Joseph in Egypt

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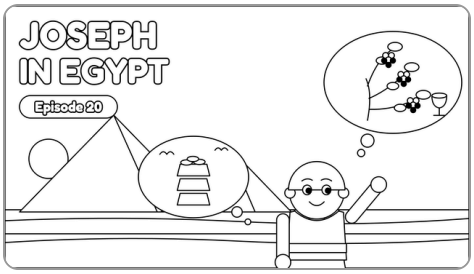

The story in brief

Joseph in Egypt. Sold by his brothers, Joseph becomes the servant of Potiphar, then the manager of his whole house, because God is with him. But Potiphar's wife lies, and Joseph is thrown into prison though he has done nothing wrong. There too, God is with him. Joseph explains the dreams of two prisoners, Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker: a vine with three branches, and three baskets of bread. Everything happens as he said. But the cupbearer forgets Joseph… Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Kofi, who blames Nia for eating his flatbread.

> **Note for parents.** In the Bible, Potiphar's wife tries to seduce Joseph, then accuses him falsely. The episode only says that she wants to push him to betray his master, and that she lies. The text also says the baker is put to death; the episode says he "will not get his place back" and "was punished".

Let's talk about it

1. What does Joseph do in Potiphar's house?
2. Why is Joseph thrown into prison?
3. What does the cupbearer see in his dream? And the baker?
4. What does Joseph ask the cupbearer?
5. Have you ever been blamed for something you did not do? How did it feel?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Joseph works so well that Potiphar puts him in charge of his whole house. But Potiphar's wife lies, and Joseph is thrown into prison though he has done nothing wrong. The cupbearer dreams of a vine with three branches, the baker of three baskets of bread. Joseph asks the cupbearer to speak of him to Pharaoh, but the cupbearer forgets him. God does not forget Joseph.

To remember

Up high, down low, God is with me. I do what is right, even when no one can see.

The song: Up high, down low, God is with me

Up high, down low, God is with me.
I do what is right, even when no one can see!

To do

This week, do one good thing without telling anyone: tidy up, help, share. God sees it.

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