

Joseph - Part 4



Challenge

Stand at one end of a room in your house
Get to the other end without touching the floor

You can't put anything on the floor before you begin
You may go back to the start, without touching the floor, to
collect things



That was a tricky challenge, but one that was possible if you did some planning before you started.

Two years after the cupbearer and the baker had their dreams Pharaoh (the ruler of Egypt) had an unusual dream. He was standing by a river when seven fat cows came out of it and stood on the riverbank. The seven fat cows were then followed by seven skinny cows. The skinny cows ate the fat cows but they stayed just as skinny.

Activity

Draw a picture of Pharaoh's dream



Pharaoh thought the dream had a meaning but nobody could tell him what it meant, the cupbearer then remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh how he had told him the meaning of his dream.

Pharaoh sent for Joseph and asked him what the dream meant. Joseph told him that the seven fat cows meant that there would be seven good years in Egypt, when lots of food could be grown. But the seven skinny cows meant the seven good years would be followed by seven bad years, where not enough food could be grown. Joseph suggested that for the next seven years they should save up food so that they would have food to eat when the bad years started.

Pharaoh thought this was a good idea and as Joseph had been able to say what the dream meant Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of organising this, in fact he made him the second most important person in Egypt after himself.

Joseph went from being chucked down a well by his brothers and sold as a slave to become the second most important person in the whole of Egypt. How amazing is that! Later on in his life Joseph said that although his brothers had meant to harm him, God had a plan for his life. A plan which would end up saving a lot of peoples lives.

Christians today believe that God has a plan for each of our lives. "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11). That's wonderful good news!

Challenge

Plan your way through the maze

