#### Lesson 6:

#### Pharaoh’s Dream

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Genesis 41

MEMORY WORK:

Insert your own

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

If I try to do what God wants me to all the time, when times get rough I can be sure that God will help me get through them.

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| **LESSON STARTS HERE** |

INTRODUCTION:

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POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

**NOTE:** This is possibly a different Pharaoh than in chapters 39 and 40. See Genesis 41:13.

1. Two long years later, Pharaoh had a dream or vision while he was standing on the banks of the Nile River. In his dream, he saw seven fat cows come out of the river. Then seven other cows,ugly and thin, came out of the river. The thin cows ate the fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.
2. He fell asleep again and dreamed a second time. This time he saw seven fat ears of grain growing on a single stalk. Then seven very thin ears of grain sprouted. The thin ears ate the fat ears of grain. Pharaoh woke up again and was very upset.
3. He called in all of his advisors and wise men, but none of them could tell him the meaning of his dreams or make him feel any better. The butler remembered how Joseph had interpreted his dreams, told the Pharaoh, and Pharaoh called for Joseph to be released from prison.
4. Joseph told Pharaoh that God would give him the meaning of the dreams. Joseph told Pharaoh that the fat cows and the plump ears of grain represented seven good, fruitful years, and the skinny cows and thin ears of grain represented a terrible famine that would come on the whole land. Because the dream was repeated twice, Joseph said that meant God would soon make the dreams reality.
5. Pharaoh was so impressed by Joseph’s maturity and his obvious knowledge of things unknown, that he ordered that Joseph be immediately rewarded. He gave him gifts, a wife, and made Joseph his second-in-command, in charge of preparing the country for the coming famine.
6. At this time, Joseph was 30 years old; he had been in Egypt for 13 years. When he first arrived in Egypt, he was in a very bad situation. But Joseph didn’t feel sorry for himself, or choose to do wrong just because other people had done wrong to him. He chose to live according to God’s principles, even at one point being punished because he tried to live like God wanted.

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL VISUALS (note disclaimers):

##### Betty Lukens’ felt pieces

* ABeka Flash-a-Card Series (DISCLAIMER: use the cards, not the lesson book;)
* Free Bible Images – Saved on flash drive. Can be presented on classroom tv. Script included in lesson file. File will be labeled “06” in the Visuals folder.

SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS:

**“THESE ARE THE** **SONS OF JACOB”**

Author: Traditional

(Tune: “10 Little Indians”)

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher,

Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin,

These are the sons of Jacob.

**“Three Wandering Jews**

Once there were three wandering Jews. Once there were three wandering Jews.

Wandering, wandering, Jews, Jews, Jews.

Wandering, wandering, Jews, Jews, Jews.

Once there were three wandering Jews.

The first one’s name was Abraham. The first one’s name was Abraham.

Abra-Abra,Ham-ham-ham.

Abra-Abra,Ham-ham-ham.

The first one’s name was Abraham.

The second one’s name was Isaac. The second one’s name was Isaac.

I-I,Saac-saac-saac.

I-I,Saac-saac-saac.

The second one’s name was Isaac.

The third one’s name was Jacob. The third one’s name was Jacob.

Ja-Ja, Cob-cob-cob.

Ja-Ja, Cob-cob-cob.

The third one’s name was Jacob.

They all went down to Canaan’s land. They all went down to Canaan’s land.

Canaan-Canaan, Land-land-land. Canaan-Canaan Land-land-land.

They all went down to Canaan’s land.

### SUNDAY

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* Add to a Joseph book
* Draw the dreams
* Make an Egyptian headdress – templates are in the lesson file.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

Review Sunday’s lesson. briefly (See [Review Questions](http://www.apcurriculum.com/dcirfol/4-24-32RQ.pdf) for example questions.)

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* “Joseph’s Many Robes” Activity: Print a picture of Joseph on cardstock, let the children color him, and stick a piece of Velcro on him. Have five “robes” for each child and have the children color his many robes. (Colorful robe, Slave robe, Servant robe, Prison robe, and Leader robe.) They can change his clothes and review the different times in his life.

### Review Questions

### Did the butler remember to mention Joseph to Pharaoh?

###  No, he forgot all about him

### How many more years was Joseph in prison?

### Two more years

### Then who had dreams?

### Pharaoh

### What was his first dream?

### He was standing on the banks of the river, and saw seven fat cows come out of the river. Then seven ugly, thin cows came out of the river; the thin cows ate the fat cows.

### What was the second part of his dream?

### He saw seven fat ears of grain growing on a single stalk; then he saw seven very thin ears of grain sprout. The seven thin ears ate the seven fat ears of grain.

### Could Pharaoh’s wise men and advisors interpret his dream?

###  No

### Who finally remembered Joseph?

### The butler

### Who did Joseph tell Pharaoh would actually interpret the dream?

### God

### What did the dream mean?

### The seven fat cows and plump ears of grain represented seven years of fruitful years, and the thin cows and thin ears of grain represented seven years of famine that would come on the land.

### How did Pharaoh reward Joseph?

### He made him his second-in-command in charge of preparing the country for the famine that was to come. He also gave Joseph a wife.)

Additional Notes / Activities Performed & Curriculum Feed Back

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