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Weekly Theme: Joseph: Part 8

Verse #1: Genesis 41:17-21

(I use the ESV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

All Ages Discussion Starter: It sounds like Pharaoh must have eaten some spicy food before bedtime. Those are some wild dreams. We know that at this time, God worked directly in dreams and visions. What would you have done if you had this dream?

Verse #2: Genesis 41:22-24

All Age Discussion Starter: Pharaoh's second dream was not as wild as the first, but it still troubled him.

Who did Pharaoh go to for help with his dream? Do you know what the role of the magician was in this time of history? Think back to Moses and the plagues that came upon Egypt. What role did the magicians play in their interactions with Moses and the Pharaoh at that time?

Verse #3: Genesis 41:25-28

All Age Discussion Starter: Joseph explains to Pharaoh that his two distinctly different dreams are actually sending one clear message.

What was the message of the dreams? What is a famine? Could the people have gone to the grocery store to get more food?

Why would God reveal to Pharaoh what was about to happen?

Verse #4: Genesis 41:29-32

All Age Discussion Starter: Joseph clearly explains the dreams that God sent to Pharaoh. Seven years of plenty would be followed by seven years of famine.

What should the people of Egypt do during the seven years of plenty?

Are most of us living in a time of plenty right now? The time to prepare for tough times is when things are good. How could you prepare for tough times in life?

Verse #5: Genesis 41:33-36

All Age Discussion Starter: Take a moment to let this statement sink in. Joseph had just come up out of years in the prison and now he is telling Pharaoh what to do. Were these the words of Joseph or of God?

Is there a lesson for us in the manner that the Egyptians used to set aside and save for the impending famine? How could we prepare for hard times whether spiritual or physical?