## Before Pharaoh

## Read Genesis 41:9-16

- **9** Finally, the king's cup-bearer spoke up. "Today I have been reminded of my failure," he told Pharaoh.
- **10** "Some time ago, you were angry with the baker and me, and you imprisoned us in the palace of the captain of the guard.
- 11 One night the baker and I each had a dream, and each dream had its own meaning.
- **12** There was a young Hebrew man with us in the prison who was a slave of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he told us what each of our dreams meant.
- **13** And everything happened just as he had predicted. I was restored to my position as cup-bearer, and the baker was executed and impaled on a pole."
- **14** Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison. After he shaved and changed his clothes, he went in and stood before Pharaoh.
- **15** Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream last night, and no one here can tell me what it means. But I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it."
- **16** "It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease."

**What did the cup bearer do (v. 9)?** He finally remembered about Joseph.

How long had it been since Joseph asked the cup bearer to remember him (41:1)? 2 years Why did he finally remember to tell Pharaoh about Joseph? God reminded him.

**Why do you think God waited two years?** The Bible doesn't tell us why. It was just part of God's plan and God's perfect timing for Joseph.

**What did the cup bearer do next (vv. 10-13)?** He told Pharaoh how Joseph had interpreted his and the baker's dreams.

What did Pharaoh do next (v. 14)? He told his servants to bring Joseph to him.

**What did they have Joseph do?** Shave and change his clothes. He was going to see the Pharaoh. He had to look good and be clean.

**What did Pharaoh say to Joseph (v. 15)?** I had a dream and no one could interpret it for me. But I hear you can interpret dreams.

What did Joseph say to Pharaoh (v. 16)? I can't interpret dreams but God can and He will tell me what your dream means.