



From Shepherd to Slave to Ruler

After the events at the Tower of Babel, people traveled to many places around the world. The Bible follows the life of one family and a man called Abraham and the lives of his children. Abraham had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac.

Isaac married and had two sons, Esau and Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons. One of Jacob's sons was named Joseph.

Joseph grew up as a shepherd boy, but as a teen his brothers sold him into slavery. His brothers were jealous of the extra attention their father gave him, and this made them angry. Joseph was taken to Egypt to work for many years in the house of Potiphar, an Egyptian official. But unfortunately Potiphar's wife got angry with him and convinced her husband to have Joseph thrown in jail.

However, God had a special plan for Joseph, and several years later, he was called to appear before Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to interpret his dreams. Pharaoh was so impressed with Joseph's ability to interpret dreams and the godly wisdom that Joseph had, that Pharaoh chose Joseph to become his second in command over all of Egypt, and he helped to save Egypt from famine.

Sound amazing? Read this extraordinary story in Genesis chapters 37 and 39–41.