

Lesson 4: Perseverance

Today's Bible Story

It happened that the Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was troubled by strange dreams. So he called in his advisors and told them what he had dreamed, but none of them could tell him what the dreams meant.

That's when the Pharaoh's butler remembered meeting a Hebrew man named Joseph in prison. He said, "When we told this young man our dreams, he explained what each of them meant, and everything happened just as he said it would." Joseph was quickly brought out of jail. He was cleaned up and sent to the Pharaoh, who asked him to explain the dreams.

"Your Majesty," Joseph answered, "I cannot do such a thing by my own power, but God can reveal the meaning of your dreams."

The Pharaoh told Joseph, "In my dream I saw seven fat, healthy cows come up out of the river, and they began feeding on the grass. Next, seven skinny, bony cows came up out of the river, and the skinny cows ate the fat ones! Then I dreamed that seven heads of grain were growing on one stalk, full and ripe. Then seven other heads of grain came up, shriveled and scorched. These bad heads of grain swallowed the good ones!"

Joseph explained: "Your Majesty, both of your dreams mean the same thing, and in them God has shown what he is going to do. The cows and the heads of grain represent years. There will be seven good and plentiful years, followed by seven very bad years, where there will not be enough food. You should find someone who is wise to help you store up grain during the good years so there will be enough in the bad years."

The Pharaoh was so impressed that he put Joseph in charge as governor of Egypt.



From Genesis 41:1-45

Bible Rhyme

The Pharaoh had some scary dreams.

He asked about what they could mean.

They brought in Joseph to explain
secrets only God could name.

Seven fat cows, Pharaoh saw,
but seven thin cows ate them all;
seven heads of grain were plump,
but seven thin heads ate them up.

Joseph told him, "These are years —
the good and bad that will appear."
The king made Joseph governor
to make sure food was kept in store.

Unscramble the missing words to reveal what you need to do:

Find your _____ through the withered _____. Your _____ must

AWY

DFLIE

AHTP

_____ all of the _____ bundles of _____ on the way.

UHTCO

DOGO

RNIGA

Don't _____ through the _____ weeds!

SCRSO

YHRTON

START HERE

END HERE

How many good bundles did you gather? _____

