

joseph review



Jacob, who was renamed Israel, and his 12 sons now lived in the Promised Land. Out of all of his sons, Israel loved _____ (Gen. 37:3) the most.

Joseph's brothers hated him even more when he told them that he had dreams about the future where he saw all of them bowing down to him!

The brothers thought to kill Joseph, instead they decided to sell Joseph to slave traders who were passing by on their way to _____ (Genesis 37:3).

Meanwhile, the slave traders sold Joseph to a man named _____ (Genesis 39:1), the head guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar noticed that God was with Joseph and blessed everything that he did.

Joseph was falsely accused of rape and thrown into _____ (Genesis 39:20).

God gave Joseph the ability to interpret prisoners' dreams.

A few years later Pharaoh had some dreams that troubled him. In one of them he saw (summarize)

_____ (Genesis 41:1-4)!

None of Pharaoh's wisest men could interpret what this meant. So Pharaoh had Joseph brought to him and asked, "*Can you really interpret dreams?*"

Joseph replied _____
_____ (Genesis 41:16).

Pharaoh shared his dreams and Joseph interpreted them saying, "*For the next seven years Egypt will have an abundance of food. This will be followed by seven years of a terrible famine that will spread over the land.*"

The king was so impressed with Joseph that he put him in charge of _____ (Gen. 41:41)

Israel realized his family was running out of food, and he sent his sons to _____ (Gen. 42:1-2). The brothers didn't recognize Joseph and bowed down before him.

After a lengthy ordeal, Joseph finally revealed who he was saying, _____
_____ (Gen. 45:3).

When Pharaoh heard that Joseph's brothers had come, he invited Israel and his entire family to live in Egypt. He gave them a plot of his best land, plenty of food, and all new clothing!

So the family of Israel came to live in Egypt, escaping the drought and enjoying the blessings that God had given Joseph.

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Session 9: Sunday, February 14, 2010

BASED ON: Exodus 1-4



The family of Israel had moved to Egypt and was enjoying the blessings that God had given to Joseph. Years passed, and Israel's family multiplied so quickly that they began to fill Egypt! Soon, a new king ruled Egypt who didn't remember how Joseph had saved them from the great famine. This king, called Pharaoh told his people, "*The Israelites are becoming a threat to us. There are too many of them! If we don't stop them now, they could join our enemies and fight against us.*"

So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves and treated them horribly. Pharaoh even gave an order to have every newborn son of the Israelites killed by drowning them in the Nile River.

One Hebrew family put their baby in a basket and floated him down the Nile in hopes of saving his life. Pharaoh's daughter discovered this baby crying in the basket and felt sorry for him. Moses' sister, who followed the basket from a distance, offered to help Pharaoh's daughter find a mother to nurse the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agreed, but she didn't know that she was hiring Moses' own mother to take care of him! The princess took the baby home to raise him in the king's palace and named him Moses (which means "to draw out").

Many years later, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them being forced to work as slaves. He witnessed an Egyptian beating one of the Hebrews. Moses looked around to see if anyone was watching, then killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand. When Pharaoh heard about this he tried to have Moses killed, but Moses escaped to the wilderness and started a new life as a shepherd.

Several years later a new Pharaoh came into power and continued to punish the Israelites in slavery. The people of Israel cried out to God for help and deliverance. God heard their cries and felt a deep concern for them. He did not forget the covenant promise he made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

One day while Moses was tending his sheep he noticed a bush that was on fire, but wasn't burning up. He said to himself, "*That's amazing! I've got to go over and see this.*"

God called out to him from the bush, "*Moses, Moses!*"

"*Yes, here I am!*" Moses answered.

"*Don't come any closer,*" God told him. "*Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground.*"

Moses hid his face in his hands because he was afraid to look at God.

Then God told him, "*I have heard my people's cries for deliverance and have come to rescue them. I have chosen you to meet with Pharaoh and lead my people out of Egypt.*" But Moses begged God to send someone else saying, "*Who am I? I'm not a good speaker... I'm clumsy with my words.*"

But God said, *“Who created mouths? Who gives people the ability to speak, hear, and see? I will help you speak clearly, and I will tell you what to say. But be prepared- Pharaoh is stubborn and will not listen.”* God allowed Moses to bring his brother Aaron with him to help him speak to Pharaoh.

Then Moses asked, *“Who should I tell them has sent me?”*

God replied, *“I AM WHO I AM. Tell them that I AM has sent you-the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This is my name for every generation.”*

Then Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, *“This is what the God of Israel says: ‘Let my people go!’”*

You won't believe what happened next...

Session 9: Moses

Make up work from February 14, 2010

Work with a parent or other adult on this make up work. Please return completed work at the next confirmation session. If you have questions please call Renee at 752-7434 x 16 or Pastor Naomi at 752-7434 x 15.



Name: _____ Grade: _____

NARRATE the Story

Together with a parent or guardian read the story as written on the hand-out. Listen to the words. Don't think ahead to what you've heard before. Rather, listen closely.

RETELL the Story

In 8-10 sentences retell the story that you just heard or read.

DIALOGUE about the Story

With a parent or guardian **DISCUSS** the following questions (you don't have to write your answers):

Name of parent or guardian working with: _____

What images came to mind when you were listening to this story?

...what did you see, hear, and smell?

What stood out to you from this story? What did you notice for the first time?

What questions did the story bring up? What did you wonder about?

In the past story, God gave Jacob a new name. What was the new name? (Gen. 35:10)

What does the name Israel mean?

(Gen. 32:28)

Name: _____ (page 2)

How did Israel's family, the Israelites end up in Egypt?

How were they treated when they first arrived?

How did the initial treatment change?

Why did Moses become a shepherd?

Why did Moses remove his sandals when he talked to God?

Why do you think Moses was afraid to look at God?

What do we learn about Moses from this story?

Why does God use imperfect people?

What was Moses' relationship like with God?

What was Moses relationship with the people of Israel?

Think of two ways this story is connected to previous stories.

Signature of parent or guardian working with: _____

CONNECT the Story to your life

How did this story challenge or encourage you?

Has God ever used you when you were afraid or unsure of yourself? How?

How might suffering benefit us?
