

YOUNG TWIGS

Genesis 41; 42; 43

Year 1, lesson 12

Joseph goes from the lowest depths to the highest heights.

How will he handle this power and fame? ▲

Observation: *what does it say?*

Read Gen 41. Mark *Pharaoh, Joseph, dreams, God, famine.*

1. Why does Pharaoh call for Joseph?
2. What is the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams?
3. What is Joseph's "job" in Egypt?

Read Gen 42. Mark *Jacob/father, Joseph, brother(s), dreams, money, Benjamin/ youngest brother.*

4. Why do Joseph's brothers go to Egypt?
5. What test does Joseph propose to prove they are not spies?
6. What do the brothers admit in 42:21-22? Why does Simeon stay behind in Egypt?

Read Gen 43. Mark *Jacob, Joseph, famine, brother(s), money, Benjamin.*

7. What do the brothers take with them when they return to Egypt?
8. How does Joseph welcome them?
9. How does Joseph show favoritism to Benjamin?

Interpretation: *what does the author mean?*

10. Compare 41:46 with 37:2. How long has Joseph been separated from his family?

11. What does Pharaoh mean when he says there is a “divine spirit” in Joseph (41:38)?

12. In 42:9, Joseph remembers the dreams he’d had about his brothers. How are they fulfilled here?

13. Why is Benjamin special to Joseph? See the chart on p. 59 for a hint. (Or read Gen 35:23–26).

Application: *therefore, what shall I do?*

14. Despite the fact that Joseph has been treated unfairly and was in prison, he did not hesitate to help Pharaoh when he had the chance. How are you helping others in the place where God has put you?

15. The brothers talk about their guilt regarding their treatment of Joseph. Have you done something wrong that you have not confessed? Are you willing to acknowledge your sin?

16. Rather than being angry with God, Joseph recognizes God’s goodness to him in 41:51–52. Are you grateful for God’s goodness to you? Give three examples of His kindness and mercy in your life.

