



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#43 – Joseph Becomes Ruler Genesis 41:14-40

PICTURES NEEDED

- 43-1 Pharaoh's dream
- 43-2 Joseph brought before Pharaoh

REVIEW

- **Big Question:** What does God do for those who love him?

God works for our good in all things.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

J—J
Joseph
He was treated
Wrong
J—J—Joseph
In God he did
stay strong

Make sign of "J"
Lift "J" up & look up to God
Make sad face
& thumbs down sign
Same as above.
Lift arms up above head
Make muscle fists up at side of body



LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:**

Joseph was put in prison even though he hadn't done anything wrong. While he was in prison Joseph trusted God and showed that he was a very wise man who did what was right.

(picture 43-1) Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, had a dream that bothered him a lot. In one dream seven fat cows were eaten up by seven ugly and skinny cows. In the other dream seven healthy stalks of grain were swallowed up by seven thin and dried up heads of grain.

(picture 43-2) Pharaoh found out that Joseph could understand dreams so he brought Joseph out of prison to explain his dreams to him. Joseph told Pharaoh that the dreams were from God and told him what was going to happen in Egypt. God said there would be seven years with lots of food, followed by seven years where there wouldn't be any food. When there isn't any food to eat, it is called a famine.

Pharaoh saw that Joseph was very wise and he made him an important ruler in Egypt to collect the grain in the good years so there would be something to eat in the bad years.

The big question for this week is: How does a person demonstrate wisdom?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached daily discussion questions.

Title: Why did Pharaoh send for Joseph?

Page 1—Genesis 39:22-23

(picture of Joseph in jail)

Joseph was thrown into jail,
though he did nothing wrong
He continued to do right
because to God he did belong.
He was put in charge
of all things in the jail.
Because whatever Joseph did,
he did it very well.

Page 2—Genesis 40:8

(picture of Pharaoh's servants)

To the prison Pharaoh sent
two of his servants there.
Pharaoh's baker and his cupbearer
were put under Joseph's care.
Then one night both servants
had a dream that caused them grief.
Joseph knew the meaning,
which to the cupbearer brought relief.

Page 3—Genesis 40:21-23

(picture of Joseph waiting)

The cupbearer was restored
to the job that he once had.
But the baker lost his life
as Pharaoh deemed him bad.
Joseph asked the cupbearer
to get him out of jail.
But he didn't help out Joseph,
he just left him in his cell.

Page 4—Genesis 41:15-16

(picture of Joseph going to Pharaoh)

However, after two years
Pharaoh had a dream,
There was no one he could find
to tell what it did mean.
The cupbearer was reminded
of what Joseph did in jail.
And that the meaning of a dream
Joseph sure could tell.
So Pharaoh sent for Joseph
to come into his home.
Joseph had to bathe and shave
to come before the throne.

Page 5—Genesis 41:29-30

(picture of seven cows)

Pharaoh then told Joseph
of his terrible dream.

And Joseph learned from God
what the dream did mean.

Seven cows and heads of grain
growing on a stem.

Meant 7 years of great abundance
God would give to them.

Seven years would follow
when food they couldn't grow.

Pharaoh's dreams and what they meant
to Joseph God did show.

Page 6—Genesis 41:39-40

(picture of Joseph as the ruler)

Pharaoh then made Joseph
the ruler of his lands.

He put the care of Egypt
into Joseph's righteous hands.

He saw that Joseph's wisdom
came from God above.

As Joseph truly trusted
in God's goodness and his love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Day 1: What did Joseph do in jail? Why did Joseph do what was right?

Day 2: Who did Pharaoh put in prison? What happened to them in prison?

Day 3: What happened to the cupbearer? What happened to the baker? What did Joseph ask the cupbearer to do?

Day 4: What happened when Pharaoh had a dream?

Day 5: What was the meaning of Pharaoh's dream?

Day 6: What did Pharaoh do for Joseph? Why did Pharaoh do that?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God that learning from him and following his truth makes a person wise. Pray that you would want to be wise, love him and do what is right.
- The Big Question: **How does a person demonstrate wisdom?**

Good deeds show God's wisdom.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

F—F	Make sign of "F"
Pharaoh	Make crown on head
Had a terrible	Shake hands and body
Dream	Make like sleeping
F—F—Pharaoh	Same as above
Wondered what	Put hand on chin like thinking
it did mean	Look around in thought position



★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Activity:** Drawing

Instruction: Draw a skinny cow and a fat cow.

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes. With which letter sound does Pharaoh begin?

★ **Song:** Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

Other Verses:

I've got love like an ocean

I've got joy like a fountain

• **Craft:** Paper Doll

As a reminder that Pharaoh made Joseph a ruler over Egypt, cut out and dress up a paper doll.

Materials: Cover stock paper, glue, scissors, colored pencils, jumbo craft sticks, modeling clay, sequins, ribbon, rick rack, etc.

Preparation: Run off craft on cover stock paper.

Instructions: Color in Joseph and then cut him out around the outside line. Glue sequins, ribbons and other decorative items to the figure of Joseph. Glue the figure to a jumbo craft stick and stick it into a ball of modeling clay.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.