

Our lesson this week is about Joseph and how he suffered at the hands of evil people. The children will learn how that good overcomes evil even though circumstances may be difficult.

Joseph

Jacob had 12 sons and Joseph was his favorite. Jacob gave Joseph a very special coat to show how much he loved him. This made Joseph's brothers jealous.

One day Jacob sent Joseph to the field to check on his brothers. They were still angry about his beautiful coat, so they threw Joseph into an empty well. Then they dipped his special coat in goat's blood and took it to their father, Jacob. He thought Joseph had been killed by a wild animal. His sons did not tell him they had sold Joseph to some traders going to Egypt.

When Joseph was in Egypt, the king (called Pharaoh) had two dreams. First he dreamed about seven fat cows and seven skinny cows that came up out of the river. The skinny cows ate the fat cows, but they were no bigger than before.

Then he dreamed about seven full heads of grain on one stalk and seven thin, scrawny heads of grain. The thin heads ate the full heads. No one could explain the king's dream, but God helped Joseph to understand the meaning of the dreams.

Joseph told the king, "There will be seven years of good crops. Then there will be seven years of bad crops and hunger." Joseph told Pharaoh that he should choose a wise person to oversee the people and save food for the years of famine, or bad years when there would be no rain.

Pharaoh chose the wisest man he knew. He gave the job to Joseph!

The story of Joseph can be found in the book of Genesis, chapters 37, 39, 40 and 41.

Memory Verse

The Lord was with Joseph and
that which he did,
the Lord made it to prosper.
Genesis 39:23

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