

Story 38: Joseph in Prison in Egypt

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Read this story in The Bible in Genesis 41:1-24.

Words to Know

Pharaoh – the name for the king in Egypt

official – person with a job of authority in the government

wine taster – the person who tastes the king's wine to make sure it is not poison

Questions

1. Why was Joseph living in Egypt?
2. Why was Joseph now in prison?
3. Who stayed with Joseph everywhere he went?
4. What special power did God give Joseph?
5. Pharaoh was troubled about his dreams. Why?
6. How did the wine-taster know that Joseph could tell the meaning of dreams? (See Genesis, Chapter 40)
7. How did Joseph honor God when Pharaoh asked if he could tell the meaning of dreams?

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