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## Story 4 - The New Leader.

You can read this story in your Bible:

Genesis  
41: 14-49

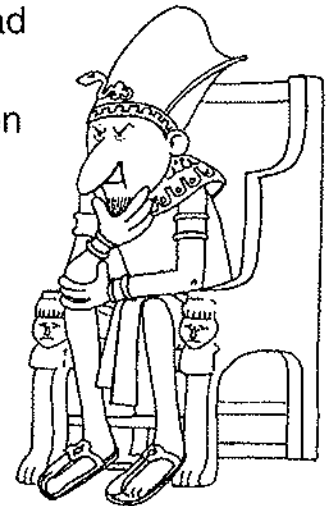


1 Corinthians 10: 13  
Ask somebody to help you find this verse.

Pharaoh, king of Egypt, was extremely puzzled! He had just had two very strange dreams.

The first one was about cows - seven fat cows which were eaten by seven thin cows, and yet the thin ones looked just as thin as before! The second dream was about seven good ears of corn being swallowed by seven withered and thin ears, which remained as thin as ever!

Such unusual dreams! What could they mean? No one could tell the king, and he was quite upset.



**Unscramble the words in these sentences.**

The king of Egypt was called **HOAPRHA**. \_\_\_\_\_

The total number of cows in the first dream was **FTERUOEN**. \_\_\_\_\_

In his second dream he saw **HINT** \_\_\_\_\_ ears of corn eating **OOGD** \_\_\_\_\_ ears of corn.

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Suddenly, the king's butler remembered about Joseph, who by now had been in prison for years. The butler had also been in prison and had met Joseph there. He felt sure that Joseph could explain the king's dream so he told Pharaoh about him. Without delay, Pharaoh sent for Joseph.



"I hear you can explain dreams," said Pharaoh.

"I can't do it by myself," said Joseph, "but God will help me to find an answer for you."

Joseph listened while the king told him about his dreams. He explained that God was telling Pharaoh that there were going to be seven years of good crops all over the land of Egypt; following these, there would be seven years of bad crops.

All the food saved over from the good years would be needed to feed the people, during the seven years of famine.

Now complete this WORD GRID, by finding the missing words in these sentences.








1. Joseph could only explain dreams by the help of \_ \_ \_ .
2. First there would be good \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .
3. Both the good and the bad would last for seven \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .
4. The whole \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of Egypt would be affected.
5. For seven years there would be a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

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The king was very impressed with Joseph's explanation of the dreams. He rewarded him by giving him the very important job of collecting all the extra food of the seven good years, and storing it up for use during the seven years of famine.

The king also gave Joseph many valuable gifts, such as his own ring, a gold chain for his neck, and fine linen robes to wear. To enable him to travel all over Egypt he gave him a:-

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What a wonderful change for Joseph! Now he was next to the king in importance and everywhere he went people respected him. God's plan for his life was coming to pass. He had had many hard days, but he had proved that:-

"God is faithful."

**Colour these words from the Key Verse.**

God wants us to be like Joseph - trusting Him completely, even when everything seems against us.

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