? _____

*Thank God for blessing you with those abilities and skills.

Fri **Review.** Based on what we've learned about Joseph last week and this week, how had he changed? _____

*Pray that as you learn to be faithful to God, you will be so changed that people will say, "God is with him/her!"

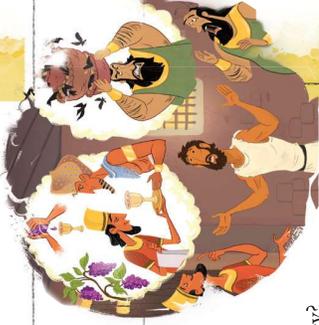
Sat **Memorize Colossians 3:23.** Write it here. _____

Choose one task with which you need to be especially faithful in this week. _____

*Ask God to help you be faithful in the area you mentioned.

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?



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.

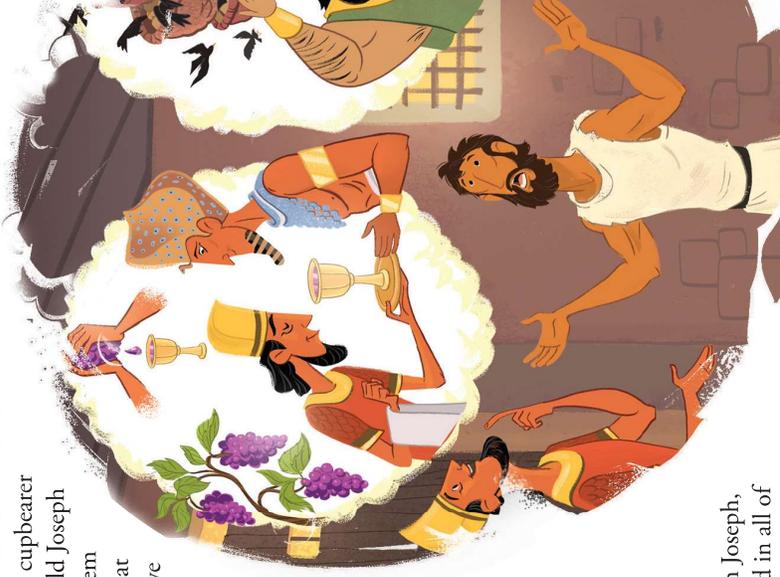
But God was still with Joseph and blessed him. One night, two of the prisoners—Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker—both had dreams. They told Joseph about dreams they had. Joseph told them what the dreams meant. Joseph said that in three days, the cupbearer would serve Pharaoh again; but the baker would not 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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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?

To the Point

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

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10 9 16 3 11

13 9

14 8 2 3 11 12 13 1 8 2

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A	1
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V	15
W	16

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.