

...Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord,....

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

## **From Slave to Governor**

Genesis 39-47

"I'm a slave now, but I can still serve God," thought Joseph.

Sold into slavery by his own brothers, Joseph was hauled away to Egypt.

There, an officer bought him. Joseph worked hard and God was with him and blessed him. He was such a good worker that Joseph's boss put him in charge of all that he had.

Then the owner's wife tried to get Joseph to do something wrong. He refused and ran out of the house even though she pulled his robe right off of him as he ran! Then she lied about Joseph. She said he attacked her, but that wasn't true! When Joseph's owner heard this lie, he sent Joseph to prison.

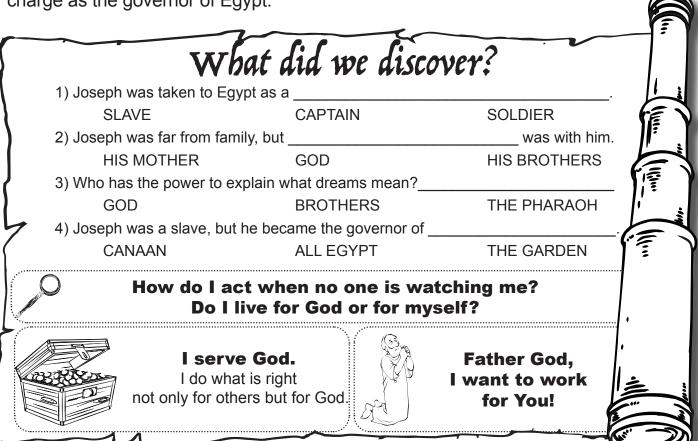
Even in the prison, God was with Joseph.

Soon, the prison warden put Joseph in charge of the other prisoners.

When two of the other prisoners had important dreams, God showed Joseph what the dreams meant and he told them. Joseph was exactly right.

Later, Joseph was taken to the pharaoh, king of Egypt, because he had a dream too. Joseph said he couldn't explain it, but that God could. Then, with God's power, Joseph explained the dream to the pharaoh.

For his wisdom and because God's spirit was in him, the pharaoh put Joseph in charge as the governor of Egypt.



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