

LESSON 8

JOSEPH IN PRISON

Genesis 39:20-23;40

Jacob's favourite son Joseph was sold by his jealous brothers to some merchants, and taken to Egypt. In Egypt, Joseph worked in Potiphar's house. He worked so well that he was made head of the servants. God was with Joseph.

Potiphar believed lies that he had been told about Joseph and put him in prison. There, Joseph met the king's butler and baker who had displeased the king. With God's help, Joseph told them the meanings of their dreams.

The butler promised to remember Joseph when he next served the king. But the butler forgot, and Joseph had to stay in prison for another two years. All this time Joseph waited for God to help him, and God remembered Joseph - He never forgets.

ACTIVITY

Draw Joseph, the butler and the baker at the prison windows. Use matchsticks or toothpicks for bars on the windows. Paint or colour the background.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Talk about the work of the butler and baker. Draw them at work.

Make loaves of bread from dough.

Be a butler: pour imaginary drinks and hand them out. Be a baker: in the kitchen cooking.

Construct a prison, using a shoebox upside down. Cut strips 2cm wide out of one side to make bars. Make three figures from pipe cleaners, dolly pegs or playdough and place inside.

Paint a night scene. Paste on paddle pop sticks in an "H" for a bed. Add a picture of someone asleep and discuss what dreams are.

