



Joseph: Message to Pharaoh

Genesis 41:1–43; 45:4–11



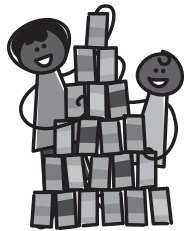
In class today . . .

. . . we learned about one of God's messengers, Joseph. We

learned how Joseph interpreted two of the pharaoh's strange dreams, explaining what God was going to do. Joseph was able to interpret dreams because it was an ability he had. We celebrated the different abilities and interests of those in the class. We also imagined together what dreams we have and ways we hope God will continue to work in our world today as we seek to be messengers.

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, much as the Egyptians might have during the time of famine that Joseph predicted. You and your child can help be God's messengers and make that dream a reality! Talk to members of your congregation involved in hunger ministry or contact your local food bank to find out ways in which you can volunteer. One of the easiest ways to help is through donating food.

Give your child a specified amount of money and help him or her figure how far that money could go in your local grocery store. Clip coupons from the newspaper and take note of special deals to really stretch your dollar! Together, create a shopping list and head to the store. Before delivering your donations, say a prayer together, thanking God for the gift of food and for allowing you to be a part of helping others.

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.



Learn More about Hunger!

Today's story is a reminder of the many people around the world, some in our own neighborhoods, who are hungry. Take some time to learn more about hunger by checking out the following Web sites together. Many include activities that help you learn more, and may give you more ideas to help reduce hunger!

- pcusa.org/hunger/
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. The Web site provides numerous ways to learn more about hunger and to take action in a variety of ways.
- feedingamerica.org/
Feeding America, formerly called America's Second Harvest, provides food assistance to over 25 million people in the United States, including over 9 million children, each year. You can even search for a food bank near you!
- bread.org/
Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice that seeks to end hunger both in the United States and abroad. In addition to learning about hunger, this Web site provides details on how to become an advocate for ending hunger.