

— 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?

## Lesson Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the "Study Notes," p. 68.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Make the Egyptian Collar on p. 71.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color the picture.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Review the lesson with the questions on p. 72. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete "Count the Cows" on p. 70. |   |

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

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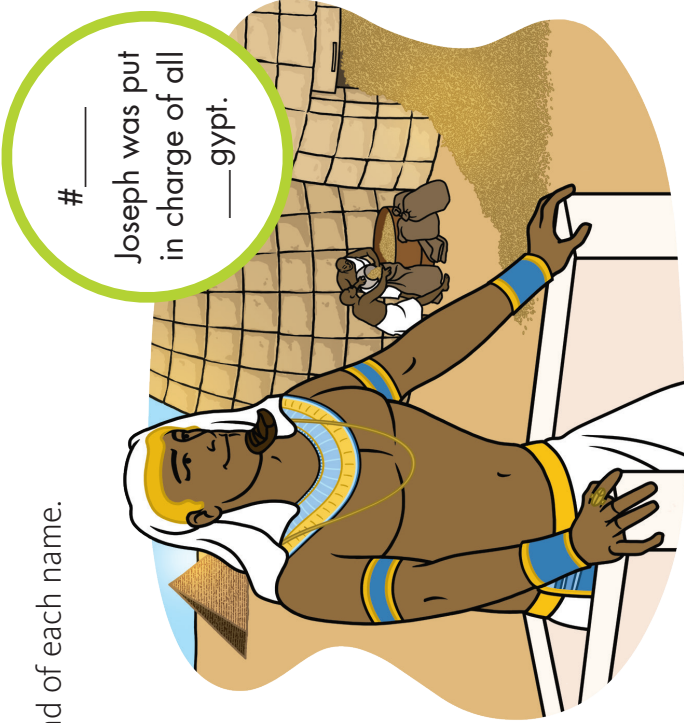
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# Study Notes

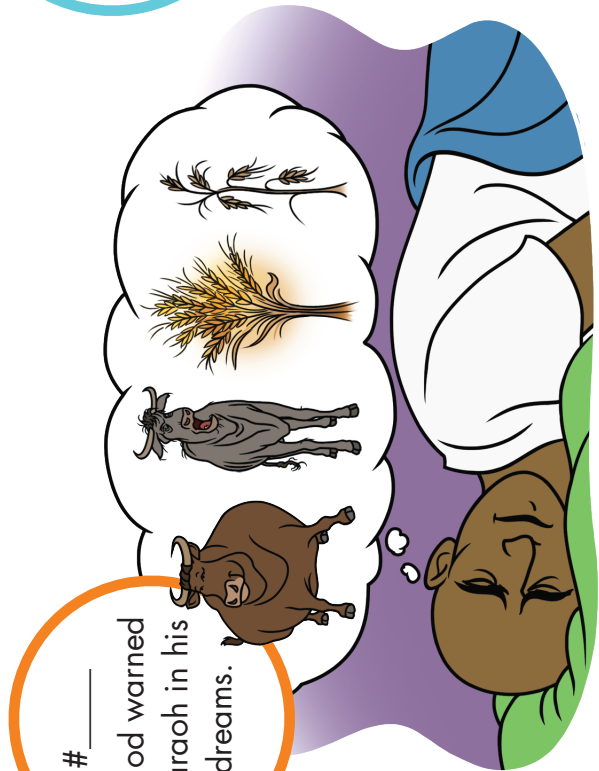
Number the scenes 1-4. Write the missing letters for the first sound of each name.



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\_\_\_\_\_ listened to  
Joseph.



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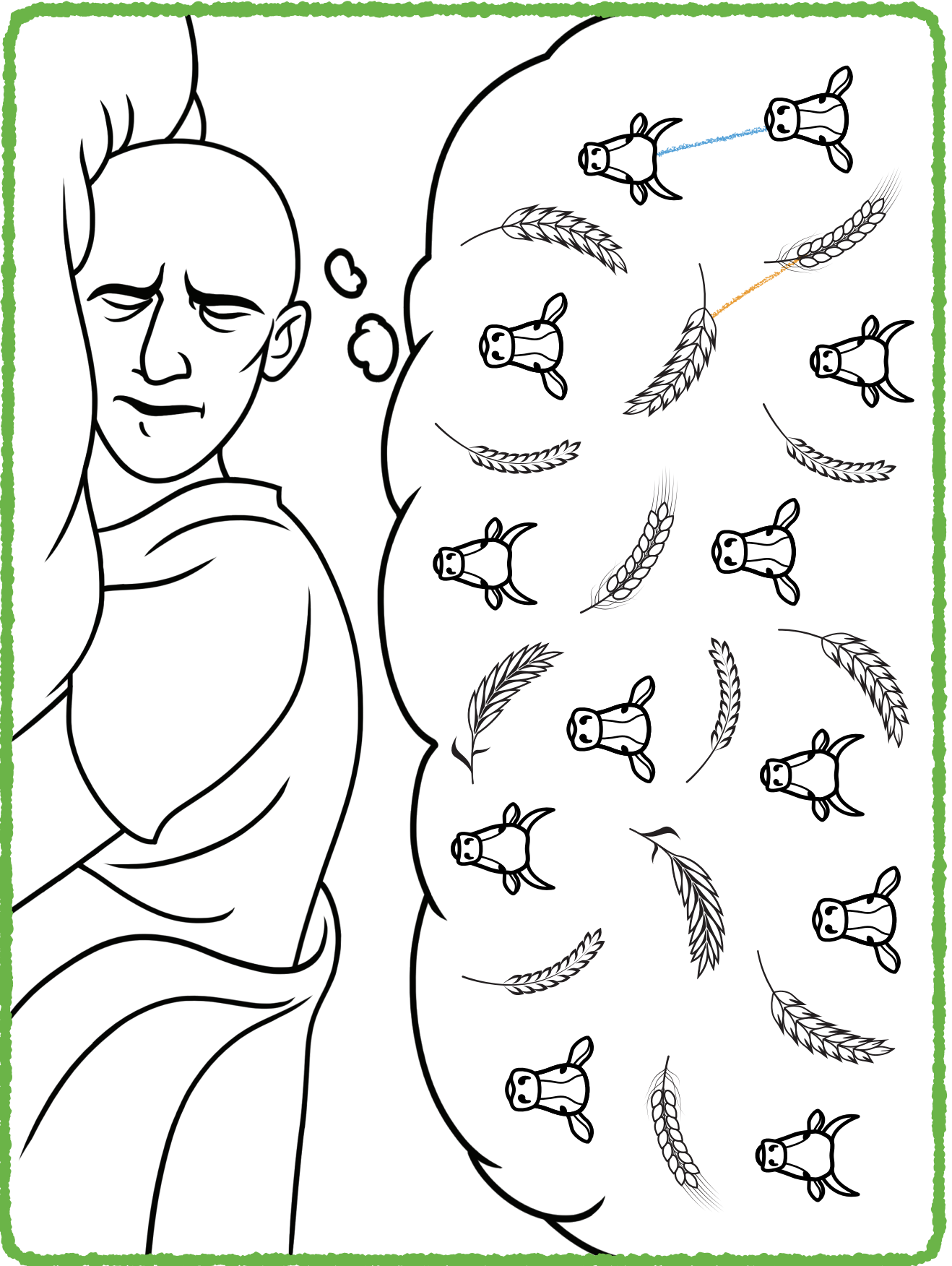


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\_\_\_\_\_ od warned  
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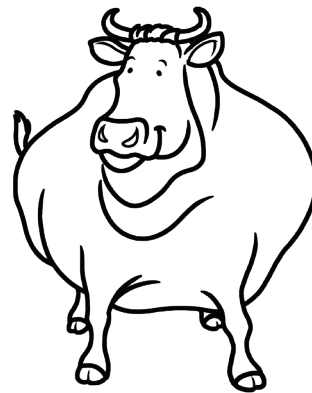
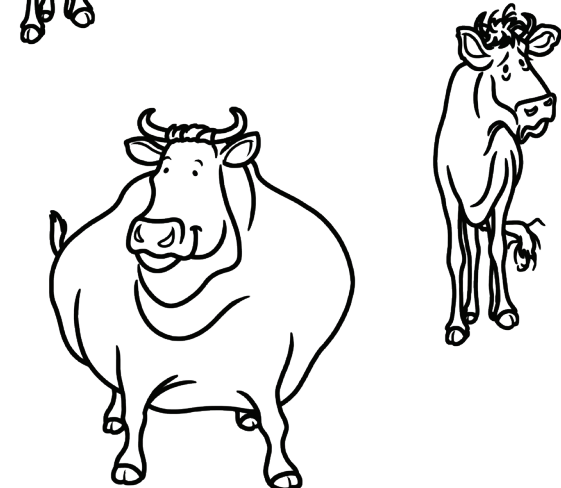
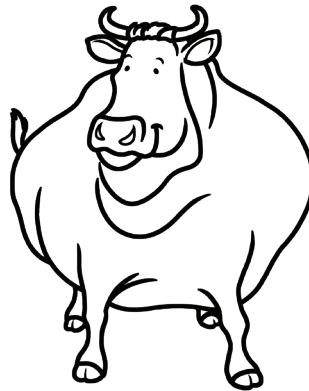
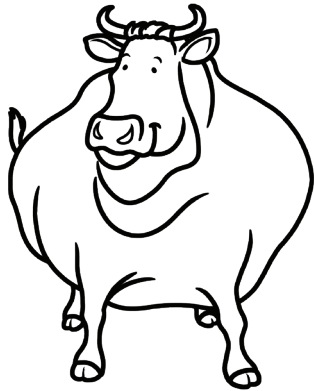
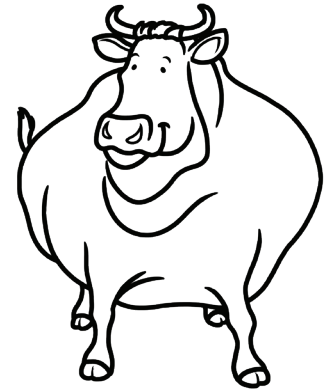
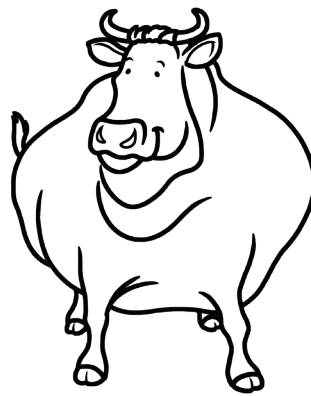
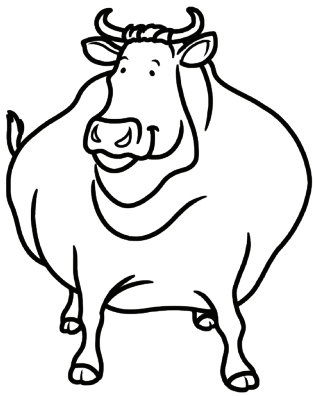
God gave Pharaoh dreams to warn him that a famine was coming. Use a **blue** crayon to draw a line to connect all the cows. Use an **orange** crayon to connect all the wheat. How many of each are there?



## Count the Cows

1. How many fat cows are there?

2. How many thin cows are there?





# Egyptian Collar Craft

## Materials

- Paper plates
- Bowl or jar about 4–6 inches in diameter for tracing a circle
- Glue
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Decorations: beads, stickers, dry pasta, glitter, jewels, ribbon, etc.



## Instructions

Use the bowl or jar (4–6 inches across) to draw a circle on the back of each paper plate about 1 inch from the edge. Cut one slit from the edge of the plate to the circle and cut the circle out. Leave the edge to go around the student's neck.

Give one cut plate to each student. (Older students may wish to cut their own plates.) Have the students write "The Lord was with Joseph" on the plate near the bottom. (Assist younger students with writing as necessary.) Help students glue and add decorations to make a fancy collar.

After glue is dry, open the cut edge and wrap it around the student's neck to wear.

## Suggested Discussion

Joseph was a slave and a prisoner. But God put him in the right place at the right time to help Pharaoh understand his dreams. And Pharaoh made Joseph a ruler of Egypt!

We often see pictures of Egyptian rulers wearing fancy jewelry, crowns, and collars. You can wear your Egyptian collar for fun. When you do, think about Joseph. He didn't understand why God let him stay there in the prison, but God had a plan all along. He made sure Joseph was right where he needed to be so he could explain Pharaoh's dreams, become a ruler, and save the lives of many people when the famine came.



## Review Questions

1. Who was Pharaoh?
2. What kinds of cows did Pharaoh see in his dream?
3. What did the skinny cows do?
4. What kind of grain (or corn) did Pharaoh dream about?
5. Who remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him?
6. Who did Joseph say was the one that helped him explain the dreams?
7. What is a famine?
8. The dreams meant that there would be lots of food for seven years, and then what would happen?
9. Who gave Pharaoh a smart plan to get ready for the famine?
10. What did Pharaoh do for Joseph?
11. What was one of the gifts Pharaoh gave to Joseph?
12. What did Joseph do to get ready for the famine while the food was growing well?
13. When the famine came and people got hungry, what did Joseph do?
14. Who was in control of all that Joseph went through?

