

Major Event: PATRIARCHS

Lesson 5: God Protected Joseph in Slavery

Scriptures: Genesis Chapters 37 and 39:1-6

Central Text: Genesis 39:1-4

1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. 2 And the LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. 3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and *how* the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

1. Joseph had dreams of sheaves of wheat and sun/moon/stars showing that he would be over his parents and brothers (Gen. 37:1-10).
2. His brothers became jealous of Joseph, so they sold him into slavery bound for Egypt (Gen. 37:11-36).
3. God took care of Joseph in Egypt for the preservation of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God prospered Joseph so that he was well respected by his master, Potiphar (Gen. 39:1-6).

Suggested Attributes For Teacher to Cover:

1. Of God: God ALWAYS keeps His word
2. Of man: Treachery/evil tendencies of brothers; humility of Joseph to God

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:

Genesis 37 and Genesis 39:1-6

Notes: Review Abrahamic Covenant that God gave to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3, 7-8), to Isaac (Gen. 26:3-5), and to Jacob (Gen. 28:12-15). Study Joseph's first dreams, his brothers' selling him into slavery, and God's provision for Joseph in Egypt (Scriptures of this lesson).

Review/read that God revealed the Abrahamic covenant to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Note the different parts of the Abrahamic Covenant: Promised Land, Personal Blessing, uncountable descendants, and Blessing to all people in Abraham's seed (Jesus Christ). Next, tell/read how God gave Joseph prophetic dreams and how his brothers became jealous and sold him into slavery. Finally, tell how God prospered Joseph for the preservation of the future tribes of Israel as part of the descendant's portion of the Abraham Covenant.