



Joseph In Egypt

Genesis 41:1-46

While Joseph was a slave in Egypt, Pharaoh, the King, sent for him and said, “I dreamt I saw seven fat cows, but seven thin cows ate them up. Then I saw seven fine ears of wheat, but seven thin ears swallowed them. What is the meaning of this dream?”

Joseph said, “God will send seven good years and then seven years when nothing will grow. In the good years let a wise man store food for people to eat in the bad years.”

“You are wise, Joseph,” said Pharaoh, “and I place this land in your care.” He gave Joseph a ring, and people bowed down to him.



The Commandments

Exodus 19:1-2, 16-25, 29:1-17, 24:12-18

When the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai, they saw a mountain covered with clouds. From its top a trumpet sounded loudly. Moses told the people to wait while he went up the mountain, and there the Lord told him how he expected his people to act. They were to tell the truth. They were to love God and honor their parents. They were to say God's name respectfully. They were not to steal or to hurt others. These were God's Commandments.

The Lord wrote his Commandments on two stone tablets and gave them to Moses to carry down to the people.



The Child Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

After a holiday, Mary and Joseph were returning home to Nazareth with their friends and the twelve-year-old Jesus. At first Mary thought Jesus was with another family, but when she learned he was not, she and Joseph went back to Jerusalem to look for him. They searched for three days before they found him in a temple. He was talking with teachers who were amazed at his knowledge of God's teachings.

Mary asked, "Son, why have you worried us so?" Jesus answered, "Didn't you know that I must do my Father's work?" But he went home with Mary and Joseph and obeyed them.



Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-38, John 12:12-19

When Jesus was near Jerusalem, two of his friends brought him a young ass, and Jesus sat upon it to ride into the city. Many people threw their coats on the road in front of him, and others cut branches from trees and cast them in his path to show their love for Jesus. Those who marched before him began to praise God for the wonderful things Jesus had done for them and for all he had taught them.

They shouted:

“Blessed is he who comes as king in the name of the Lord! Hosanna to the son of David! Glory in the highest.”