

8. POTIPHAR'S WIFE

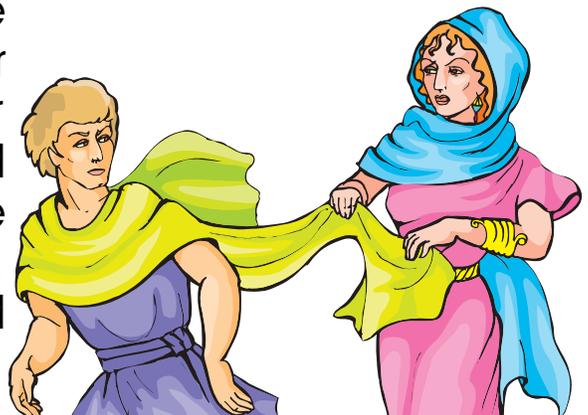
Genesis 39:6-23

From the very beginning of the world God planned for one man and one woman to marry. He created Eve for Adam. God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him" (Genesis 2:17).

Joseph understood God's plan for a husband and wife. He knew the wife of Potiphar should be faithful to her husband. Husbands and wives kiss each other in a special way. God does not want them to kiss other men and women in this special way.

Potiphar and his wife were Egyptians. Even though they were not Jews, Potiphar did not want his wife kissing other men. But when she saw Joseph, Potiphar's wife wanted to kiss him in the special way God made for husbands and wives. She told Joseph what she wanted. Read what Joseph told her in Genesis 29:9.

Potiphar's wife kept on bothering Joseph, but he would not listen to her (v. 10). One day Joseph came into the house to take care of some business. None of the other men were in the house. Potiphar's wife tried to get Joseph to kiss her, but he ran out. She had hold of his outer clothing, and when he ran the garment was still in her hand. She lied and told her husband that Joseph had tried to force himself on her, but she cried out and Joseph ran away. Potiphar was very angry and had Joseph put in prison.





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Fill in the missing words on page 3. Find them in this word search. This puzzle contains backward words.

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What happened to Joseph when he was put in prison? Read Genesis 39:21-23 and fill in the blanks.

"But the Lord was with _____, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the _____. And the _____ of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison _____ not to any thing that was under his _____; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper."

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"And we know that all things _____ together for _____ to them that _____ God, to them who are the _____ called according to his purpose."



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K	I	Z	A	D	E	H	I	S
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God was with Joseph while he was a slave in Potiphar's house. "The Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake..." (Gen. 39:5). When Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph to kiss her, he said, "Behold thy master... hath committed all that he hath to my hand. There is none greater in this house than I: neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Gen. 39:8,9). One day she grabbed his coat and pulled it off. She claimed he was forcing himself on her. Potiphar had him put in prison.

NOTE TO THE CUSTOMER: I am including this sample lesson to show how I've handled a difficult topic. Children must be taught the importance of faithfulness in marriages. David's sin with Bathsheba is handled in a similar manner in **RWS #9, King David.**

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