

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***JOSEPH IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE /
JOSEPH IN PRISON***

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GENESIS 39:1 – 40:23

Genesis 37:36; Psalm 105:16–19; Acts 7:9–10

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**Joseph was a slave
and God blessed him
in all that he did.**

**Potiphar, an officer in Egypt,
saw that God blessed Joseph.
Potiphar trusted him
with everything in his house.**



Potiphar's wife tried to make Joseph do something wrong.

**Joseph said, 'No!
I will not sin against God!'**

Every day she tried to make him do something wrong.

Every day Joseph said, 'No.'

**One day she grabbed his coat.
It came off
and Joseph ran away.**

**She showed the coat
to her husband
and told him a lie about Joseph.**

**Potiphar put Joseph in prison
but God was with Joseph.**



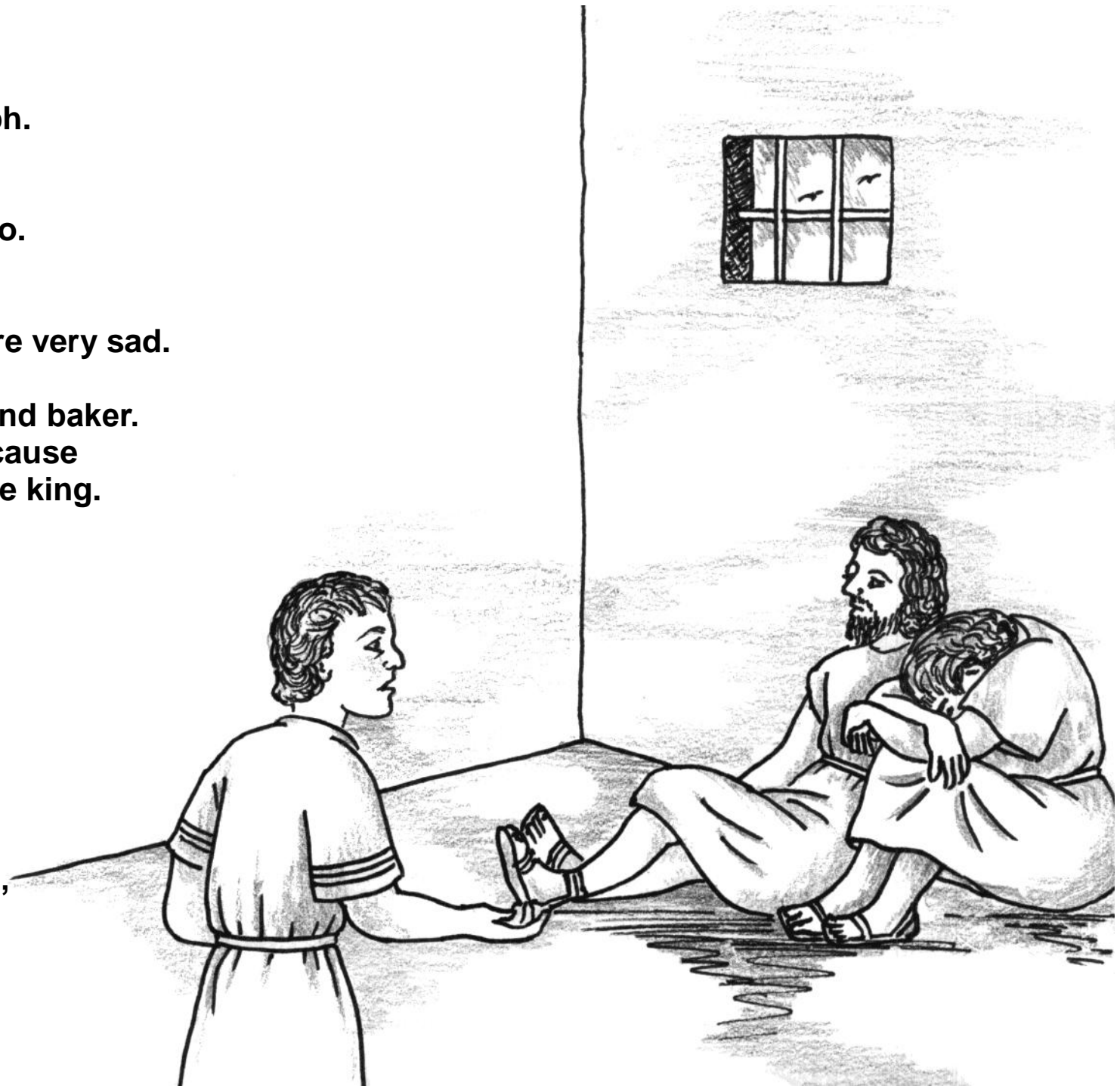
The gaoler saw
that God blessed Joseph.
He trusted him
and took his chains off
and gave him work to do.

One morning
two other prisoners were very sad.
They were
the king's chief butler and baker.
Both were in prison because
they had not pleased the king.

Joseph asked them,
'Why are you sad.'

They replied,
'We both had a dream
and there is no one
to tell us the meaning.'

'Only God knows
the meaning of dreams,'
replied Joseph.
'Tell me your dreams.'



The chief butler said,
'In my dream I saw a vine
with three branches on it.
Grapes were on the vine.
I held the king's cup
and squeezed the grapes into the cup
and gave it to the king.'

Joseph said, 'This is what it means.
In three days
the king will take you out of prison.
You will work for him again.
When this happens
please tell him about me.
I haven't done anything wrong.'



The baker wanted to know about his dream too.

**He said,
'I saw three baskets on my head;
one on top of the other.
Birds were eating the cakes
out of the baskets.'**

**Joseph said, 'This is what it means.
In three days
the king will take you out of prison
and put you to death.'**



Three days later
it was the king's birthday.
At his party
the king sent for the butler.
He was given back his job
and the baker died
just as Joseph said.

The butler forgot all about Joseph.
Joseph stayed in prison
but God was still with Joseph.

God had promised
to bless his family
and Joseph believed God.

