

**The Lord be with you!**

This Sunday is Pentecost Twenty and the color is still green.

This week we have the continuation of the Joseph Story. There are two parts to this story, the first is how Joseph interprets the Pharaoh's dreams and the Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge of saving the people from famine. And the second part is how Joseph is reunited with his family and he forgives his brothers for selling him into slavery. Joseph was close to God and he knew this was God's plan.

I am sending two bulletins that show these two parts of the story.

Have a good week. Be safe.

I miss you!

## **THE STORY OF JOSEPH CONTINUED**

Remember Joseph had been sold by his brothers into slavery. And he was in jail.

When the Pharaoh's servants were released from jail, they found that the Pharaoh had many dreams that no one understood. One of them told the Pharaoh about Joseph, and the Pharaoh called for him.

The Pharaoh's dream had two parts. In the first part there were seven fat cows and seven skinny cows. The thin cows ate the fat cows. Then he dreamed that there were seven fat and good ears of corn and seven sick and thin ones. The thin ones swallowed up the good ones.

Joseph told the Pharaoh that his dreams meant that there would be seven good years followed by seven bad years. He told the Pharaoh that this was a warning to save up grain during the good years so that there would be food for the people of Egypt in the bad years. The Pharaoh agreed and put Joseph in charge of gathering and saving the grain. Joseph was now thirty years old.

The lands near Egypt also had bad years. The people from the lands near Egypt came to Joseph to beg for food. And old Jacob sent ten of his sons into Egypt to get food to eat. Jacob kept his youngest son, Benjamin home with him.

When the brothers came to Egypt, they bowed down before Joseph. They did not recognize him, but Joseph knew who they were. He kept one of the brothers with him and gave the others grain and told them to go home and come back with their younger brother, Benjamin.

When they returned and all the brothers were together, Joseph told them who he was and forgave them. For Joseph was so close to God that he knew God had a plan. He said to his brothers, "God sent me before you to preserve life."

Then Joseph sent for his father Jacob. And Joseph and his family spent the rest of their days in Egypt. When Jacob died Joseph took him home to be buried in the land of their fathers. Then Joseph and his brothers returned to Egypt, where years later their children would become slaves because the new Pharaoh forgot all that Joseph did.

I wonder what part of this story you like best?

I wonder what part of this story is most important?