



## Joseph: Message to Pharaoh

Genesis 41:1–43; 45:4–11



### In class today . . .

. . . we learned about Joseph, one of God's messengers. We learned how Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams and explained to Pharaoh what God was going to do. We learned that Joseph was able to interpret dreams because God gave him the ability to interpret dreams. We also took time to imagine the dreams we have and the ways we hope God will continue to work in our world today.

### Talk with your child about . . .

. . . your dreams for what God might do in the world, and the ways you are using your gifts and abilities to be God's messenger.

### Make Someone's Dream a Reality!

Many people in the world dream of having enough food. You and your child can help be God's messengers and make the dream of food for all a reality!

Donate to a food bank as a family. Give your child a budget, and help him or her figure out how far that money can go at your local grocery store. Clip coupons from the newspaper and take note of special deals to really stretch your dollar! Create a shopping list and head to the store. Deliver your donations and say a prayer together. Thank God for the gift of food and for making it possible for you to help others.



### Learn More about Hunger!

Check out the following Web sites with your child and learn more about ideas to help reduce hunger.

- [pcusa.org/hunger/](http://pcusa.org/hunger/)

**The Presbyterian Hunger Program** is a ministry of the PC(USA) that works with congregations and partners around the globe to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes.

### Something to Remember

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what God is about to do."  
—Genesis 41:25

### Catechism Question

#### Question 14. What did God do to help us?

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning. They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.

—*Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

### Main Idea

God gives Joseph the ability to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, saving the Egyptians and the Israelites from famine.

- [bread.org/](http://bread.org/)  
**Bread for the World** is a collective Christian voice that seeks to end hunger both in the United States and abroad.



### Read about It!

Go to your local library or bookstore and find one or more of these storybooks that deal with hunger and poverty. Read together and talk about what it means to be really hungry or live in poverty.

DiSalvo-Ryan, DyAnne. *Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen*. New York: HarperCollins, 1997.

Experience an afternoon in a soup kitchen through the eyes of a young boy who helps serve others with the gift of food.

Forest, Heather and Susan Gaber, illustrator. *Stone Soup*. Little Rock, AR: August House, 1998.

Two weary and hungry travelers arrive in a quiet village where they are not treated with hospitality. They teach the villagers how to make stone soup and the villagers learn a valuable lesson in the process.

Guthrie, Donna and Dennis Hockerman, illustrator. *A Rose for Abby*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998. Abby watches a homeless woman dig in the trash cans in her neighborhood. This event leads Abby to ask her neighbors for help. (*limited availability*)