

DEVOTION ON JOSEPH

Review of what happened in story so far....

Begin by asking if any of the girls can tell you what has happened in the story so far.

Joseph was the youngest son of Jacob and was loved very much by his father because he was born to him in his old age.

Jacob gave Joseph a coat of many colours and made no secret of the fact that Joseph was his favourite.

Joseph would tell his brothers of his dreams

In one such dream he had can be found in *Genesis 37:6*

(Chloe to read out)

Another dream he had went like this

(Megan to read out)

Quite naturally all of his brothers were angry him for thinking that they would one day bow down to him. As I'm sure you would be if your bothers or sisters said such a thing.

One day as Joseph went to his brother tending the fields they plotted to kill him.

Only Reuben protested to this and convinced his brothers to throw him into a cistern instead. Intending to come and get him later on.

His brothers then sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites.

The brothers took the coat back to their father and told him Joseph was dead.

Meanwhile Joseph had been sold to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

The story continues....

Read from page 68 (Joseph in Egypt) to page 74 in Gramp's Bible get different girls to read out what the different dreams were.

1st Dream: The Chief Butler....

"In my dream a vine was before me, and on the vine were three branches. I seemed as though it budded and the blossoms shot forth and the clusters grew into ripe grapes. Pharaoh's cup was in my hand. So I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I placed the cup into the hand of Pharaoh."

2nd Dream: The Chief Baker....

"I also had a dream and, behold, I had three basket of white bread on my head. In the uppermost basket there were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket upon my head."

3rd Dream: Pharaoh....

"In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the Nile, and there came out of the river seven cows, fat and handsome, and they fed in the meadow but, behold, seven other cows came up after them, thin and scrawny, such as I never saw in the land of Egypt for badness. The lean and scrawny cows ate the first seven cows, the fat ones, and when they had eaten them, they still appeared the same. They remained thin and scrawny as in the beginning. So I awoke."

4th Dream: Pharaoh....

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Questions:

1. How many sons did Jacob have?
2. To which son did Jacob give a robe of many colours?
3. Joseph's brothers were mad at him so they sold him to some slave traders. Where did the traders take Joseph?
4. When Joseph's brothers return, what did they tell their father had happened to Joseph?
5. While in Egypt, how did Joseph end up in Jail?
6. What did Joseph do for the Pharaoh of Egypt that led to Joseph becoming the second most powerful ruler in Egypt?
7. Why did Jacob tell all of Joseph's brothers to go to Egypt?
8. In what land did Joseph and his whole family settle?

Dream Cards for Girls: Joseph Devotion

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