

Story 42: The Israelites Became Slaves in Egypt

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Read this story in the Bible in Exodus 1:1-14

Words to Know

plead – to ask very strongly; to beg

Questions

1. How many years did Jacob's descendants live in Egypt?
2. How large was Jacob's family of descendants now?
3. Why didn't the new king know about Joseph?
4. Why was the new king afraid of the Israelites?
5. What did the new king do to the Israelites?
6. Who did the Israelites look to for help?

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