

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 29: JOSEPH & POTIPHAR**  
**GENESIS 39:1-23**

The traders who bought Joseph took him down to Egypt. They sold him to the captain of Pharaoh's guard, Potiphar. The LORD helped Joseph become a successful man. Joseph lived in the house of his master, Potiphar the Egyptian. Potiphar saw that the LORD was with Joseph and that the LORD helped Joseph be successful in everything he did. So Potiphar was very happy with Joseph. He allowed Joseph to work for him and to help him rule the house. Joseph was the ruler over everything Potiphar owned. After Joseph was made the ruler over the house, the LORD blessed the house and everything that Potiphar owned. The LORD also blessed everything that grew in Potiphar's fields. The Lord did this because of Joseph. So Potiphar allowed Joseph to take responsibility for everything in the house. Potiphar didn't have to worry about anything except deciding what to eat. Joseph was a very handsome, good-looking man. After some time, the wife of Joseph's master began to pay special attention to him. One day she said to him, "Be with me." But Joseph refused. He said, "My master trusts me with everything in his house. He has given me responsibility for everything here. My master has made me almost equal to him in his house. I cannot be with his wife! That is wrong! It is a sin against God." The woman talked with Joseph every day, but he refused to be with her. One day Joseph went into the house to do his work. He was the only man in the house at the time. His master's wife grabbed his coat and said to him, "Come to the bedroom with me." But Joseph ran out of the house so fast that he left his coat in her hand. The woman saw that Joseph had left his coat in her hand and had run out of the house. She called to the men outside and said, "Look! This Hebrew slave was brought here to make fun of us. He came in and tried to attack me, but I screamed. My scream scared him and he ran away, but he left his coat with me." Then she kept his coat until her husband, Joseph's master, came home. She told her husband the same story. She said, "This Hebrew slave you brought here tried to attack me! But when he came near me, I screamed. He ran away, but he left his coat." Joseph's master listened to what his wife said, and he became very angry. So Potiphar put Joseph into the prison where the king's enemies were held, and that is where Joseph remained. The LORD was with Joseph and continued to show his kindness to him, so the commander of the prison guards began to like Joseph. The commander of the guards put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners. Joseph was their leader, but he still did the same work they did. The commander of the guards trusted Joseph with everything that was in the prison. This happened because the LORD was with Joseph. The LORD helped Joseph be successful in everything he did.

## **29. JOSEPH & POTIFAR**

### **(GENESIS 39:1-23)**

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

\*Happy are those who are attacked because of righteousness: for the Kingdom of Heaven will be theirs.\* MATTHEW 5:10

#### **TRUE OR FALSE?**

1. Joseph was taken to Canada by the slave traders. TRUE or FALSE
2. Joseph's master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made everything Joseph did to prosper. TRUE or FALSE
3. Joseph's master liked him and put Joseph in charge of his whole house. TRUE or FALSE
4. Potiphar was angry with Joseph, but he forgave him and let him stay in charge of his whole house. TRUE or FALSE

#### **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

5. What did Potiphar do to Joseph after he was angry with him?
6. What did the keeper of the prison think of Joseph? Did he like him or not?
7. Did the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of other prisoners?
8. Did Joseph try to escape from prison?
9. Did everything Joseph did prosper in the prison?

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Potiphar Puts Joseph In Charge Of His Household

## Lesson 29 Activity

### Blessed or Not?

Here's yet another version of the giant squares game, but the kids seem to love to run back and forth to the right square! You need masking tape and two signs "blessed" and "not blessed." Tape the "blessed" and "not blessed" signs to the opposite walls in the classroom (move chairs out of the way!)

Tell your class the memory verse and have them say it together.

Tell them you will now read a statement and they should tell you whether the person is blessed or not by running to the appropriate box. Remind them that we are blessed only when we're persecuted for doing the right thing.

Read some of these scenarios:

The teacher asked the girl if she had really prayed for her friend at school to be healed of her cold. The girl said "yes" so the teacher told her not to ever do that again at school.

A boy took a book that did not belong to him from his neighbor. His mother found out and disciplined him. Then she made him return the book and apologize to the neighbor.

A boy was making a delivery for the grocery store to a little old widow. When he was almost there, he discovered that the store clerk had forgotten the milk, so he turned his bike around and went all the way back to the store. When the manager saw him and that he still had the groceries, he said, "Haven't you delivered those groceries yet? You're fired!"

A girl was babysitting for her neighbor when the phone rang. It was her good friend from school. While she talked on the phone, the baby got into some paint and got it all over the carpet. The girl was not asked to baby-sit anymore in the neighborhood.

A little girl could not find her favorite teddy bear. She looked all over the house. The girl finally found it on her brother's bed. The mother punished the little brother for taking the bear, but the little girl later remembered that she had left the bear in his room.

A little boy was in the store with his mother, when he noticed a lady had dropped a \$20 bill. He ran behind the lady, picked up the \$20 bill, and just as he was about to stop the lady to give her money back to her, the lady turned around, saw the boy with the \$20 bill, looked in her purse, and yelled, "Stop! Thief!!! This boy stole my money!" so the police came and arrested the boy.

**PRAYER** Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust God even when times are hard. Thank the Lord for His blessings and presence, even in those times. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity to do so.