

LESSON 9

JOSEPH AT THE PALACE

Genesis 41

The King of Egypt had a dream that worried him. He wanted to know what the dream meant, but no-one could tell him. Then the butler remembered that Joseph could tell the meaning of dreams.

So the King sent for Joseph who was still in prison. Joseph told the King that God would help him to know what the dream meant. The King's dream meant that there would be seven years of plenty, when all the food crops would grow well in Egypt. Then there would be seven years of famine, with no rain to make things grow.

Joseph told the King to choose a wise man to store up food during the seven good years, so that there would be plenty to eat during the famine. The King chose Joseph.

During the famine, Joseph's family, who were called Israelites, came to buy food. Then Jacob and all the Israelites came to live in Egypt, to be near Joseph.

ACTIVITY

Glitter the chain. Decorate picture with sequins, gold and silver paper. Draw sacks and paste bird seed in them, for grain. Paste sand on the ground area.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Construct a chariot from boxes, large and small. Use paper plates or circular margarine lids for wheels. Attach with split pins.

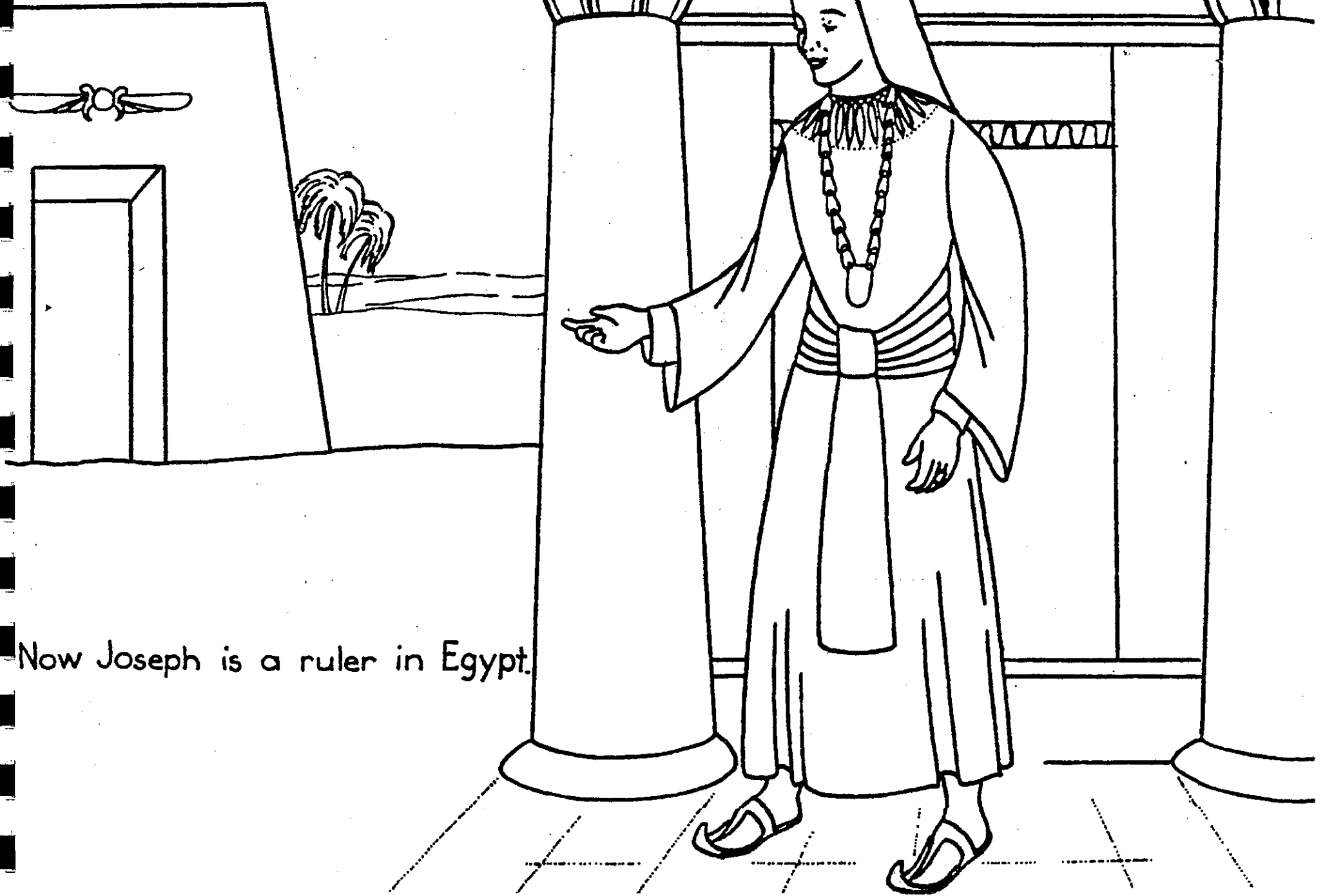
Make a chain to wear. Cut links 15 cm x 2 cm from suitable paper. Interlock and paste together.

Using soft cardboard, make a crown. Decorate with glitter, stars, coloured spots and shapes, etc. Staple to fit each child.

Cut two large numeral 7's out of cardboard. On one, draw or paste on pictures of growth - flowers, trees, plants, etc (plenty). On the second, paste sand and earth, and draw trees with no leaves, etc (famine).

Discuss how dependent we are on water, and explain what happens when a famine hits an area. Set up two saucers with cotton wool and birdseed on them to demonstrate. Water one, and leave the other dry. See what happens to them both after a few weeks.

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Now Joseph is a ruler in Egypt.