Joseph in Egypt



After his brothers sold him to slave traders, Joseph was taken to Egypt. There his situation got even worse.



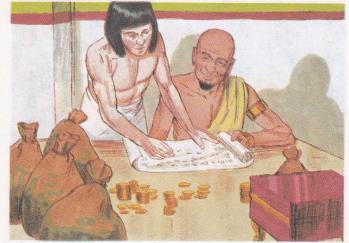
When the slavers arrived in Egypt, they sold Joseph to Potiphar, who was captain of the bodyguard of the king, or Pharaoh.



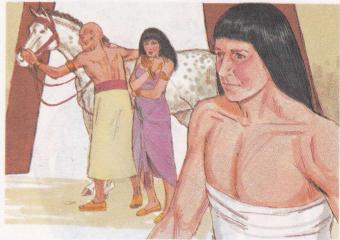
3 God gave Joseph a special talent for organizing his work well. Because of God's blessing, everything Joseph tried to do, he did well.



Joseph was young, strong, talented, and goodlooking. But trouble would not stay away!

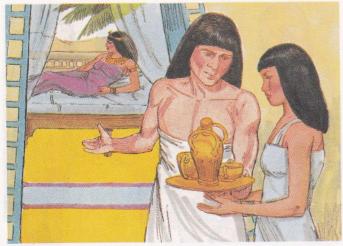


Potiphar was so impressed with this young slave's abilities that after a while he made Joseph manager over his entire household. Joseph was even in charge of much of Potiphar's business!



6 About this time, Potiphar's wife began to notice what a fine young man Joseph was. She began to pay lots of attention to him.

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Joseph knew her flirting was not right. He tried to avoid her and to have nothing to do with her.



9 Joseph did not know a good way to get out of this situation. So he quickly slipped out of his garment and ran from the house.



11 That evening when Potiphar came home, his wife repeated the lie, using the other servants as witnesses. "Joseph attacked me! When I screamed, he ran away. See, here is his garment!"



But one day while Potiphar was away, his wife grabbed Joseph by his clothing. "Come with me," she said.



10 Potiphar's wife was left holding Joseph's empty garment. She screamed in rage. Others in the household came running. "Joseph attacked me!" Potiphar's wife cried.



12 Potiphar was so angry that he threw Joseph into prison. But even here God blessed Joseph. Because of his talents and his good behavior, he soon was put in charge of the entire prison.