



JOSEPH, Part 2

A Picture of the Lord Jesus

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Display each illustration where indicated in text, laying volume aside when the story line continues beyond the picture.

Lesson 1

TRIALS IN EGYPT (Part 1)

Scripture to be studied: Genesis 39:1-23; all verses mentioned in the lesson

The aim of the lesson: God is honored when His children trust and obey Him-even in testings, temptations and suffering.

What your students should know: Just as Joseph suffered, though innocent, so Christ, the spotless innocent Lamb of God suffered.

What your students should feel: A desire to please God by being pure, even if it means suffering.

What your students should do: Resist the devil and deliberately turn from temptation.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. The beloved son becomes a servant (Genesis 39:1; Psalm 40:8; Philippians 2:5-7; Hebrews 12:2).
2. A well-pleasing servant (Genesis 39:2-6; Matthew 3:17; 17:5; John 8:29; 17:4).
3. A tempted servant (Genesis 39:7-12; Matthew 4:1-11).
4. A falsely accused servant (Genesis 39:13-20; Matthew 26:59-61).

The verse to be memorized:

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God. (Romans 8:28a)

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

This volume is a continuation of Volume 4.

Before teaching these lessons, review briefly the first eight incidents in the life of Joseph which picture the Lord Jesus Christ. Show the illustrations and give your students opportunity to explain the likenesses of Joseph and Christ.

In this volume, each likeness of Christ is illustrated on one of the covers.

THE LESSON

Have you ever suffered because of your love for the Lord Jesus? In what way? How did you react? What did you say? What did you do? What did you learn from the experience? (*Teacher:* Encourage group discussion. Your students may wish

to list in their notebooks the lessons which others have learned from suffering for Christ's sake.)

Almost every child of God who lives to please his heavenly Father knows what it means to suffer. (See 2 Timothy 3:12.) There are two in the Bible, however, who, though they lived about 1,900 years apart, took their sufferings in the same way. Listen carefully!

Day after day young Joseph trudged along under the hot sun on the road to Egypt. The Bible doesn't tell us what he was thinking, but it could've been something like this: *Why did my brothers throw me in the pit? Why did they sell me to these merchants? I was obeying my father when I went to find them. He wanted to be certain they were all right. Why do they hate me?*

But then, remembering the good things his father had taught him, he stopped thinking and prayed instead. "Dear God, I can't understand why my brothers sold me to these merchants. I don't know why they're taking me to Egypt. But I do know You are watching over me. I know You have all power. You know everything. You have a plan for our family. You are with us wherever we go. And You're watching over me right now. What has happened is Your plan for me. Dear God, please get honor for Yourself from my life."

After praying, Joseph walked with head held high.

1. THE BELOVED SON BECOMES A SERVANT

Genesis 39:1; Psalm 40:8; Philippians 2:5-7; Hebrews 12:2



Show Illustration #1

Arriving in Egypt, the merchants took Joseph to the noisy market where slaves were sold and bought. One shouted, "Who will buy this strong young man? He looks as if he will work hard. He's good enough for the king's household!"

"I'll buy him!" Potiphar announced. (Potiphar was the captain of the king's bodyguard and the chief executioner.) "He's yours!" the merchant declared.

Joseph, the one especially loved of his father, now belonged