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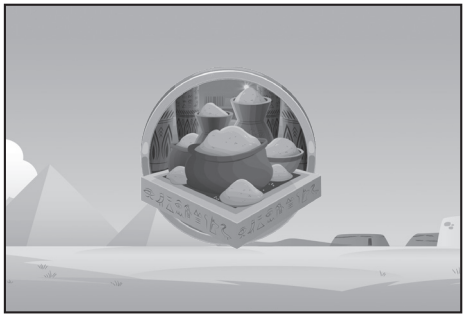
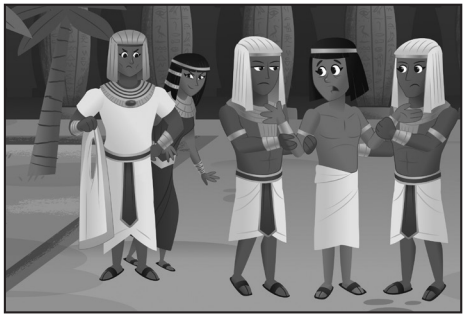


Joseph's rise to power
Genesis 39-45

Joseph served Potiphar well. Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph to sin against God. Joseph refused, so she lied about him. Potiphar believed her, and Joseph was thrown into prison.

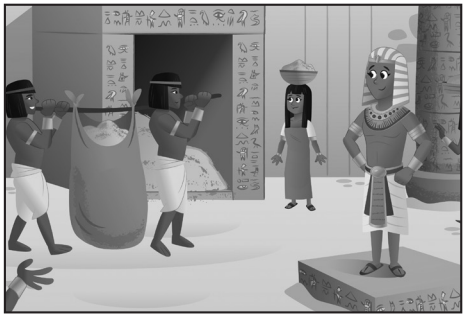


In prison, Joseph met two of Pharaoh's servants. They each had dreams, and God showed Joseph their meaning. Joseph's explanations came true. The cupbearer was released, and the baker was hanged.

Two years later, Pharaoh had two troubling dreams. The cupbearer remembered what Joseph had done for him and told Pharaoh. So, Pharaoh sent for Joseph and told him his dreams.

God showed Joseph the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams. "For seven years, a lot of food will grow," said Joseph. "So store up food because seven years of famine will follow."

Pharaoh was impressed by Joseph's wisdom. So he put Joseph in charge of storing up all the food! Apart from Pharaoh, no one in Egypt was more powerful than Joseph.



Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to buy food. They bowed before Joseph but did not recognize him. When he saw that they had changed, he told them who he was.

The brothers were terrified. "You meant to harm me," Joseph said, "but God used that for good. Bring all of our family to Egypt. We will have plenty to eat!"