

Power Clothes



Connect

Everyone will share their answer to this question:

- What is one of the most bizarre dreams you have ever had? Tell us about it!

Did you know that in the Bible there was a powerful man who also had a dream? And in those times, they always thought that their dreams meant something.



Read the Word

We have been reading about Joseph's life in the past weeks. This time, our story takes place two years after Joseph interpreted the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker.

Read Genesis 41

1 When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, 2 when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. 3 After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. 4 And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. 5 He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. 6 After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—thin and scorched by the east wind. 7 The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream.

Pharaoh was distressed. No one knew what his dreams meant. Then suddenly, the cupbearer remembered Joseph and he was immediately brought in before Pharaoh.

15 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

16 "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

29 Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, 30 but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. 31 The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. 32 The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

33 "And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. 35 They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. 36 This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine."

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."

41 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. 43 He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

Joseph was brought before Pharaoh to interpret his dreams. Pharaoh understood that Joseph not only had the right interpretation of the dreams, but also the right advice. He saw that he was a man with the Spirit of God, and this made Joseph stand out among the others.

Joseph was chosen to be the ruler of Egypt. He went from being a prisoner to a ruler of the land which amazingly happened in a day. Pharaoh gave Joseph his signet ring, but God gave him more than that, God clothed him with His presence. Even as a powerful king, Joseph remained faithful to God, who guided and gave him wisdom to rule. Through all the tough times he went through, Joseph trusted God and God delivered him.



Huddle

Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Do you believe that God is powerful?
- Do you think He can keep His promises?
- What can you do to show that you believe in Him?

7-12 years old

- Can you think of one challenging or hard situation that you have experienced?
- How does trusting God help you?

Kid to Parent

- How do we know that the Lord is still working while we are waiting for Him?
- Can you tell me a time when you experienced it?

Joseph's journey from Canaan, where his family lived, to Egypt is unbelievable. From the bullied brother to a slave, to a prisoner and now, he is a powerful man in Egypt. All this can only happen because of God. God molded him through each season in his life and Joseph was so trusting of God!

Do you see God delivering you through your difficult moments? Learn to trust in Him alone!



Pray

Dear God, thank You for your great love for us. Help us to believe and trust You even more when the times are tough. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Discover

How Do Oysters Make Pearls?

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"A natural pearl begins its life inside an oyster's shell when an intruder, such as a grain of sand or bit of floating food, slips in between one of the two shells of the oyster.

In order to protect itself from irritation, the oyster will quickly begin covering the uninvited visitor with layers of nacre — the mineral substance that fashions the mollusk's shells. Layer upon layer of nacre, also known as mother-of-pearl, coat the grain of sand until the iridescent gem is formed."

When you look at a pearl, you would never have guessed how much the oyster had to go through to produce it. It starts as a threat entering the oyster but as the oyster works harder, it finally produces a beautiful pearl. Just like when you see Joseph the ruler, no one would have known the hardship he went through. But through each season of his life, God delivered him.

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