

GENESIS 37-42

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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This section of Genesis, and really the rest of the book, covers the life of Joseph. Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, and he even made Joseph a robe of many colors to show it. Joseph's coat of many colors symbolized favor, and it was an elaborate work of art that was made to stand out. Joseph's brothers were not the biggest fans of him because of this, and they became jealous of him. Joseph had two dreams about his brothers bowing down to him, which made them dislike him even more. His brothers decided to strip Joseph of his colored robe and sold him into slavery for twenty shekels, which is about two-hundred dollars. Their father Jacob noticed that Joseph's robe had been torn to pieces and the brothers lied saying that Joseph had died. Joseph had been taken to Egypt and ended up in Potiphar's house. Potiphar was one of Pharaoh's officials, and the captain of the guard.

The Lord was with Joseph and he became successful in the house of Potiphar. The Lord blessed the Egyptian house because of Joseph's faithfulness. However, Joseph was falsely accused of harming Potiphar's wife and got put in prison because of it. Even in prison, the Lord was with Joseph and extended His kindness to him. Joseph interprets a cup bearer's and a baker's dream in prison and he asks the cupbearer to remember him because he is wrongfully in prison. At the end of two years Pharaoh had a dream that could not be interpreted by magicians, so the cupbearer remembered Joseph. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream and predicted seven years with plenty of food and seven years with a lack of food. The lack of food is called a famine. As a result of Joseph's wisdom, he is taken out of prison and elevated into a position of power. Jacob sends his sons to buy some grain in the famine and Joseph tested his brothers. We will continue to see the story of Joseph unfold and how the Lord was with him, just like He is with us today!

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● God is with you even in hard times
KEY STORIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Joseph the Dreamer● Falsely Accused● Two dreams● Rise to Power● In search of food
KEY VERSE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Genesis 39:2<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ “The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.”
PEOPLE/ WORDS TO KNOW:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jacob- Father of the nation of Israel● Joseph- Son of Jacob and leader in Egypt● Pharaoh- The king of Egypt● Potipher- One of Pharaoh's officials & the captain of the guard● Jealousy- Wanting what someone else has● Famine- When large numbers of people cannot get enough food for long periods of time

Reflection Questions

1.	What did Jacob give Joseph? What did this symbolize?
2.	Why were Joseph’s brothers jealous of him? What did they do to him?
3.	What happen when Joseph was falsely accused?
4.	What were the dreams that Joseph interpreted and what did they mean?