

Joseph Part 2

You can do this session with your children any time you like. The story is taken from Genesis 39:21-23, 40:1-15, 21, 23. If you want to read it online just go to this link: <https://www.biblegateway.com> and type the passage in the search engine.

Start

Have you ever done something kind for someone which they didn't thank you for. How did it feel?

In our story today, we carry on looking at Joseph and we see how he helped someone who then forgot what he'd done for them.

Bible story

God had been blessing Joseph in Potiphar's home. Potiphar had put Joseph in charge of the whole house and all the other servants. Things were going well, but then something really unfair happened. Potiphar's wife told Potiphar a nasty lie about Joseph and Potiphar believed her. He had Joseph throw in prison.

Things had got really hard again for Joseph. He'd been sold by his own brothers as a slave and now he was in prison even though he'd done nothing wrong. But God had not left Joseph before and he hadn't left him even now. He made sure the person in charge of the prison was kind to Joseph. The man put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners because he trusted Joseph.

One day someone new came to the prison. This man was the Pharaoh's chief cupbearer. He was in charge of all the food the king of Egypt would eat. But he was now in trouble with the king of Egypt, so he was in prison. One night, this man had a dream. It was a very strange dream and in the morning he was wondering about it. Joseph saw that he was struggling and asked him what was wrong. The man said he'd had a dream, but didn't understand it. Joseph said, "God will know the meaning of it. Tell me about your dream." The man said, "I saw a vine in front of me with 3 branches. Then I saw that it had lots of grapes. I was also holding the king of Egypt's cup that he drinks out of. When I saw the grapes in the vine, I squeezed the juice from them into his cup and then put the cup in his hand." Joseph said, "The 3 branches you saw are 3 days. In the next 3 days, the king of Egypt will let you out of this prison and you will have your job back. When everything is going well for you, please remember me and tell the king of Egypt about me so he can get me out of this prison, because I was sold as a slave and when I came to Egypt, I didn't do anything wrong."

Just as God had shown Joseph, the man was released and the king of Egypt gave him his job back. But the man forgot about Joseph and didn't tell the king of Egypt about him. So Joseph remained stuck in prison, but God still didn't leave him and one day God was going to get Joseph out.

How do you think Joseph felt when he was put in prison?

Why do you think the man Joseph helped forgot about him?

How do you think Joseph felt when he realised the man he had helped forgot about him?

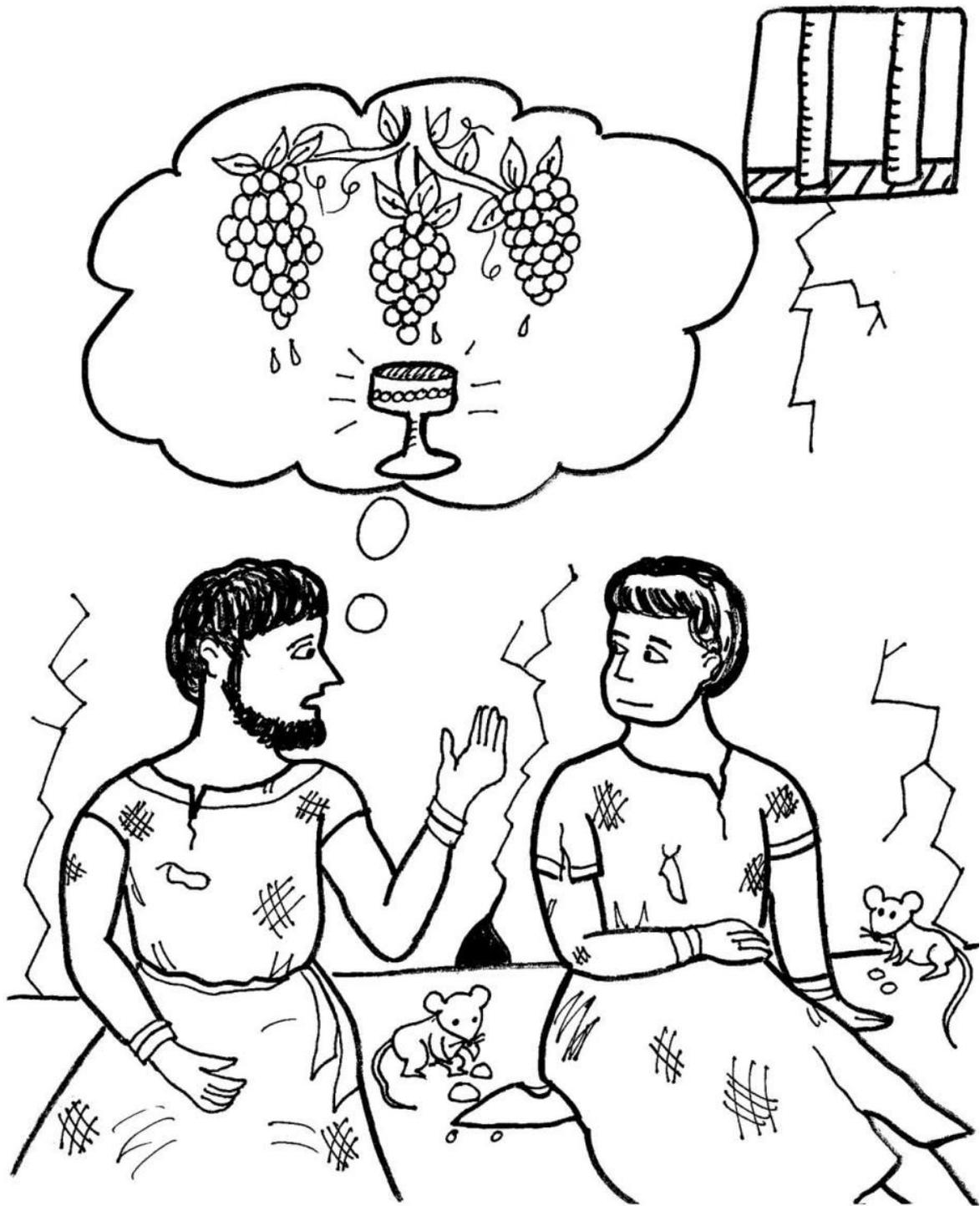
What to do next

Below are some suggestions:

- You could chat about your favourite part of the story.
- You could act out the story.

You could pray together. Below are some ideas for prayer:

- Thank God that he doesn't leave us even when life is unfair.
- Ask God to help you be kind to others even if they are not kind back to you.
- Pray for anyone you know who has helped you. Thank Jesus for them and ask him to help you remember what they've done for you.



Joseph's Slavery @ Jail

God showed Joseph the meaning of the dream the king of Egypt's cupbearer had. After 3 days, the man was released, just as God had shown Joseph.

Joseph in jail

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