

THE PALACE

WEEK 3

Read Genesis 41: 1-57

Have you ever needed help and didn't know how to get it? In Genesis 41, Pharaoh was in the same situation. The top leader of the powerful kingdom of Egypt couldn't sleep because he was plagued by these strange dreams. He couldn't figure out what they meant, but Pharaoh was smart enough to know they meant something important. God was giving these dreams to Pharaoh, a man who didn't even believe in God, so that God's people would be protected. It's amazing to see God do everything in His power to watch over His people, even if it means sending dreams to a Pharaoh who doesn't even know Him. But this was no ordinary Pharaoh, because, if you remember, Joseph was wasting away in a prison cell somewhere in the kingdom of Egypt for something he didn't do. But because Joseph was faithful to God in prison by interpreting dreams of prisoners, one of those prisoners who had been released (the Pharaoh's cupbearer) remembered Joseph. So, Pharaoh called on Joseph and his time to shine was finally here!

You never know when your time to shine and serve God might be so, like Joseph, you have to be faithful every day in the little things. Spend time talking to God, read your Bible, make friends with people who can lift you up when you are down, and practice sharing your faith with those around you. When you are faithful in the small things, God will use you for big things. That's what happened to Joseph! Joseph was summoned to Pharaoh, interpreted his dreams and warned Pharaoh about a terrible famine that was coming to the land. Joseph even came up with a plan to help Pharaoh prepare. What did Joseph get in return? Plenty. Joseph was made the second highest ranking official in all of Egypt. He literally went from a prison to a palace!

God never let's go of you, even when it feels like you are in a prison. Maybe you just feel stuck or things are not going like you planned. But that is okay! God is still on His throne, working all things together for your good (Romans 8:28). So like Joseph, stay faithful in the little things and even when it seems like a prison, know God is preparing a palace for you and will help show you the way as He builds up your faith and walks with you day by day.

MEMORIZE

Psalm 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

FAMILY

Talk about any strange or funny dreams you've had. Did any of them ever come true? Spend time having fun talking about your dreams and pray together thanking God for dreams.

SHARE

The story of Joseph is a fun story to tell to others. Tell a friend about Joseph's adventures this week and be ready to answer questions or talk about God with your friends.

CHALLENGE

God led Joseph from the prison to the palace. But Joseph had to walk in obedience to God's calling. Make an obstacle course, blindfold a student, and have another student guide them through by calling out directions.