

## Joseph

**Directions:** Read the biography and answer the questions. (Read more about the life of Joseph in Genesis 37-50.)

Joseph was the son of Jacob, one of the patriarchs of the people of God. Jacob favored Joseph over all his other sons and gave him a special robe that made the others very jealous. In addition to the robe, Joseph interpreted a dream he had that his brothers and parents would bow down to him one day. This angered Joseph's brothers so much that they tried to kill him, but then decided to sell him as a slave instead. Joseph ended up as a slave then as a prisoner in Egypt. While imprisoned he became known for his ability to interpret dreams. He was brought to the Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to interpret his dreams about the coming of a famine. The Pharaoh appointed Joseph to a special position to oversee all of Egypt. When the famine struck, Joseph's brothers came seeking help from the Egyptians. They did not recognize their brother Joseph, but Joseph recognized them. He revealed to them that he was the brother that they thought was dead. Joseph was reunited with his father, Jacob, and welcomed the entire family into Egypt. He forgave his brothers for their evil deeds because he knew it was all a part of God's plan to help them survive the famine.



1. How did Joseph become one of the leaders in Egypt?

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2. Why did Joseph so easily forgive his brothers?

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3. Is there anyone you need to more easily forgive?

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