

Major Event: PATRIARCHS

Lesson 6: God Prospered Joseph in Jail

Scriptures: Genesis 39 and 40

Central Text: Genesis 39:20-23

20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. 21 But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. 22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it. 23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made to prosper.

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

1. Joseph was thrown in jail for something he didn't do, but God prospered Joseph for the preservation of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 39:20-23).
2. In jail, God gave Joseph the interpretations of the dreams of the royal cupbearer and baker. Joseph acknowledged that God had provided the interpretations (Genesis 40).

Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:

1. Of God: God ALWAYS keeps His word
2. Of man: The lies of Potipher's wife; Joseph's humility to God

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:

Genesis 39:20-23; 40:1-8, 40:20-23

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 the Scriptures of this lesson with a focus on what is necessary to tell the kids so that they understand the main points.

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 Joseph was wrongly thrown in jail, but that God prospered him for the preservation of the future tribes of Israel in fulfillment of the descendants portion of the Abrahamic Covenant. Finally, tell how God gave Joseph the interpretations of the dreams of the royal cupbearer and baker, and that Joseph acknowledged God as the Source of the interpretations.