



Lesson 20: Joseph becomes a slave

Scriptural Basis:



Genesis 39 and 40

Overview:

Joseph is sold to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's guard. After an initial stint of good fortune in which Joseph is put in charge of Potiphar's household, Joseph is wrongly accused by Potiphar's wife and thrown in jail for a crime he did not commit. In prison, Joseph once again rises to a position of power and responsibility and after two years in prison, ends up interpreting the dreams of two of the King's servants. Despite his good deed, he spends another two years in jail.

Things to consider:

The phrase "the Lord was with Joseph, and gave him success in whatever he did" is repeatedly stated in this account. As a result of God's presence, Joseph found favor in the eyes of his master, and later the jailer.

Joseph experienced temptation, but showed character in resisting it.

There is no question that God was at work in this story, even as Joseph faced being wrongly accused, and then spending 4 years in jail.

Bible Study for Preparation:



Read Genesis 39 and 40. Meditate on the God's promise that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Preparation for the lesson:

A: Read through the narrative. Goal: know it well enough that you can tell the story without reading it!

B: Memorize the memory verse for the lesson

C. Read through the handout, and paying close attention to the application questions and 'gospel in the story' sections.

Teaching the lesson:

A: Review – (gospel and application in the handout, and the narrative) Joseph sold into slavery by his brothers

B: Bible verse memory activity

C. Story

D. Craft/Additional activity