

Story 39: Get Ready for a Famine

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Read this story in the Bible in Genesis 41:25-37

Words to Know

- famine** – a time when there is not enough food
wise – able to make good decisions or choices
collect – gather and put together in one place
store – keep in a safe place

Questions

1. How could Joseph understand the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams?
2. What did the dreams show?
3. What would happen during the first seven years?
4. What would happen during the second seven years?
5. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh he needed to do?
6. How would the wise person help Egypt get ready for the famine?
7. Why did Pharaoh like Joseph's plan? Who do you think he will choose to help Egypt prepare for the famine?

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