

Joseph

PRAY FIRST...

Father God:
First, we thank You for who You are. We thank You
for giving us Your Word and we pray for the
understanding You want us to have as we learn more
about You. May it lead us to
worship You more deeply.

In Yeshua's name we pray, Amen.



THEN READ!

Matthew 1:2

This is the story of Joseph. But before we learn
about Joseph, let's learn a little about his
family.

In Genesis 12, God tells a man, Abram, that He will make him
and his descendants a great nation.

God tells Abram that He will bless him and make his name
great SO THAT he will be a blessing. One of
the ways that God fulfils this covenant with Abram is through
his bloodline. He then gives him a new name: Abraham.

As Matthew 1 tells us, Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac
had two sons; one whose name was Jacob. Jacob had twelve
sons; one whose name was Judah (from which Yeshua will
come). Another one of Jacob's sons was Joseph. God used
Joseph in mighty ways, too.



Genesis 37



Jacob and his twelve sons settled in the land of Canaan after years of wandering. Joseph, his youngest son, was Israel's (Jacob's) favorite son and Jacob made him a coat of many colors. This made his brothers very angry and they hated Joseph.

Joseph had two dreams. One was about grain and one about stars. In both dreams, his brothers bowed down to him. This made his brothers very jealous, and they hated him even more. Because his brothers hated him, they decided to kill him and throw him in a pit. But one of the brothers, Reuben, did not want Joseph to die so he persuaded the brothers to steal his coat of many colors and put him in the pit. Once Joseph was in the pit, the brothers went to eat. While they were eating, they saw a group of Ishmaelites and another brother, Judah, suggested that they sell Joseph to the Ishmaelites, so that the death of Joseph would not be upon their hands. The brothers agreed and Joseph was sold for twenty shekels of silver.

The brothers took Joseph's coat of many colors and dipped it in goat's blood and returned the coat to Joseph's father, Jacob, and his father believed he had died. He was very sad and mourned deeply.

Joseph's brothers had both anger and jealousy. Those things turned to hatred and caused them to sin against God and harm their brother. We must be aware of our feelings and turn them over to God, so that we do not harm others and go against God's will for our lives or cause pain in the lives of others.



Genesis 39

In this chapter, we learn several things about Joseph and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. First, we learn that “the Lord was with Joseph”. We see that Joseph’s Egyptian master, Potiphar, saw that the Lord was with Joseph so he treated Joseph well. We see that the Lord blessed the Egyptian house for Joseph’s sake.

We see in verse nine that Joseph was “faithful to God” and refused to sin against Him even though Potiphar’s wife continued to try to get him to sin.



Potiphar’s wife did many things against God. She tried to tempt Joseph again and again. She lied to her husband and accused Joseph of things he did not do. Potiphar believed his wife’s lies and got very angry with Joseph. Because Potiphar believed her, he put Joseph in prison.

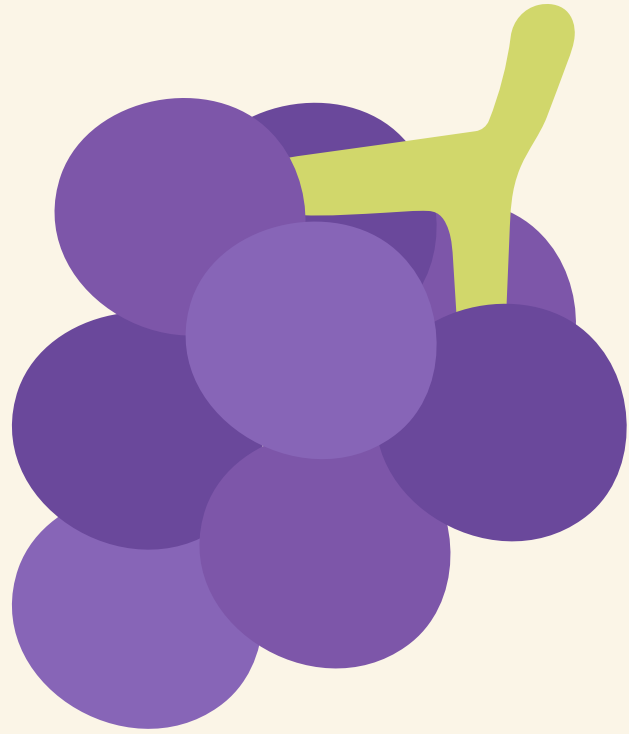


Even though Joseph was in prison, the Lord was still with him. He continued to bless him and show him favor.

Once again, we see anger and jealousy, both from Potiphar’s wife and Potiphar. However, we also see blessings. God will bless our faithfulness even if our circumstances don’t seem to align. Joseph was faithful and the Lord was with him. We must seek God and remain faithful even when life’s circumstances don’t seem fair.

Genesis 40

While Joseph was still in prison Pharaoh became angry with two of his officers. One was a cupbearer and one was a baker. Because he was angry with them, he put them in prison, and it was the same prison where Joseph was held.



One night the cupbearer and the baker had dreams. They were both troubled by the dreams that they had and Joseph offered to help. Each man told Joseph his dream and Joseph explained what the dreams meant. Joseph gave God the credit for his interpretations of the dreams.

The cupbearer dreamed of a vine with three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms came out and its clusters ripened into grapes. In his dream, the cupbearer squeezed the grapes into Pharaoh's cup, which was in his hand, and gave Pharaoh the cup. Joseph explained to him that the three branches were three days, and that Pharaoh would restore him to his position in that time. This was positive news so the baker asked Joseph to explain his dream.



The baker told Joseph that in his dream there were three baskets of white bread on his head. There were birds that were eating out of the top basket on his head, and Joseph interpreted the dream. Joseph told the baker that in three days, Pharaoh would have him killed and the birds would eat his body.



In three days, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he did both things just as Joseph said he would.

Sometimes we get good news. Sometimes we get bad news. But always, God is with us. Just as Joseph did, we must keep Him at the forefront whether our situations feel positive or negative. God is with us.



Let's Apply.....



What can we learn from Joseph's life?

How has God used a difficult situation to prepare you?

How can you remind yourself that God is with you?



New Testament



FATHER GOD:
WE PRAISE YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE. WE PRAISE YOU THAT YOU ARE OUR JEHOVAH-
ROPHE, OUR HEALER AND
RESTORER. THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR KINGDOM WORKS IN US. MAY OUR EYES AND
EARS ALWAYS STAY
OPEN.
IN YESHUA'S NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.



Acts 7:9-16

Did you know Acts was written about 1500 years after Genesis?
Doesn't that speak about the
power of God!

In Acts 7, the writer speaks of the story of Jacob and his sons.
The writer tells us of the
jealousy which led to sin between Joseph and his brothers. But
this passage also tells us of
healing and restoration.

Our God is the God who heals and restores. He is our Jehovah-
Rophe.

Yoseph and Yeshua

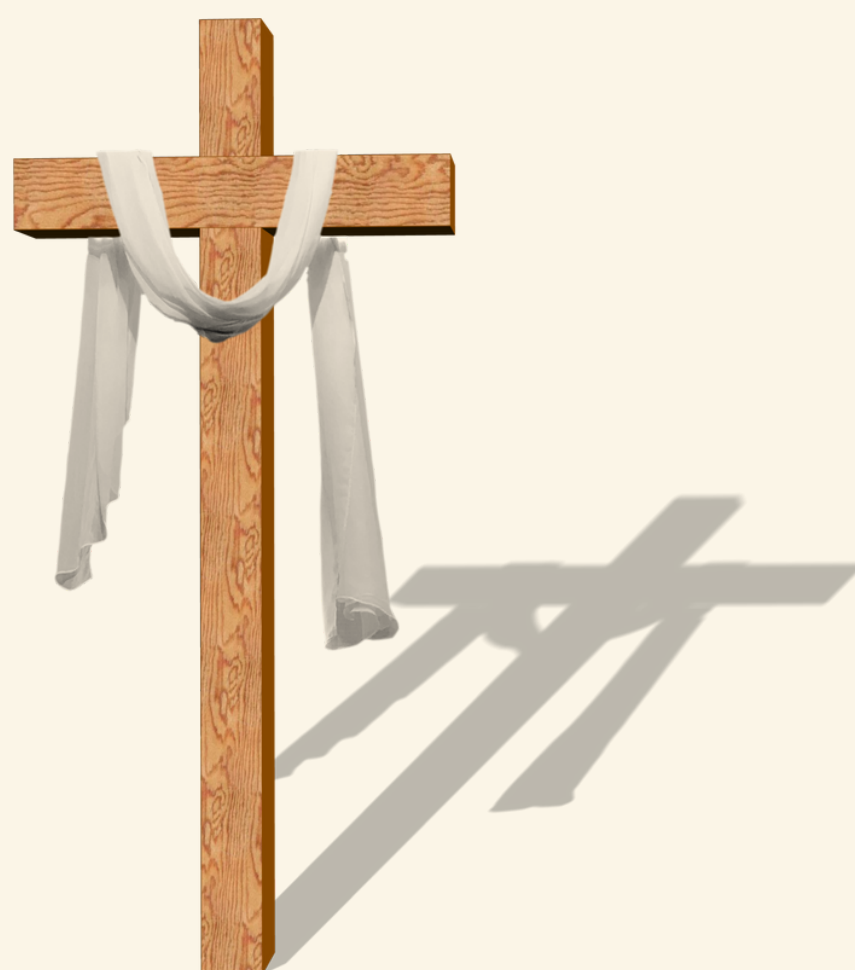
Let's dig deeper...

We have learned a lot about Joseph by reading the Scriptures this week. When we look at Joseph's life, we see it mirrors many of the aspects of the life of Yeshua.

That's because Joseph is a SHADOW of Yeshua and God is showing us, not only what He is doing, but what He is going to do in the future. He has a kingdom plan for each of us.

1. His father loved him dearly and completely.
2. His robe was taken from him.
3. He was sold for silver.
4. He was accused even though he did nothing wrong.
5. He was faithful even when he was tempted.
6. He trusted in God's plans and purposes for his life even in difficult circumstances.

What other ways is Joseph a shadow of Yeshua?





Word Search for Joseph's Special Coat

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

I	C	J	A	C	O	B	I	s	C	O	F
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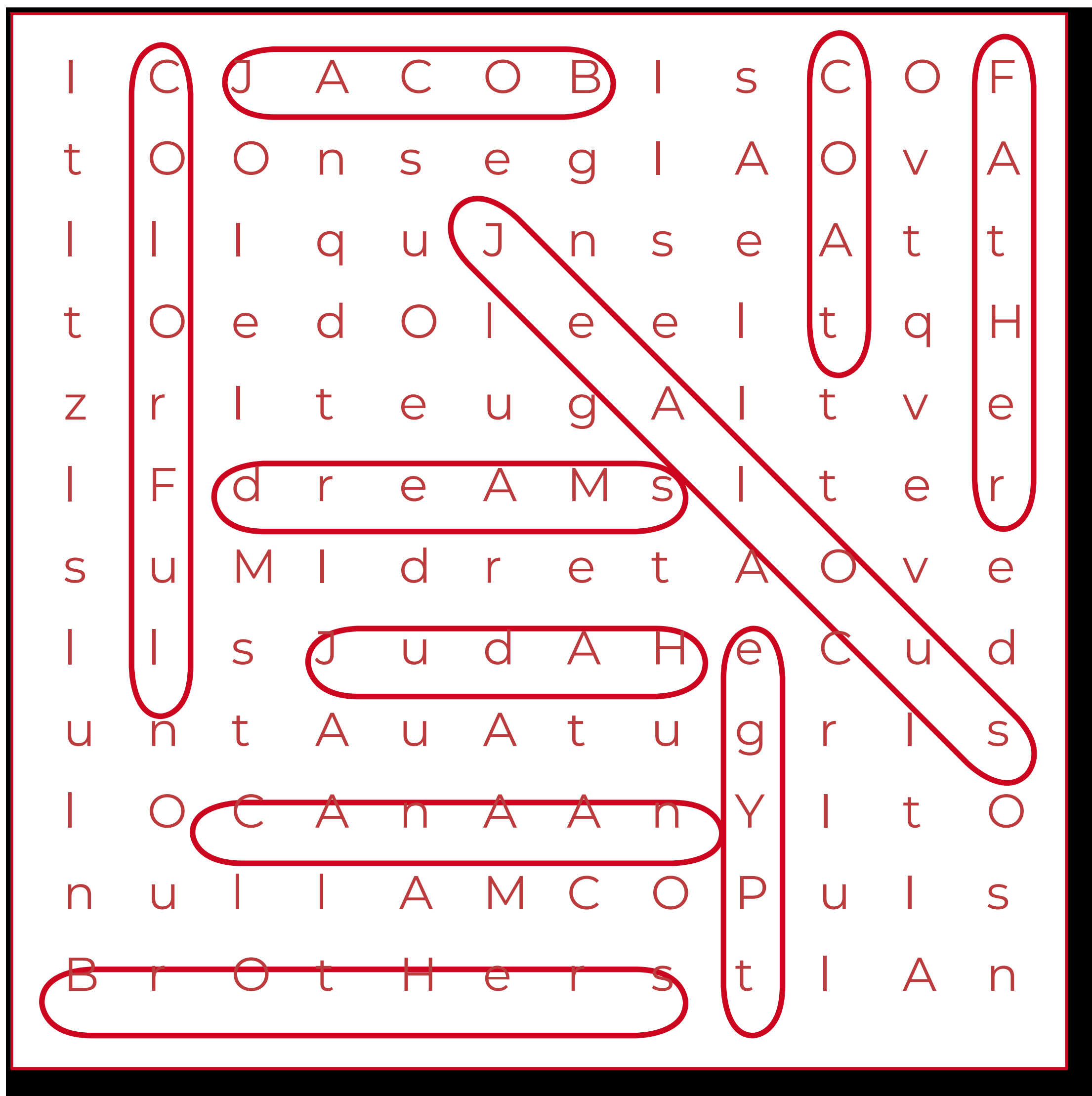
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Secret Code for Joseph Helped the King

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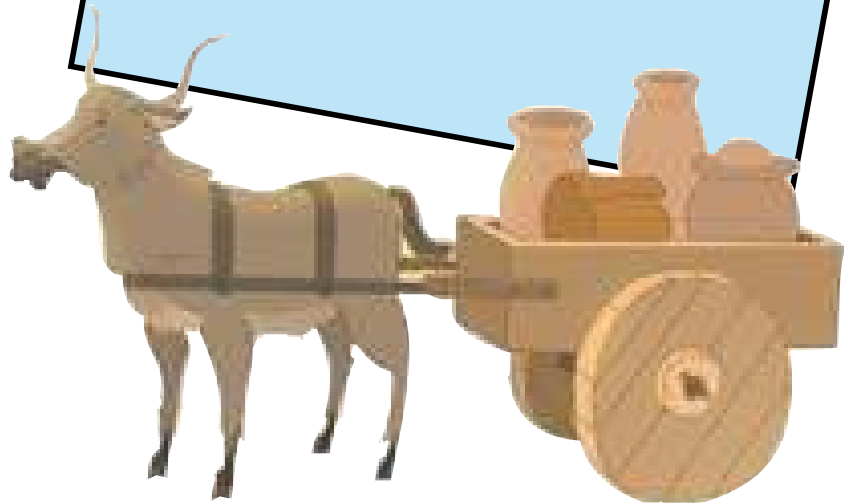
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Code key

A	1	J	10	S	19	B	2	K	11	T
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13	V	22	E	5	N	14	W	23	F	
6	O	15	X	24	G	7	P	16	Y	25
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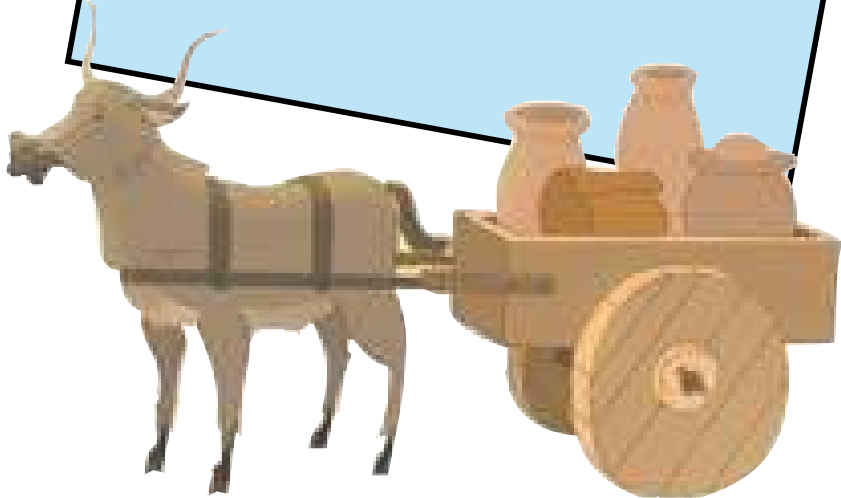
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Joseph's Egypt Maze



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