

# Joseph - Part 3



## Something to think about

Imagine you get to school one day and your teacher immediately tells you off even though you haven't done anything wrong. They then tell you that you're not allowed to go outside today and play with your friends, at either breacktime or lunchtime, instead you have to stay inside and sit facing a corner of the classroom.

How would this make you feel?

What might you say to your teacher?

When things are unfair, like the situation above, it is very easy for us to react in a negative way. If we chose to shout at the teacher that would probably only make things worse.

Life for Joseph seemed very unfair, his brothers sold him as a slave and then he was thrown into prison despite having done nothing wrong. Joseph could have reacted very negatively to this but we read that he was such a well behaved prisoner that he was put in charge of all the other prisoners.

One day Joseph had two new prisoners to look after, Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer had both upset Pharaoh and were sent to prison. After they had been in prison for a while, one night, they both had a very unusual dream.

## Activity

Draw a scene from an unusual dream you have had



In the time of the Bible people believed that their dreams had meaning, so when the cupbearer and the baker had their unusual dreams they wanted to know what they meant. Joseph told them that he could help. After he had heard both dreams he told them what they meant. The cupbearer's dream meant that in three days he would be given his job back but the baker's dream meant that in three days he would be killed for what he did to Pharaoh. Three days later the cupbearer got his job back and the baker was killed.

Joseph urged the cupbearer to ask Pharaoh to help him to get out of prison, as he had done nothing wrong, but when the cupbearer was free he completely forgot about Joseph, so he remained in prison for another two years.

Despite all the seemingly unfair things that happened to Joseph including the cupbearer not asking Pharaoh to help him. Joseph didn't become angry at everyone, or full of hatred towards people, he kept on showing love towards the people around him and he kept trusting that God had a plan for him. We will find out what that is next week.

When things go wrong for us or we feel we are treated unfairly it is easy to get cross and want revenge but Joseph gives us a great example of how to respond in those situations, to continue to show love to those around you.

### Spot 10 differences between the pictures

