



Joseph



There was going to be a great famine in the world.
 God used Joseph to make sure that there was enough to eat.
 Joseph's father, Jacob and his whole family moved from Canaan to live in Egypt.



When Joseph was 17, God showed him that he would be a leader.
 How did God show him? _____ [Genesis 37v5-11]



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| Joseph has some special dreams. | Genesis 37v1-11 |
| Joseph is sold as a slave by his brothers and is taken to Egypt. | 37v12-36 |
| Joseph is accused of doing wrong and is put in prison. | 39 |
| Joseph tells the meaning of the prisoners' dreams. | 40 |
| Joseph tells the meaning of the king's dream. | 41v1-36 |
| Joseph is put in charge of all the land. | 41v37-57 |
| Joseph's brothers come to Egypt for help. | 42-45 |
| Jacob's family go to live in Egypt. | 46-47 |



The Israelites (Jacob and his family) moved to Egypt because of the famine. Was it God's plan for them to stay there for ever?
 See Genesis 50v22-26.



Joseph is a good example of how to stay close to God.

1. In difficult times he kept on serving God. As a slave and in prison, "The Lord was _____" and made him successful. [Genesis 39v2-3; 39v23]

2. When tempted to do wrong, he refused every time. [Genesis 39v7-20]

3. He forgave those who had done wrong to him. [Genesis 50v15-21]
He said, "You _____
but God _____ good." [Genesis 50v20]



Things that happened with Joseph are like things that happened with Jesus:

- He was rejected by those who should have loved him.
- He became the means of saving even those who had rejected him.

Can you think of other ways in which Joseph's life is a picture of Jesus?



Acts 7v9-10 says about Joseph, "God was with him and brought him safely through all his troubles."

What troubles do you face in living for Jesus?

What can you learn from Joseph's example?