

Genesis 39 - 41

If when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval. 1 Peter 2:20

Reading this week

- S Genesis 39
- M Genesis 40
- T Genesis 41: 1 - 16
- W Genesis 41: 17 - 40
- Th Genesis 41: 41 - 47
- F Psalm 105: 16 - 22
- S 1 Peter 2: 13 - 25



Talk about why what Potiphar's wife wanted to do was wrong

In a pit

Before he was sold by his brothers, how do you think Joseph felt about his future?

How do you think he felt after he was sold into slavery?

Slave in Egypt

Read Genesis 39:1 - 9. Think particularly about what the verses tell us about Joseph's character and his relationship with God. Ask yourself these questions:

How did he act?

How might he have felt?

How did God bless him?

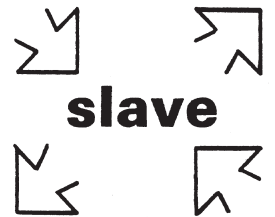
Forgotten in prison

Now look at his spell in prison in Genesis 39:21 - 23. Ask yourself the same questions:

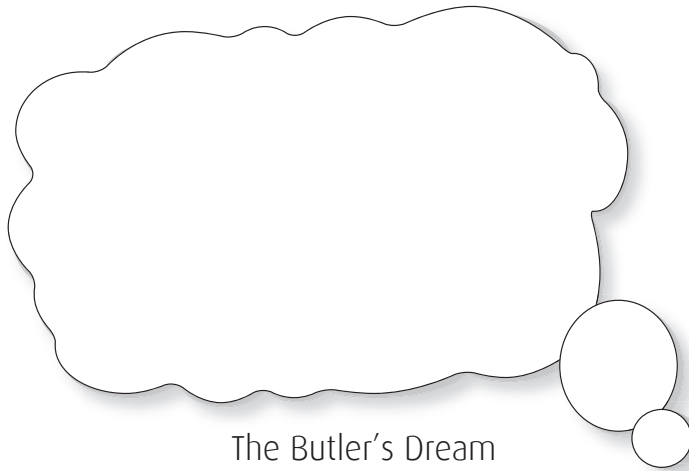
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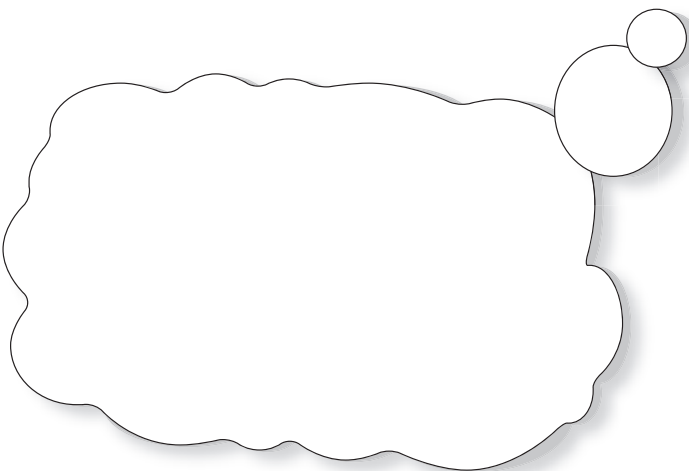
4 dreams and their meanings



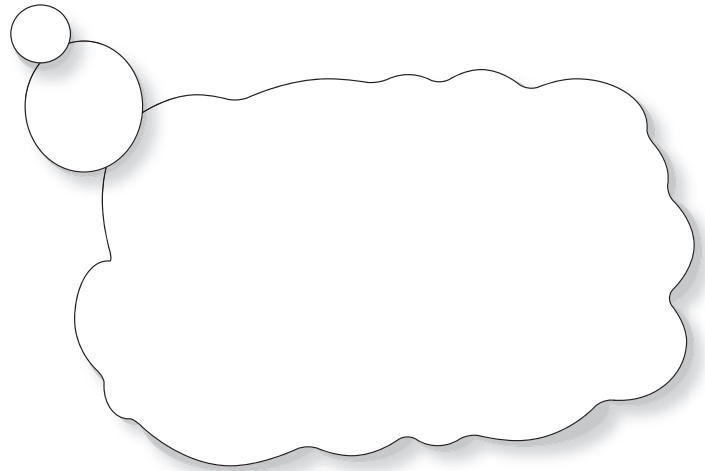
The Butler's Dream



The Baker's Dream



Pharaoh's 1st Dream



Pharaoh's 2nd Dream

Digging Deeper - about 'The Eldest'

Think about these questions, and whether God had planned what happened.

Which of Abraham's sons was the special one, first or second?

Which one of Isaac's sons ended up with the birthright, older or younger?

Reuben and Simeon and Levi had all done very wrong things.

Genesis 49 is what Jacob said to all his sons before he died. See what he said about these three (verses 3-8) Who does verse 8 say will be more important?

Verse 10 is still what was said to Judah. What does this verse mean?

Read Genesis 48:8-10,17-20. Same again?

You may think of other examples like this of brothers in the Bible.

How would you have felt in Joseph's place?

Do you think you could be so sure that God is with you?

Pray
for the
patience to
accept hard-
ship.