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Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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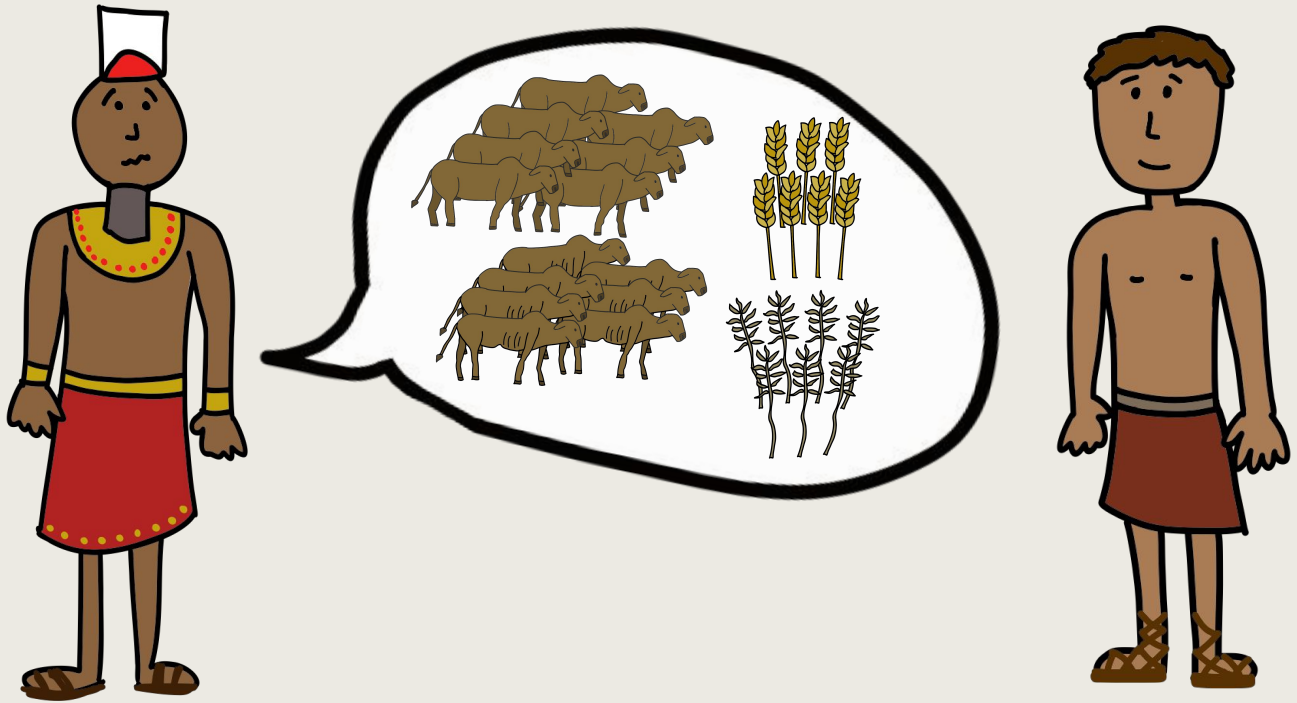
The Revealing God

Genesis (Part 3) / Genesis 40-41


JOSEPH
DREAMS AND DESTINY

The Revealing God

Genesis 40-41



SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES
Genesis (Part 3)

BIBLE FOCUS
Genesis 40-41

TOPIC
The Revealing God

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Even when we don't understand God's plan, we can trust Him because He is always at work.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Genesis (Part 3)

Genesis is not only the beginning of the Bible, but provides a foundation for our understanding of who God is, God's plan for the world, and our part in his story. We have approached Genesis in three parts; Part I unpacking the beginning of grace in the origins of creation, humanity, and sin (Genesis 1-11), and Part II God's response in calling Abraham and his unfolding story (Genesis 12-25).

In this eight-part series, we'll explore the characteristics of God as he works through his chosen people—especially Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

MULTIMEDIA

1. SBK Kids Talk
2. Joseph in Egypt (Saddleback Kids)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. Genesis 12-50 by the Bible Project

SONGS EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. God Can Turn It All Around (The Joseph Song)
2. God Is Good (All the Time)
3. The Plans

SONGS PRIMARY

1. God Can Turn It All Around (The Joseph Song)
2. The Lord's Plans
3. God is Good

RUNSHEET

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OVERVIEW
GATHER
READ
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HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **Genesis (Part 3)**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session.**

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact hello@stbartskids.org

TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- ❑ Toy Food and Accessories
- ❑ Wooden Fruit
- ❑ Printout Worksheet #1
- ❑ Pencils
- ❑ Printout of colouring sheet from Supercoloring
- ❑ Crayons / Coloured Pencils
- ❑ Clipboards if needed
- ❑ Large Container or Sensory Table
- ❑ Beans, Rice, Corn, Oats or Similar
- ❑ Small containers
- ❑ Tweezers or Spoons
- ❑ Playground Equipment
- ❑ Printout Worksheet #2
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ Foam Rings (made from pool noodles sliced into 1cm disks and includes a cut in one side)
- ❑ A3 Printout of Joseph activity from Ministry to Children cut into sections
- ❑ Glue
- ❑ A3 Paper
- ❑ Coloured Pens/Pencils
- ❑ Timer
- ❑ Printout of Worksheet #3
- ❑ Pencils
- ❑ Chickpeas
- ❑ 7 buckets
- ❑ 6 dice

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the sixth in an eight week series on Genesis (Part 3).

FOCUS

Even when we don't understand God's plan, we can trust Him because He is always at work.

WARM-UPS

- What are some of the things that you can be pretty sure will happen this week?
- Would you like to know what might happen to you next week?

TEACHING TIME

The Revealing God

When Joseph was the favourite son of his father in Canaan, he had no idea what the future would hold. He didn't know he'd be thrown into a well by his brothers, or that he would become a slave and then put in charge of Potiphar's household. Or that he would be thrown into prison.
By this time, he knew that God is in control. God might be invisible, but he's been watching over Joseph, and he has been with him even when the most unexpected things happen. Because nothing is unexpected to God.

Now in charge of the prison, Joseph notices 2 anxious prisoners. They'd each had a strange dream - with a hidden meaning. Joseph explained that God can help him explain the meaning of dreams.
For the wine-taster, the dream meant that something good would happen. He would be freed and have his job back in Pharaoh's household. But for the chief baker, the news was quite the opposite: he would die. Both these dreams came true in 3 days.. Just as God had said.

I wonder how Joseph felt telling those men what God had told him?

2 years later, Joseph is still in prison.
The wine-taster has forgotten all about Joseph's kindness to him - and his gift in interpreting dreams. Until one day....

Pharaoh is very worried because he has had 2 very strange dreams, about 7 scrawny cattle eating 7 fat cattle, and the other about 7 healthy corn cobs being swallowed up by 7 really skinny corn cobs. The king had called his advisers – but no one had a clue. And that's when Pharaoh's wine-taster remembers Joseph.

Tell me the meaning, Pharaoh begged Joseph. *I can't,* said Joseph. *But God can.*
So Joseph told Pharaoh the meaning that God gave him: *There will be 7 years of very good harvests followed by 7 years of famine. God will do this. So you must appoint a very wise person to make sure this crisis is managed well.*
Pharaoh appointed Joseph as Prime Minister to govern the land, because he knew that God's Spirit was on Joseph.
Imagine going from prisoner to the Prime Minister of the country in one day.

Once again, God has been faithful to Joseph. At just the right time - God revealed what Joseph needed to know.

God is in control of our lives too. We can trust him today – and for the future even when we don't know what lies ahead.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

How do we know that God is always caring for us?

2. Lower Primary

How do we know that God is caring for us even when we don't know what's happening?

3. Middle Primary

Why is it good to know that God is caring for us even if we can't see what's happening?

4. Upper Primary

Why is it good to know that God is working on our side, when we don't understand what is happening?

Early Childhood

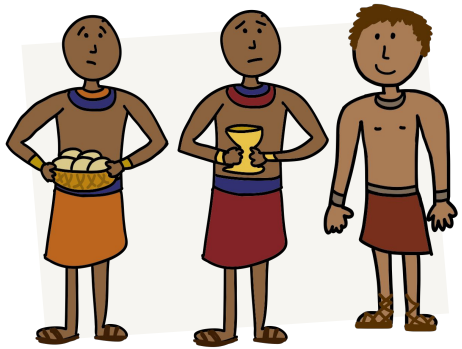
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Joseph was in prison with two of Pharaoh's workers. One was the cupbearer who gave Pharaoh his drinks, and the other was the baker who made his food.



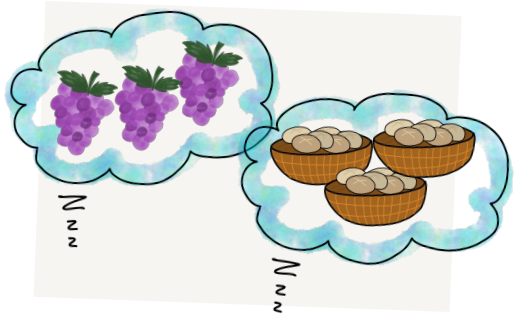
One night, they both had dreams. In the morning, they were worried because they didn't know what their dreams meant.



Joseph noticed they were sad and asked, "Why are you looking so sad?"



They told Joseph they couldn't understand their dreams. Joseph said, "God is the one who can help us understand dreams. Tell me what you dreamed."



Joseph listened carefully and explained what their dreams meant. Everything happened just as Joseph had said.

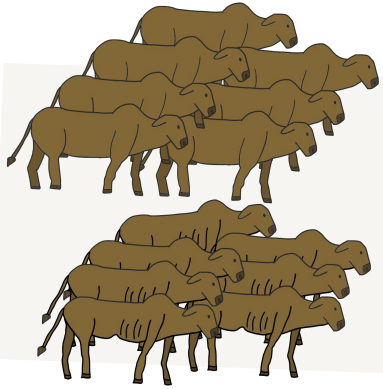


Three days later, the cupbearer got his job back, but sadly, the baker died.

Early Childhood



Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him and help him get out of prison. But the cupbearer forgot all about Joseph.

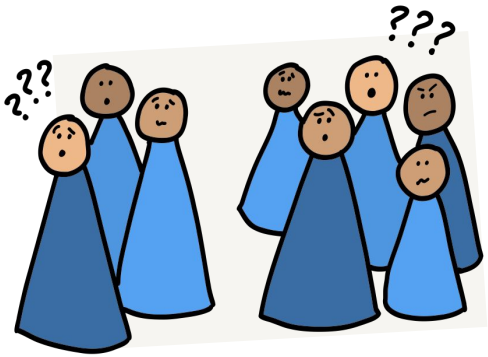


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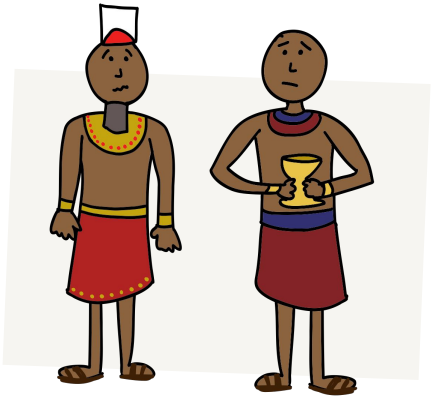


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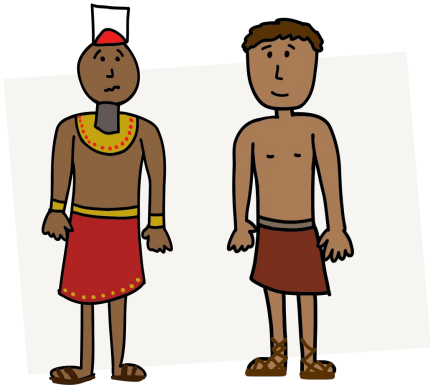
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Pharaoh was worried. He asked his wise men what the dreams meant, but no one could explain them.



Then the cupbearer who used to be in prison with Joseph remembered him. He told Pharaoh about Joseph, so Pharaoh sent for him straight away.

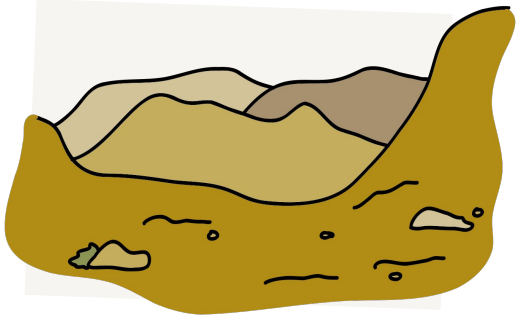


Pharaoh told Joseph his dreams. Joseph said, “I can’t explain dreams by myself, but God will help me understand.”

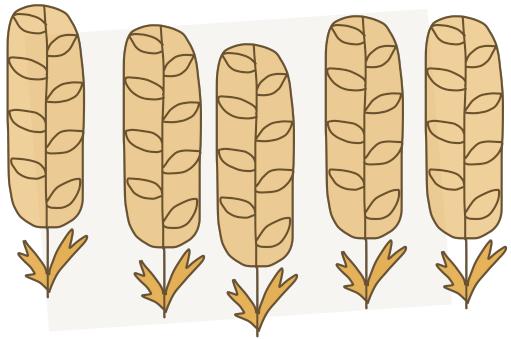
Early Childhood



Joseph explained that the dreams had the same meaning. There would be seven years when Egypt had lots and lots of food.



After that, there would be seven years when there would not be enough food for everyone.



Joseph told Pharaoh they should save extra food during the good years so people would have food to eat during the hard years.

Early Childhood



Pharaoh thought this was a very good plan. He could see that God had given Joseph great wisdom, so he put Joseph in charge of all Egypt.

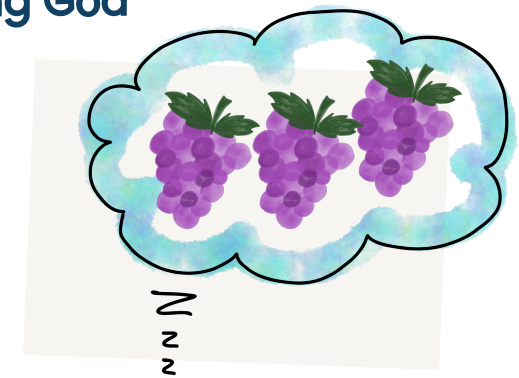


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Lower Primary

The Revealing God





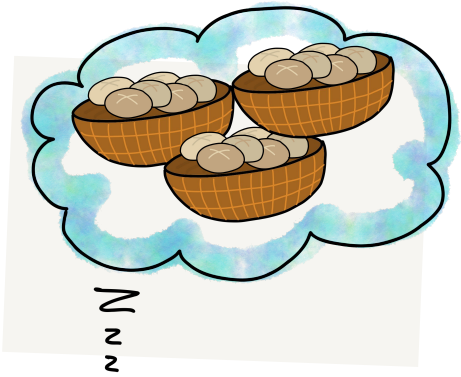
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Lower Primary



12-15 “Here’s what your dream means,” Joseph said. “The three branches are three days. In three days Pharaoh will let you out of prison. He’ll give your job back to you. But don’t forget me so I can get out of this prison.”



16-19 Then the baker said, “In my dream there were three baskets of bread on my head. But the birds were eating the bread.” Joseph said. “The three baskets are three days. In three days Pharaoh will kill you and the birds will finish you off.”

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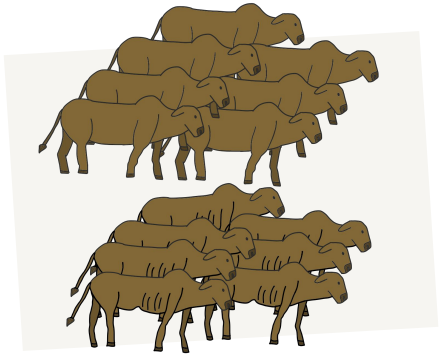


20-22 Three days later, Pharaoh had a birthday party and he brought the cupbearer and the baker out of prison. He gave the cupbearer's job back to him but he killed the baker. Everything happened just as Joseph had told them when he explained their dreams.



23 But the chief cupbearer didn't remember Joseph. In fact, he forgot all about him.

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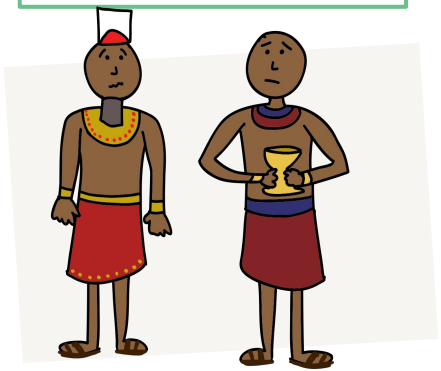




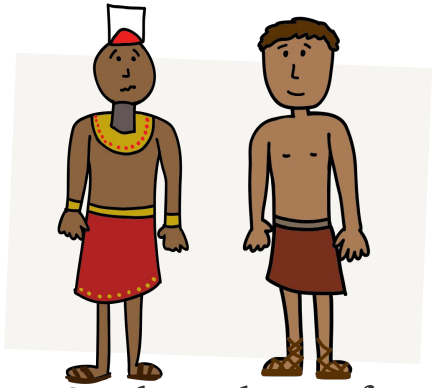
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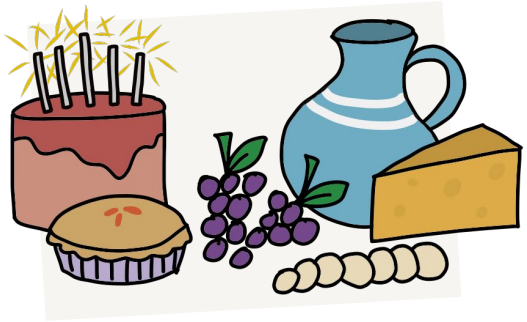


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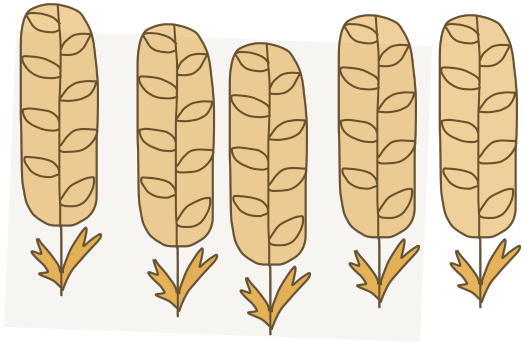


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Lower Primary



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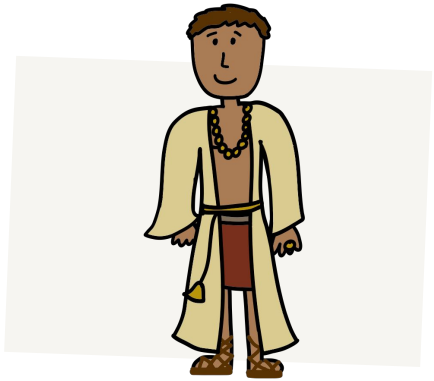


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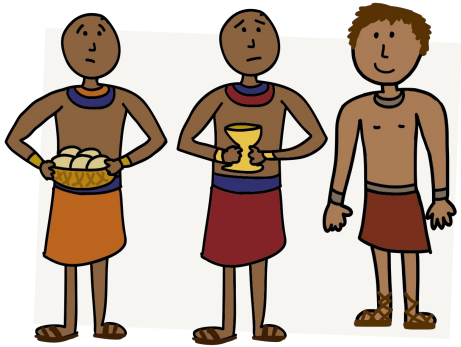
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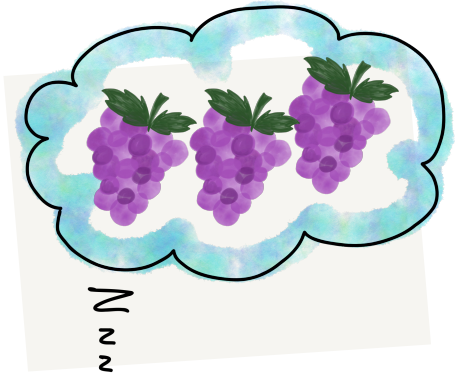
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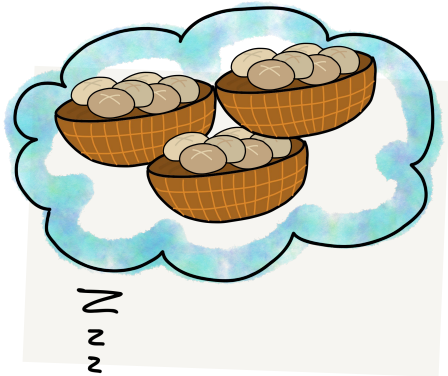


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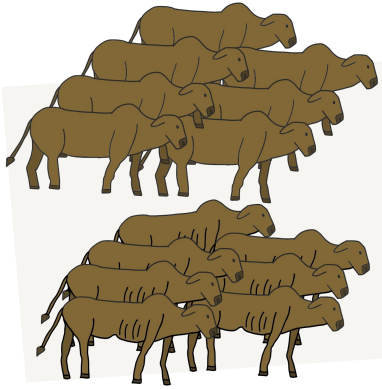
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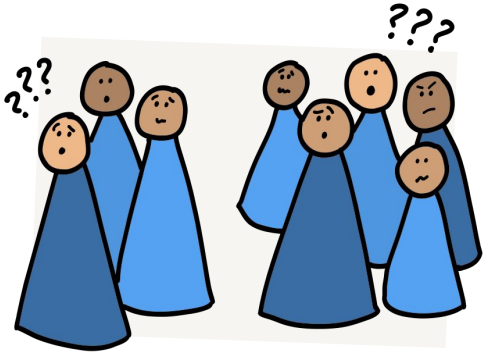


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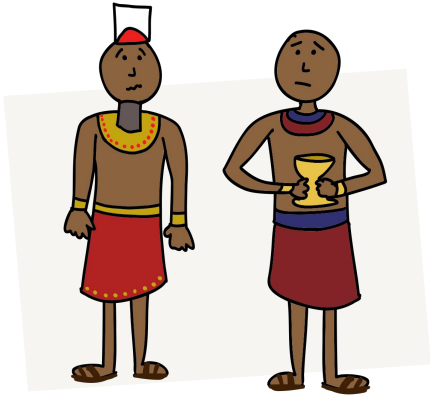
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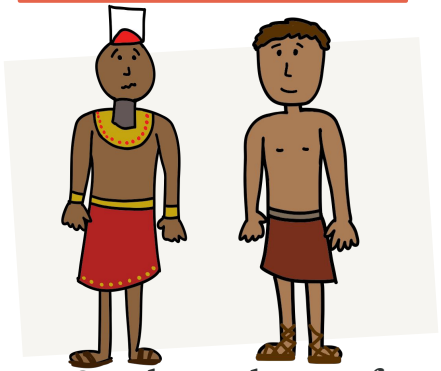


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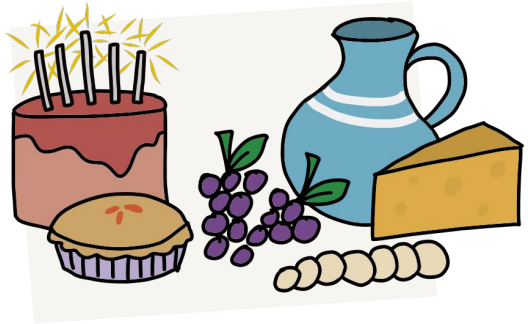
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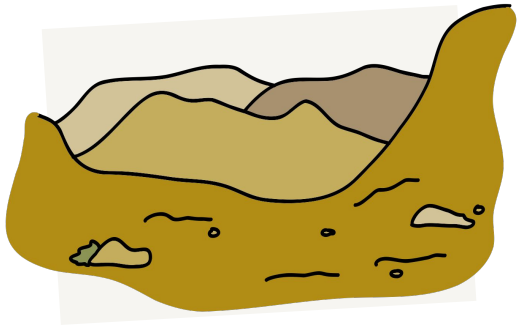


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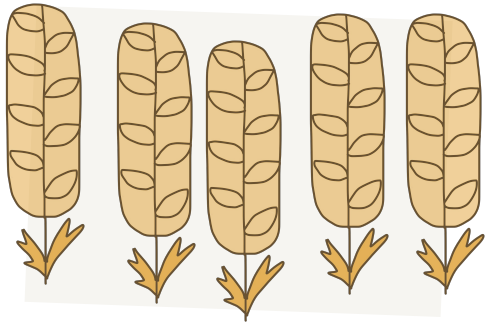


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28-32 God has shown Pharaoh what he's about to do. Terrible hunger will destroy the land. God gave the dream to Pharaoh in two forms because the matter has been firmly decided by God.



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FOCUS

Even when we don't understand God's plan, we can trust Him because He is always at work.

Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,

THANK YOU that you are always with us.

HELP US to trust you when we have to wait.

Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. **Have you ever had to wait a long time to get something you really wanted?**
   Talk about how hard it can be to wait.

2. **Joseph has been in the prison for a long time, waiting for God to help him. Who are the two sad people he meets one day?**
   The cupbearer and the baker.

3. **Why are they looking so sad?**
   They have both had very strange dreams but they don't know what the dreams mean.

4. **Why is Joseph able to help them understand their dreams?**
   - He is very clever
   - **God will help him**
   - He has a good imagination

5. **The cupbearer got his job back in Pharaoh's palace just as Joseph had told him from his dream. But what promise did he forget to keep?**
   He had promised to remember how kind Joseph had been and how God had helped Joseph to know the meaning of the dream.

6. **Why did he remember Joseph 2 years later?**
   Because Pharaoh had strange dreams and no one could tell him the meaning

7. **What were the strange dreams that Pharaoh had?**
   Have the children tell it in their own words.

8. **Why was Joseph able to tell Pharaoh the meaning when all his own wise men could not?** God helped him - he couldn't do it on his own.

9. **When Joseph explained the meaning of the dreams, Pharaoh appointed him to be the person who would make sure that the food from the 7 good years was saved for the bad years.**
   Why did Pharaoh appoint Joseph?
   He could see that Joseph's wisdom came from God.

10. **Joseph discovered once again that God was always looking after him. How do we know that God is always looking after us?**

"We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams." Genesis 40:8

FOCUS

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you are in control and that you know what is happening, even when we don't understand.

Please help us to trust you when we have to wait.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 40-41 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. **Have you ever felt that you'd like to see what might happen in the next few days?**
   Talk about how we'd like to know what the weather will be like or how we might go in our tests or sports.

2. **Joseph didn't know what would happen now that he was in charge of the jail. But what is he sure of?**
   a. He would soon be free
   b. God would always be with him
   c. He would become very rich

3. **Joseph noticed 2 people in jail who were sad. Why were they sad?** They had both had dreams that they didn't understand.

4. **How was Joseph able to help them?**
   God gave Joseph understanding about what the dreams meant.

5. **What meanings did Joseph give to the cupbearer and the baker?**

6. **Why do you think that the cupbearer forgot Joseph?** Talk about how easy it is to forget the people who have helped us. And how important it is to remember!

7. **Read Chapter 41:1-13. When Pharaoh had 2 very strange dreams, what did the cupbearer remember?**
   He remembered that Joseph would be able to tell Pharaoh the meaning - so Joseph was brought out of jail to hear about Pharaoh's dreams.

8. **Read Chapter 41:25-35. Ask the children what Joseph said was the meaning of these dreams.**
   There would be 7 very good years of lots of food to eat - followed by 7 years of a very hard famine. A wise person in charge would carefully store extra food in the first 7 years so the people would have enough to eat in the second 7 years.

9. **What does Pharaoh notice about Joseph after he is able to tell him exactly what his dream means?**
   He is a man who has the Spirit of God with him.

10. **Pharaoh appointed Joseph to be in charge of all of Egypt to make sure that no one goes hungry. Could Joseph have imagined that when he was in jail?** No - but God has always been with Joseph.

11. **How do we know that God is caring for us even when we don't know what's happening?**

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Middle Primary

PRAYER

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In Jesus' name, Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 40-41 from SBK Middle Primary Scripture.

1. **Have you ever felt that you'd like to see what might happen in the next few days?**
   Talk about how we'd like to know what the weather will be like or how we might go in our tests or sports.

2. **Like all of us, Joseph didn't know his future. Which of these things do you think he was sure of?**
   - **He was his father's favourite son**
   - He would be rescued from the well
   - He would go from being a slave to running Potiphar's household
   - **God was with him**
   - He would end up in prison

3. **Both the cupbearer and the baker had worked for Pharaoh the king. What strange dreams did they each have?** Encourage children to retell in their own words.

4. **How was Joseph able to explain their dreams?**
   God gave him the meanings.
   What meanings did he give each person?

5. **Why do you think that the cupbearer forgot Joseph?** Talk about how easy it is to forget the people who have helped us. And how important it is to remember!

6. **Read Chapter 41:8-13 Why did the cupbearer finally remember?** When Pharaoh had dreams no one could interpret, he remembered that this was the gift that Joseph had had.

7. **ReRead together the dreams of Pharaoh and what they meant.**

8. **What explanation did Joseph give to Pharaoh when he asked him to explain his dream? (Chapter 41:16)**
   That only God can interpret dreams. Remind children that he said the same thing to the baker and the wine taster.

9. **Why was Joseph able to help Pharaoh when his own wise men could not? *(Chapter 41:38-39)*** The Spirit of God gave him wisdom.

10. **What promotion does Pharaoh give to Joseph? *(Chapter 41:40)*** He puts him in charge of the whole country so that food can be stored during the 7 good years. Then people will have enough food when the famine comes.

11. **Even though Joseph could not see what God's plans were, he was learning that he could always be trusted. Why is it so good to know that God is caring for us even if we don't know what lies ahead of us?**

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Genesis 40:8

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 40-41 from NIRV Adventure Bible. There will be times when it is better to retell a shorter version

1. **Have you ever felt that you'd like to see what might happen in the next few days?**
   Talk about how we'd like to know what the weather will be like or how we might go in our tests or sports.

2. **Like all of us, Joseph was only sure of a few things in his life. But he didn't know his future. What do you think he was sure of?**
   Talk about how he was sure of being his father's favourite son - but didn't know that he would live most of his life without his father. And how he was learning to be sure that God was with him.

3. **Both the cupbearer and the baker had worked for Pharaoh the king. What strange dreams did they each have? (*Genesis 40:1-16)*** Encourage children to describe them in their own words.

4. **How was Joseph able to explain their dreams?**
   God gave him the meanings
   What meanings did he give each person?

5. **How long was it before Joseph's meanings were proved to be true?** 3 days
   Why do you think that the cupbearer forgot Joseph? Talk about how easy is is too forget the people who have helped us.

6. **Why did the cupbearer finally remember? (*Chapter 41:9-12)*** When no one could explain the strange dreams that Pharaoh had, he remembered that this was the gift that Joseph had had.

7. **Can you describe the dreams that Pharaoh had and what they meant? (*Chapter 41:1-7 and 25-32)***
   Ask the children to put it into their own words.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,

THANK YOU that you are always with us.

HELP US to trust you when we have to wait.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear God,

Thank you that you are in control and that you know what is happening, even when we don't understand.

Please help us to trust you when we have to wait.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

TIPS

Who could you pray for and encourage this week who might be going through a difficult time?

Early Childhood

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HELP US to trust you when we have to wait.

Amen.

Sunday School

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FOCUS

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Kitchen Play - Sharing
- I Spy
- Colouring
- Sensory Play
- Playground *(Kindy)*
- Tic Tac Toe *(Kindy)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Tic Tac Toe *(Prep)*
- Sleeping Tigers *(Prep)*
- Story Sequence *(1-2)*
- One Minute *(3-4)*
- Word Mining *(5-6)*

GAMES

- Chains *(Kindy)*
- Store the Food *(Prep-Yr 6)*

Kitchen Play - Sharing

YOU'LL NEED...

- Toy Food and Accessories
- Wooden Fruit

STEPS

1. Set out the kitchen toys - including food and cutlery.
2. Assist the children in setting the tables and sitting down to a 'meal' together.
3. Have the wooden fruit and a toy knife available for the kids to cut the fruit in half and share it out to everyone.
4. Joseph helped Egypt save food during the seven good years so people would have food during the famine.



Link *Joseph used the wisdom God gave him to prepare for the famine.*

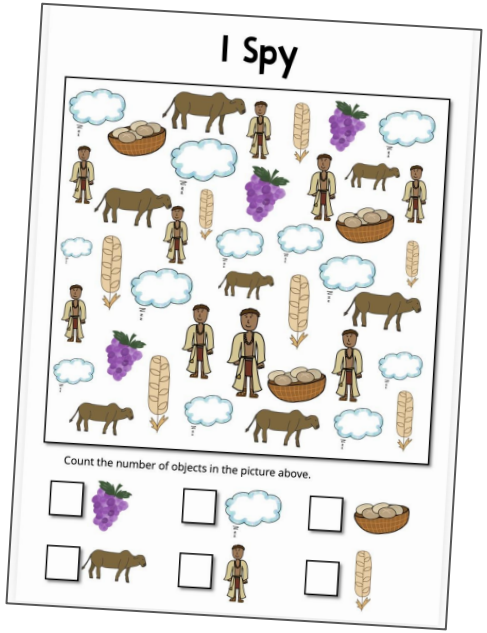
I Spy

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #1
- Pencils

STEPS

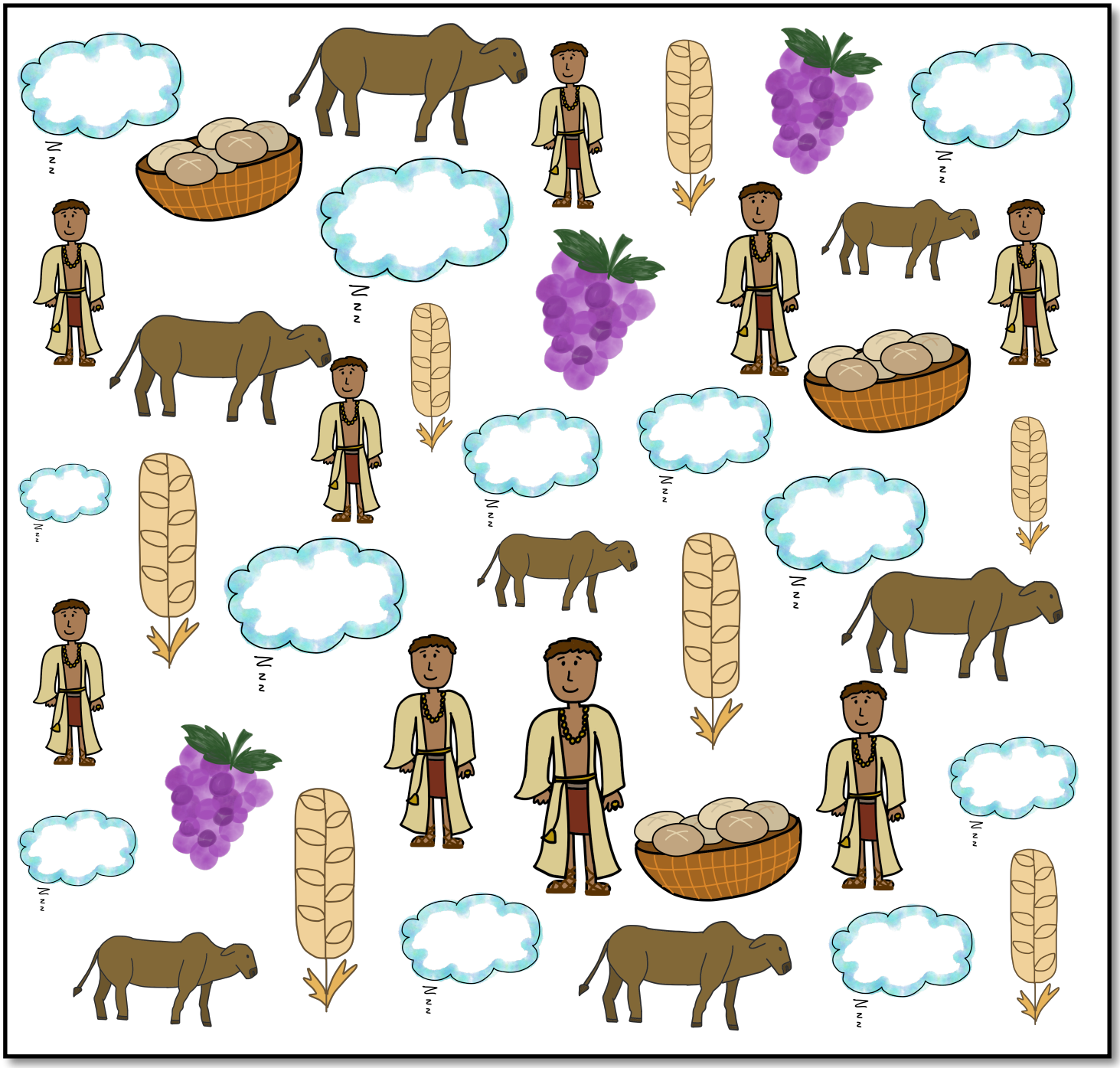
1. Hand out the 'I Spy' activity sheet.
2. Have the children look for each of the images listed at the bottom of the page, counting how many of each that they find.
3. Help the kids record the number of each image in the boxes provided.
4. Talk to the children about the dreams the cupbearer, baker and Pharaoh had.



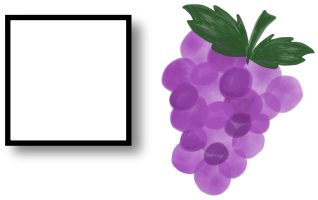
Link *All of the images for this activity have been taken from today's story on Joseph.*

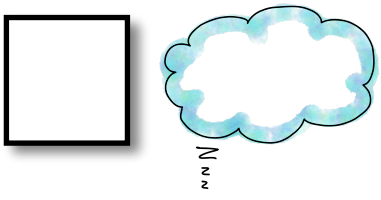
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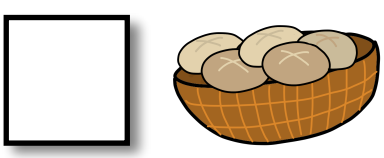
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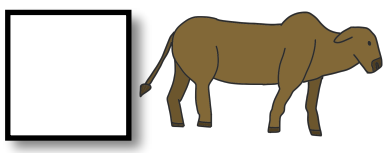


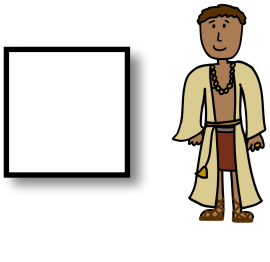
Count the number of objects in the picture above.

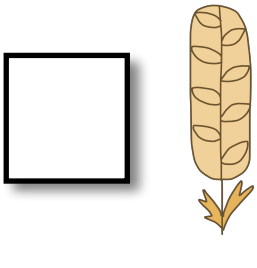












Colouring

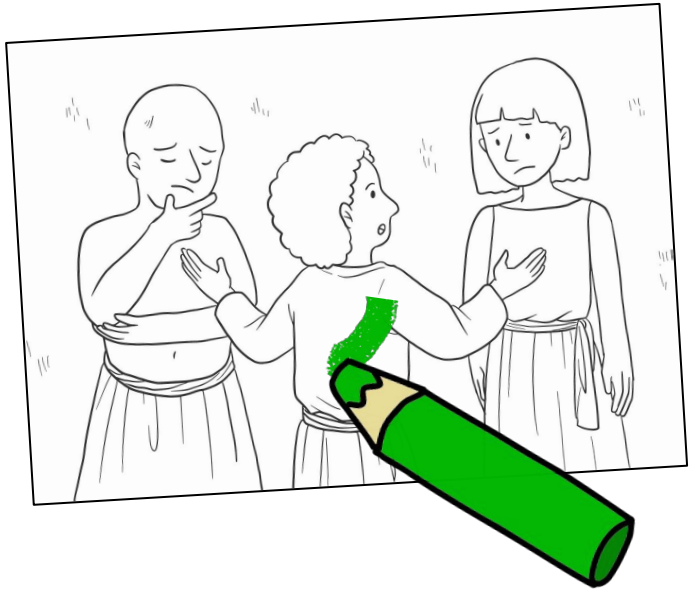
YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of colouring sheet from Supercoloring
- Crayons / Coloured Pencils
- Clipboards if needed

STEPS

1. Give each child a colouring page and encourage them to colour it in.

2. Talk to the children about the Bible story and how God helped Joseph understand the meaning of the cupbearer and baker's dreams.



Link *God helped Joseph understand the cupbearer and baker's dreams. God was in control.*

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Sensory Play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Large Container or Sensory Table
- Beans, Rice, Corn, Oats or Similar
- Small containers
- Tweezers or Spoons

STEPS

1. Set up the sensory table by putting the different materials and equipment out.
2. Encourage the children to play and explore the different materials.
3. Have the children place the grains in different containers using the tweezers or spoons like they're storing food.

****Supervision required at all times for this activity.**



Link

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Playground

YOU'LL NEED...

- Playground Equipment

STEPS

1. Practise being patient with one another. Go outside and line up at the playground. Take turns going down the slide.
2. Talk about how waiting and being patient can be hard, but when there is a wonderful thing to look forward to at the end of the waiting; then it is worth it!



Link

When we are at the playground, we have to wait patiently for our turn to go down the slide. Joseph had to wait for a VERY long time but God was in control and had a plan for Joseph's life.

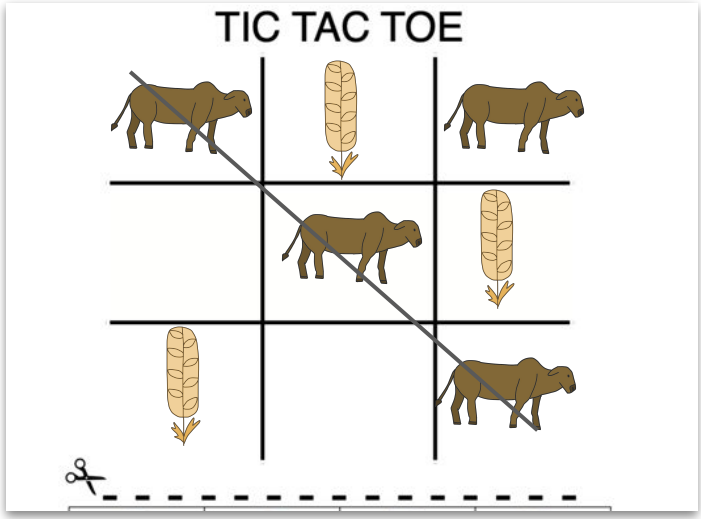
Tic Tac Toe

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #2
- Scissors

STEPS

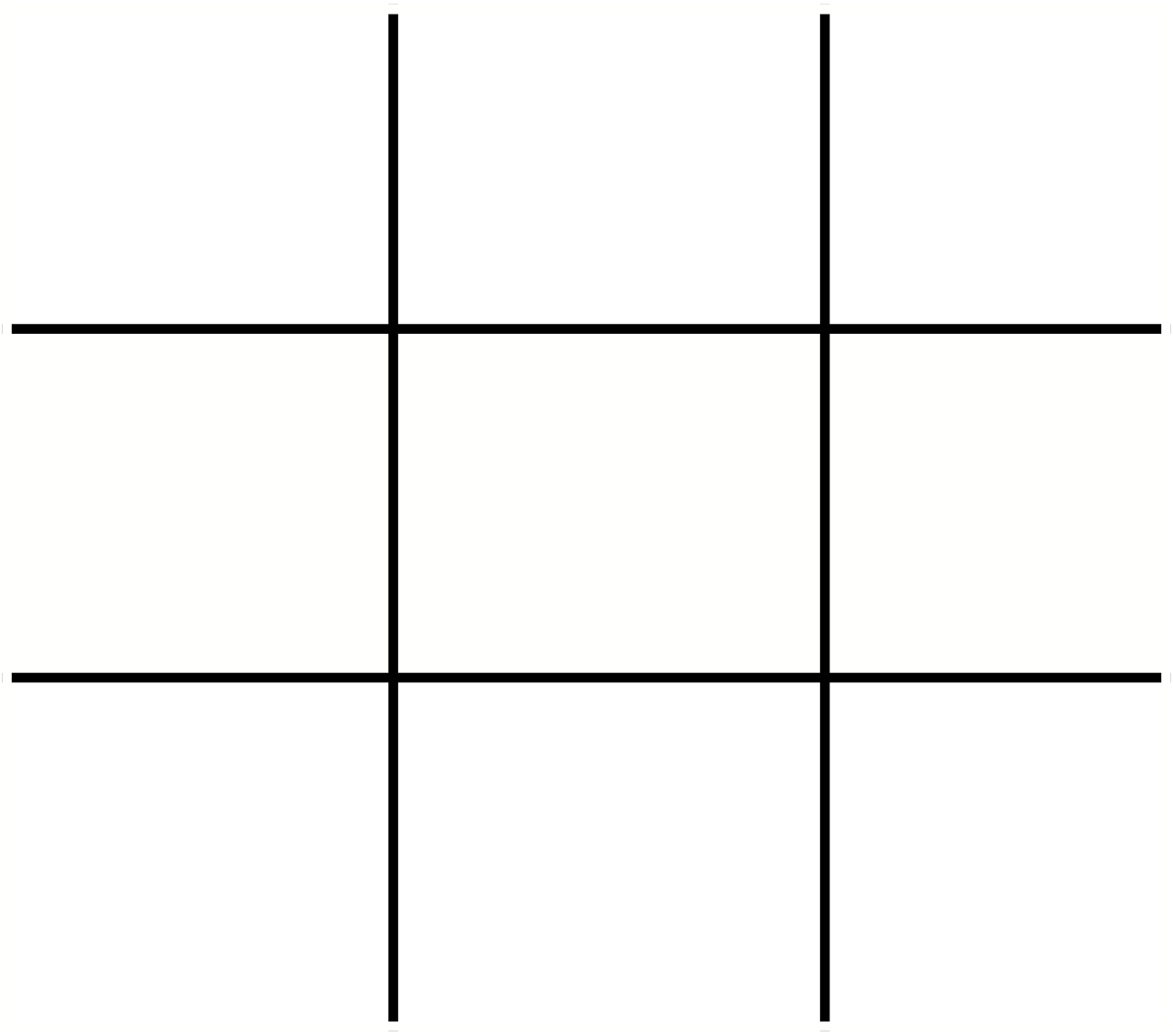
1. This game is designed for 2 players.
2. Each player is given a different character - either cow or wheat.
3. Players take turns selecting a square to put their character.
4. The first person to get 3 in a row wins.

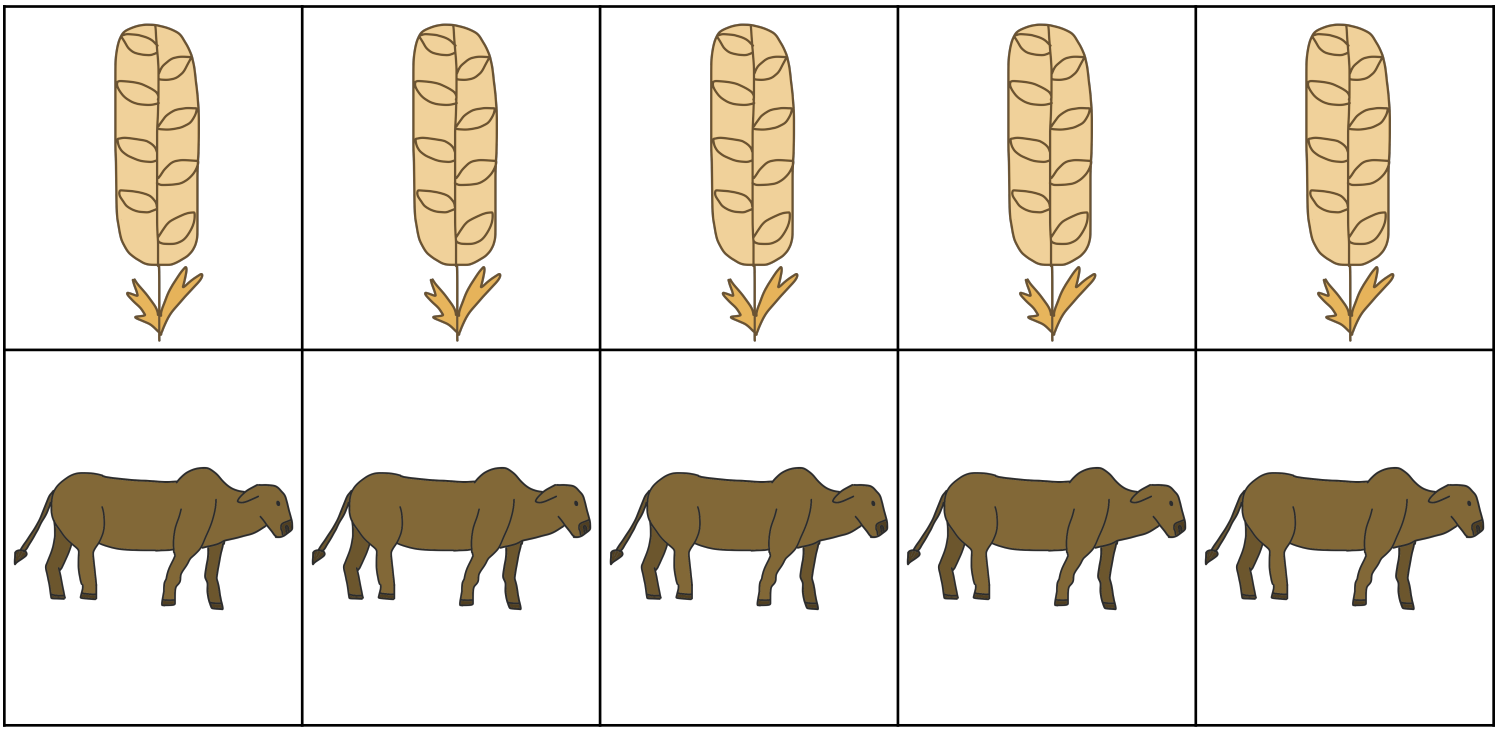


Link *Pharaoh couldn't understand his dreams, but God helped Joseph explain them.*

The TIC TAC TOE printable game is available on the next page.

TIC TAC TOE





Sleeping Tigers

YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

STEPS

1. Choose 1 or 2 children to be the hunters (they are 'up' for this round of the game).
2. Get all of the children to lie down on the floor in sleeping positions (except for the hunters).
3. Once settled, the children are not allowed to move. They must freeze and pretend to be asleep.
4. The hunters walk through the room and try to make the sleeping tigers move by making them laugh, telling them jokes, and so on. But, the hunters are not allowed to touch or try and move the tigers.
5. Once any tiger moves (even via laughing, opening their eyes, smiling) they are tapped and get up and join the hunters.
6. The last sleeping tiger wins!



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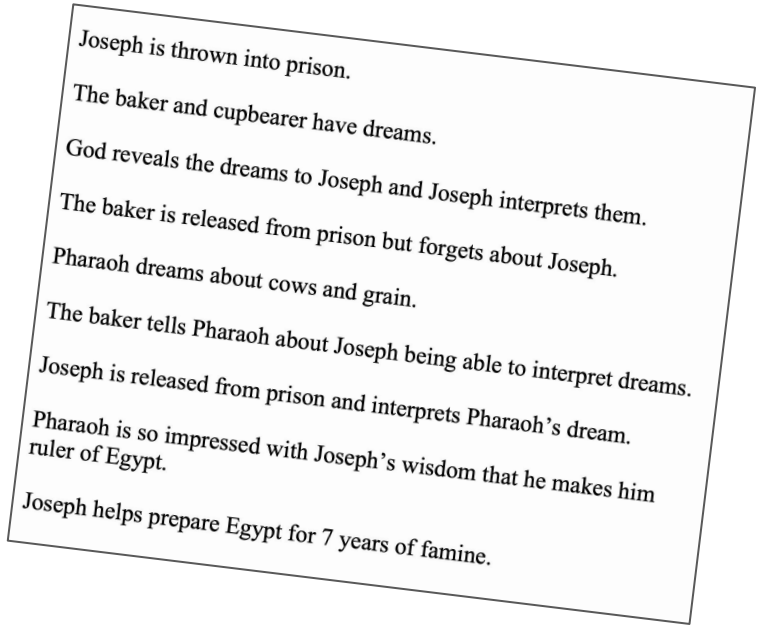
Story Sequence

YOU'LL NEED...

- A3 Printout of Joseph activity from Ministry to Children cut into sections
- Glue
- A3 Paper
- Coloured Pens/Pencils

STEPS

1. Divide the kids into groups of 2-3 and pass out the story sequence activity.
2. The groups will arrange the slips in order that they occurred in the story, and glue them to the piece of A3 paper.
3. Get the groups to decorate their page and draw pictures of the story.



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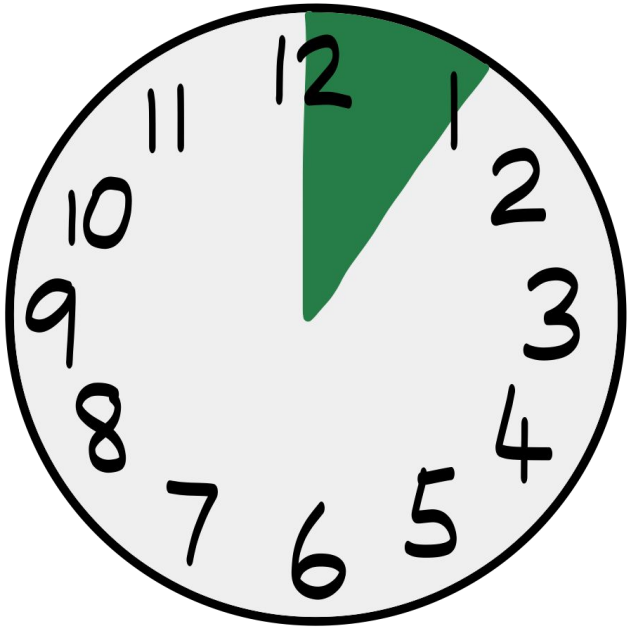
One Minute

YOU'LL NEED...

- Timer

STEPS

1. Get the kids to stand up.
2. Set a timer for one minute. On 'Go' start the timer (don't let the kids see the timer).
3. The kids must count in their heads and sit down when they think one minute is up.
4. Closest to one minute wins.
5. Repeat with different lengths of time.



Link

Sometimes when we're waiting for something, time can seem like it's moving really slow. But God is in control, even when we have to wait.

Word Mining

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #3
- Pencils

STEPS

1. Provide each child with a printout of the Word Mining worksheet.
2. Have them try and make as many words as possible, from the phrase 'Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams'.

RULES:

- ***No proper nouns allowed***
- ***No contractions (i.e., can't)***
- ***1, 2, or 3 letter words are not allowed***
- ***Bonus points for words that relate back to the story***



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The WORD MINING worksheet is available on the next page.

How many different words can you make from these letters:



Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams

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GAME: Chains

YOU'LL NEED...

- Foam Rings (made from pool noodles sliced into 1cm disks and includes a cut in one side)

STEPS

1. Show the children the foam rings and demonstrate how to connect the rings to each other.
2. Get the children to work together to link the chains together to make a long chain.



Link

God had been working out his plans all along, even during the years Joseph spent waiting in prison.

GAME: Store the Food

YOU'LL NEED...

- Chickpeas
- 7 buckets
- 6 dice

STEPS

1. Split the children into 6 teams.
2. The aim of the game is for each team to collect as many chickpeas as possible in 10 minutes.
3. Fill one bucket with chickpeas.
4. Each team is to have one empty bucket and a dice. Roll the dice, and based on the number, collect that number of chickpeas from the central bucket and take them back to their team.
5. While people are running, encourage other team members to be counting. *To keep it interesting, call out different ways children are to run to the bucket (e.g. crawl, skip, walk backwards, hop).*



Link *Joseph used the wisdom God gave him to prepare for the famine.*