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## Genesis 41:14-32

<sup>14</sup> So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

<sup>15</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

<sup>16</sup> "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

<sup>17</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile, <sup>18</sup> when out of the river there came up seven cows, fat and sleek, and they grazed among the reeds. <sup>19</sup> After them, seven other cows came up—scrawny and very ugly and lean. I had never seen such ugly cows in all the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> The lean, ugly cows ate up the seven fat cows that came up first. <sup>21</sup> But even after they ate them, no one could tell that they had done so; they looked just as ugly as before. Then I woke up.

<sup>22</sup> "In my dreams I also saw seven heads of grain, full and good, growing on a single stalk. <sup>23</sup> After them, seven other heads sprouted—withered and thin and scorched by the east wind. <sup>24</sup> The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads. I told this to the magicians, but none could explain it to me."

<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>26</sup> The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years; it is one and the same dream. <sup>27</sup> The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They are seven years of famine.

<sup>28</sup> "It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>29</sup> Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, <sup>30</sup> but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. <sup>31</sup> The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. <sup>32</sup> The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.



### LESSON 43



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**How does a person demonstrate wisdom?**

### MEMORY VERSE

### James 3:13

*Who is wise and understanding among you?  
Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in  
the humility that comes from wisdom.*

# Thinking It Through

## Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## Daily Reading 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?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: Who did Pharaoh put in prison? What happened to them in prison? What happened when Pharaoh had a dream? What was the meaning of Pharaoh's dream? What did Pharaoh do for Joseph?

Prayer: Thank God that learning from him and following his truth makes a person wise. Pray that you would want to be wise,

Application: What does it take to be wise? Would someone think you were wise by looking at what you do? Why or why not?

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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## How does a person demonstrate wisdom?



Good deeds show God's  
wisdom.

## Day 1

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 39:22-23:<sup>22</sup> So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.<sup>23</sup> The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

## Day 6

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 41:39-40:<sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you."<sup>40</sup> You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."

## Day 5

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 41:29-30:<sup>29</sup> Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt,<sup>30</sup> but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land.

## Day 2

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 40:8:<sup>8</sup> "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."

## Day 3

Draw a picture of Joseph and the cupbearer.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 40:21-23: <sup>21</sup> He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand, <sup>22</sup> but he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation. <sup>23</sup> The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

## Day 4

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

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