



## Lesson 21: Pharaoh's dream

### *Scriptural Basis:*



Genesis 41

### *Overview:*

After interpreting the dreams of two fellow inmates – Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer – and though he asked the cupbearer to remember him, Joseph spent two more years in jail. The cupbearer did finally remember Joseph when Pharaoh had a pair of dreams that no one could interpret. When Joseph was brought before Pharaoh and asked if he could interpret the dreams, Joseph told Pharaoh that he couldn't, but God would. God allowed Joseph to correctly interpret Pharaoh's dreams warning of an upcoming famine, and as a result Joseph was made second in command over all of Egypt.

### *Things to consider:*

Though God seemed absent during Joseph's time in jail, He was not.

Joseph gave God the glory, and Pharaoh recognized God's gift of discernment to Joseph, and therefore entrusted Joseph with great responsibility.

God was making a great name for Himself in the eyes of Joseph, Pharaoh, and the Egyptian nation.

### *Bible Study for Preparation:*



Read Genesis 41, and Psalm 105. Consider all the ways God guided and protected Joseph and his family.

### *Preparation for the lesson:*

A: Review the previous week's lesson(s) and consider how they fit into the larger narrative

B: Read through the narrative. Goal: know it well enough that you can tell the story without reading it!

C: Memorize the memory verse for the lesson

D. Read through the handout, paying close attention to the application questions and 'gospel in the story' sections.

### *Teaching the lesson:*

A: Review: Joseph becomes a slave (sold to Potiphar, then spends 4 years in jail)

B: Bible verse memory activity

C. Story

D. Additional activity