



Bible Study Guide For All Ages

Remember It? Who am I?

_____ I loved Joseph more than I loved the other brothers.

_____ I bought Joseph from the Ishmaelites.

_____ I dreamed of grapes being squeezed into Pharaoh's cup.

_____ I dreamed of birds eating bread from baskets on my head.

_____ I forgot to tell Pharaoh about Joseph.

Answers: 1) Gen 37:3 2) Gen 39:1 3) Gen 40:9-11 4) Gen 40:16-17 5) Gen 40:23

Memory Workout

1. Review the Genesis Bible Book Summary Card.
2. Sing the song, "Twelve Sons of Jacob." *Disc 2, track 40*
3. Number these people in the order they lived on earth.

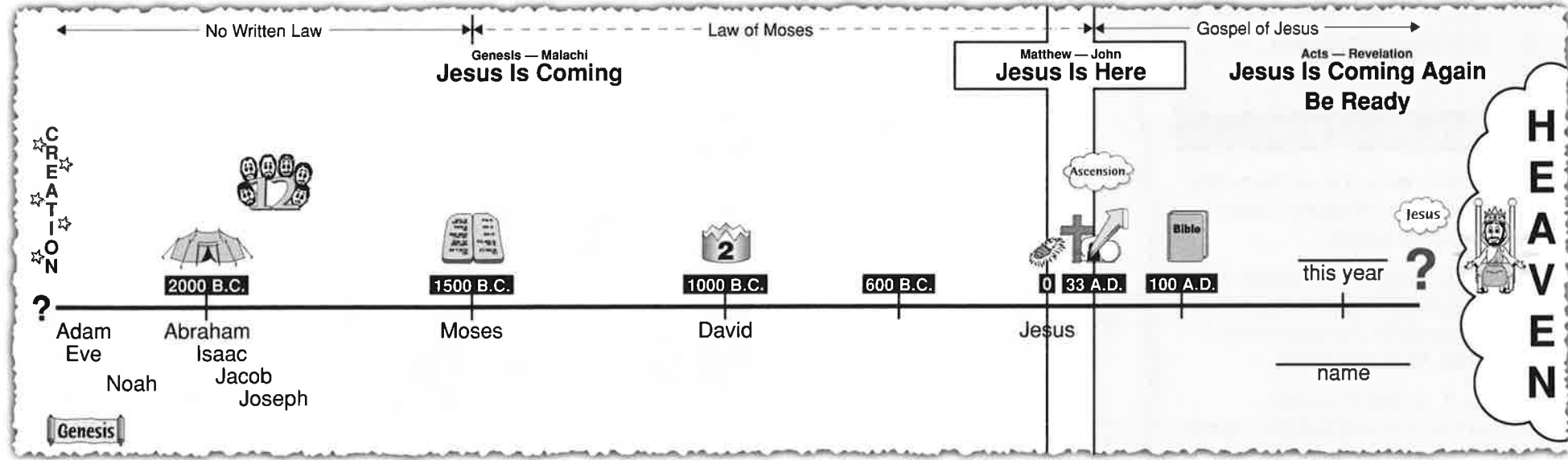
___ Jesus ___ Jacob ___ Joseph ___ Abraham

Guess What...

Sometimes, God used dreams (when a person was asleep) and visions (when a person was awake) to make his will known.



Magicians were men who were educated in science and religion. People thought they knew the secret mysteries of the "gods." This is probably the reason Pharaoh asked them to interpret his dream.



Get Active

On a piece of paper, write down some of your shortcomings. Shortcomings are things in your life that need to be improved or sins that you struggle with.

Divide into groups of 3 or 4. If you are willing, share one or more of your shortcomings with the group.

Choose one group member to write down the struggles and lead the group in praying about all of them.



Time Line

1. Write this year and your name in the blanks.
2. B.C. means (*before Christians before Jesus' birth*).
3. A.D. (*anno Domini*) means (*after Jesus' death after Jesus' birth*).
4. We read about Adam, Eve and Noah in the first part of Genesis. Place a **1** beside their names on the time line. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are found in the middle of Genesis. Place a **2** by their names. The story of Joseph is in the last part of Genesis. Write a **3** beside his name.

Apply It!

- Read Genesis 41:9. What were the cupbearer's shortcomings? How easy do you think it was for him to talk about them?
- What is God saying to you for your life? Answer using the word "I" or "me."

- Why do you think the cupbearer forgot Joseph? Why do you do things that are wrong? What should you do when you realize that you have done wrong?
- Talk to God about what he has taught you in this lesson.

Pharaoh's Dreams

Genesis 41:1-36

Discover the Bible

1. In the blank, write the name or title of the one who had dreams. Circle what he dreamed about.
2. Who tried, but failed to interpret the dreams? Read the Bible verse. **What** were the cupbearer's shortcomings? In the bubble, fill in the blank.
3. Draw an **X** on the incorrect underlined word. In the bubble, name the one Joseph said could interpret dreams.

Teacher: Paraphrase 41:17-24.

4. In the circles, write the number of skinny cows and fat cows that came up out of the river. In the blank, name the river. In the mouth, circle the eaters and those eaten. In the boxes, write the number of good and bad heads of grain. In the mouth, circle the eaters and the eaten.

Teacher: Paraphrase 41:25-32 and read 41:33-36.

5. Fill in the blanks. In each box, draw the symbol of the word that belongs. In your own words, **what** did Pharaoh's dreams mean? Circle the amount of grain Joseph said should be collected during the years of plenty. Do you think Pharaoh will follow Joseph's advice? (Yes No) Why?

1 41:1-7

2 41:8-14

Genesis 41:9 Today I am reminded of my shortcomings.

Two dreams. Interpret them!

In prison, a young _____ interpreted my dream.

What?

3 41:15-16

I hear you can interpret dreams.

I can cannot do it.

Joseph

4 41:17-24

number of skinny cows

number of fat cows

Who ate whom?

Skinny ate Skinny

Fat ate Fat

41:17-24

Who ate whom?

good

heads of grain

bad

heads of grain

Good ate Good

Bad ate Bad

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7 cows and 7 ears of grain = 7 _____ ea _____ s of _____

7 cows and 7 ears of grain = 7 _____ y _____ ar _____ of _____

war famine rain plenty darkness

What?

Advice 41:25-36

Choose a _____ and collect _____

$\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{8}$

of the grain during years of plenty.