

# - Year 1-Joseph Rises to Power

Key Passages: Genesis 41:1-8, 41:15-16, 41:39-43, 41:48-49

#### 🔎 Lesson Focus

God gave Pharaoh two disturbing dreams that his wise men couldn't interpret. The cupbearer remembered Joseph from the prison and recommended him to Pharaoh. Giving God the credit for his gift, Joseph explained that Pharaoh's dreams were a warning of seven years of famine after seven years of plenty. Pharaoh honored Joseph and gave him a powerful position to prepare Egypt for the famine.

#### 🛄 What You Will Learn

- How was Joseph able to tell the meaning of dreams?
- How did God use Joseph to save many people?

#### **Easson Activities**

- Complete the "Study Notes," p. 68.
- Do "Coded Maze" on p. 69.
- Complete "Word Scramble" on p. 70.
- Do "Storing a Fifth" on p. 71.
- □ Review the lesson with the questions on p. 72.

Write the memory verse you will be working on this week and practice it each day.  $\nearrow$ 

# Study Notes

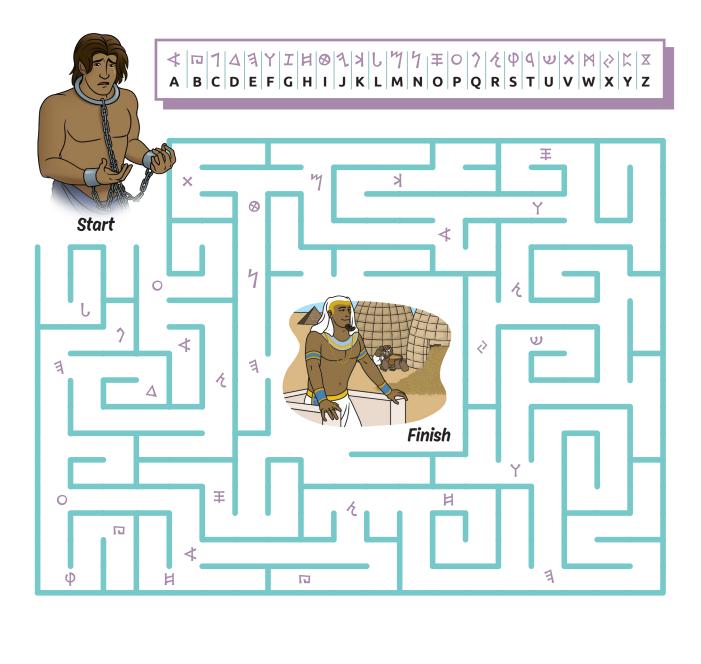
- 1. \_\_\_\_ had two dreams that his wise men couldn't interpret.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ remembered that Joseph could interpret dreams.
- 3. Joseph gave \_\_\_\_\_ the credit for his abilities.
- 4. Pharaoh's dreams meant that seven good years of farming would be followed by seven years of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Pharaoh made Joseph a \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt, second in power only to himself.
- 6. Pharaoh gave Joseph many gifts and a wife named \_\_\_\_\_ to honor him.
- During the seven good years, Joseph's first son \_\_\_\_\_ was born.
- 8. The name of Joseph's second son, \_\_\_\_, means fruitful because God was blessing Joseph in Egypt.
- 9. When the famine began, Joseph sold the \_\_\_\_ he had stored to people in Egypt and from other countries.
- 10. God \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph through 13 years of trials and work in Egypt so he could save many people.



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ASENATH CUPBEARER EPHRAIM FAMINE	GOD GRAIN MANASSEH PHARAOH	PREPARED RULER		

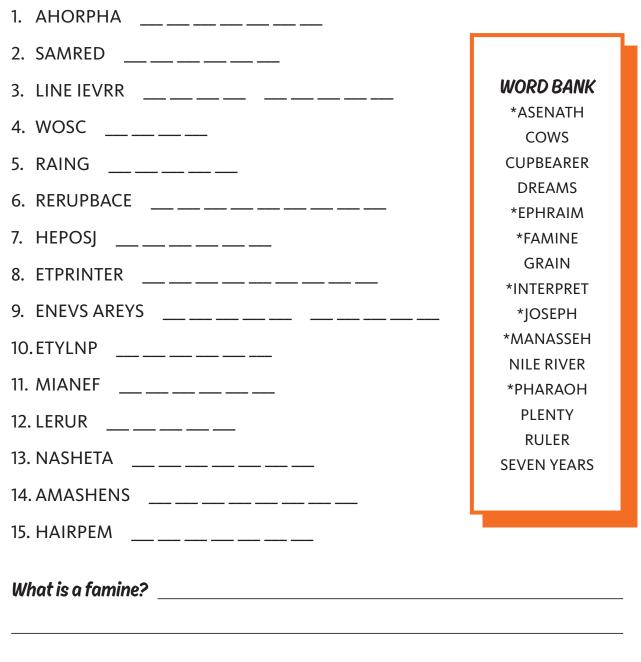
### **Coded Maze**

God directed Joseph's path so that he would be taken from prison to Pharaoh's palace at just the right time. Decode the hieroglyphics along Joseph's path to discover why God brought Joseph to Egypt. Write your answer in the blanks below the maze.



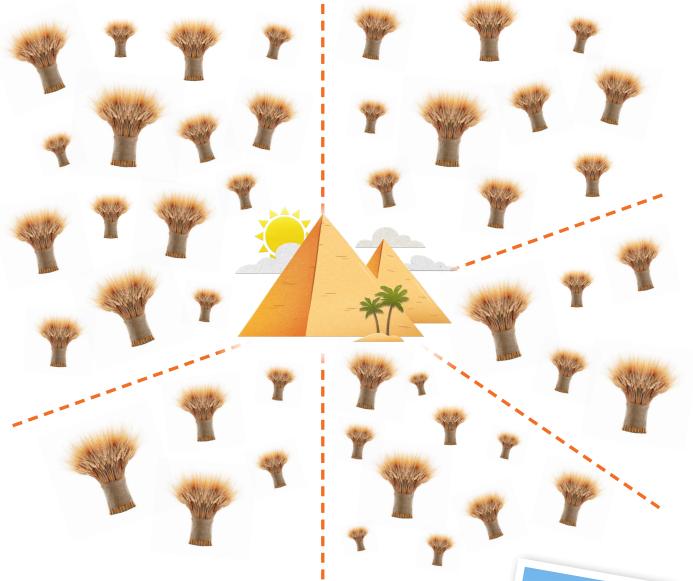
## Word Scramble

After you check your answers, look at the starred words and names. Learn to spell each one. Explain who each person was and how he was important.



# Storing a Fifth

Joseph stored one fifth of all the food grown during the years of plenty so that there would be food during the famine. Circle how many should be stored from each field.



#### **Evidence from the Past Challenge:**

How does the following inscription from Ameni's tomb support the fact that the biblical account of Joseph is true history?

"No one was unhappy in my days, not even in the years of famine, for I had tilled all the fields of the Nome of Mah, up to its southern and northern frontiers. Thus, I prolonged the life of its inhabitants and preserved the food which it produced."

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#### **Review Questions**

- 1. How long was Joseph left in prison before the cupbearer remembered him?
- What quality did Joseph show as he waited for God's timing? 2. 3. What attribute of God means that he is in control of everything? 4. What did Pharaoh dream about? Who did Joseph say would give him the meaning of Pharaoh's dream? \_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. 6. What was the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams? 7. What is a famine? \_\_\_\_\_ What plan did Joseph suggest to prepare for the famine? 8. 9. What position did Pharaoh give Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Name a gift Pharaoh gave Joseph to honor him. 11. What was the name of Joseph's wife? 12. God also blessed Joseph with two sons. Which son's name means forgetting? 13. Which son's name means fruitfulness? 14. How did Joseph save people when the famine came? 15. What special abilities did God give Joseph, which he used to help people?