[Narrator] The last time we saw Joseph, he was headed off to Egypt with a group of desert traders as a slave. Although most of us in Joseph's place would say, not good, Joseph realized that he had been supplied with some big opportunities by God, and he has taken them.

In our story are Pharaoh, his ministers, the royal cup bearer, and finally Joseph.

Our story begins at the house of Pharaoh, who is the king of Egypt, the biggest and strongest country in the entire world of the time. Pharaoh has a problem.

[scene] Pharaoh is sitting in chair, several ministers are standing around.

[Pharaoh] Where is the guy who was going to find someone to tell me what my dreams are all about.

[First minister] Mr. Pharaoh Sir, we've been in contact with all of the priests and magicians and fortune tellers that we can find but nobody has been able to tell us what your dream means.

[Pharaoh] Well, maybe it's time to replace a few ministers.

[Wine steward] Mr. Pharaoh Sir.

[Pharaoh] No I don't want any wine right now. If I do I'll signal you. You do remember what happened the last time you didn't get my signal don't you.

[Wine steward] Yes sir, you threw me in prison. I remember it very well.

[Pharaoh] so why are you trying to give me wine when I haven't asked for it?

[Wine steward] Well Mr. Pharaoh Sir, great illustrious Pharaoh I want to add.

[Pharaoh] What is it!!!

[Wine steward] Well Mr. Pharaoh Sir, when you were unhappy with me so long ago, and put me in prison, well, there was a Hebrew slave in there. Actually he ran the place, but

[Pharaoh] Get to it please...

[Wine steward] Well, this Hebrew interpreted a dream I had. He explained that it meant that I was soon going to get out of prison and get my job serving you back. It happened just like he said.

[Pharaoh] Every fortune teller tells you what you want to hear and sometimes they have to get it right.

[Wine steward] Well, Mr. Pharaoh sir, that is what is interesting. He also interpreted a dream of the baker, and if you remember, you had him executed.

[Pharaoh] He couldn't bake a cake if they gave him a cake mix.

[Wine steward] Well, I think that Hebrew is still in the prison and maybe he could help.

[Pharaoh] Why didn't you tell me about him when I let you have your job back two years ago. Seeing how this Hebrew interpreted dreams would have been at least interesting.

[Wine Steward] I forgot.

[Scene] Pharaoh' glares at wine steward.

[Pharaoh] Somebody go and get this Hebrew.

[Scene] Joseph comes on with several people around him.

[Joseph] Mr. Pharaoh these people said that they thought that I could do something for you.

[Pharaoh]I understand that you can interpret dreams.

[Joseph] People tell me what they have dreamt and God tells me what it means. God often supplies me with the meaning of their dreams.

[Pharaoh] Well, this was my dream. I saw seven fat cows coming out of the river Nile. Then 7 really starved cows came up and ate them. Then, seven big really good looking grain plants were eaten by seven really shabby plants. Neither of the starving cows or plants looked any better after they had eaten.

[Joseph] This is what God wants you to know from your dream. Egypt is going to have seven really good years and grow lots of food. These seven good years will be followed by seven years of famine when almost nothing will grow.

[Pharaoh] Do you have a suggestion as to how we deal with this?

[Joseph] yes, have someone be in charge of gathering food during the good years so that it can be ready to be given out in the bad years.

[Pharaoh] Hmmmm, I think you are the man to do that job.

[Narrator] Pharaoh was absolutely correct, Joseph took the job and did it extremely well. Joseph used the skills and talents that God had given him, organizing food collection in the good years so that the food was available when the famine came. God had supplied Joseph with the perfect place to use his many talents and many people benefited from the opportunities and talents that God had provided Joseph. Joseph's dreams were coming true but there is even more as we will see next month.