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1. Yakov lived in the city of חֶבְרוֹן / Chevron. It was not very good for raising animals. So why did Yakov live there? SO HE COULD TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT ה'
2. Which son did Yakov love more than the others? יוֹסֵף / YOSAIF
3. One reason is because Yosaif was the son of his favorite wife. What was her name? RACHEL
4. Yakov showed his love for Yosaif. What did Yakov make for Yosaif? A LONG-SLEEVED SILK COAT OF MANY COLORS
5. In those days, who wore this coat? PEOPLE WHO DID NOT HAVE TO DO ANY HARD WORK
6. Whenever Yosaif saw his brothers doing what he thought were bad things, who did he tell? THEIR FATHER YAKOV
7. Who should he have told? HIS BROTHERS
8. Did the brothers like Yosaif? NO
9. What was Yosaif's dream about the grain? THE BROTHERS WERE TYING BUNDLES OF GRAIN AND THEIR BUNDLES BOWED DOWN TO HIS
10. What did the brothers think that this dream meant? ONE DAY YOSAIF WOULD RULE OVER THEM
11. What was the dream about the sun, moon and stars, which Yosaif told to his brothers and to their father Yakov? THEY BOWED DOWN TO HIM
12. What did Yakov say this dream meant? THAT HE AND YOSAIF'S MOTHER AND BROTHERS WOULD ONE DAY BOW DOWN TO HIM
13. Yakov thought the dream would come true. But he told Yosaif and his other sons that it would not come true. Why? BECAUSE HIS MOTHER HAD ALREADY DIED AND COULD NOT BOW TO HIM
14. Yakov's sons were in Shchem with their sheep. He had not heard from them in a long time. Who did he want to send to see if they were O.K.? YOSAIF
15. Yosaif went, even though he knew his brothers might try to hurt him, because he wanted to do a *mitzva*. Which one? HONORING HIS FATHER
16. Yosaif got to Shchem. He didn't see his brothers. Gavriel told him where they were. Who was Gavriel? AN ANGEL OF ה'
17. Yosaif finally saw his brothers. What did they think to do to him? KILL HIM
18. The oldest brother Reuvain said they should not kill him but they should THROW HIM IN A PIT
19. Why did Reuvain suggest throwing Yosaif in a pit? SO HE COULD BRING HIM BACK HOME SAFELY LATER ON
20. One of the brothers named Shimon threw him in the pit. What miracle did ה' make in the pit? SNAKES AND SCORPIONS WENT AWAY SO THEY WOULD NOT BOTHER YOSAIF

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21. Reuvain left. In the end, how did the brothers get rid of Yosaif? BY SELLING HIM AS A SLAVE
22. How much did they sell him for? 20 PIECES OF SILVER
23. Was that a lot or a little for a slave? A LITTLE
24. Yehuda made the other brothers promise not to tell someone that they sold Yosaif. Tell who? THEIR FATHER YAKOV
25. Later, Reuvain went back to the pit and didn't see Yosaif in it. What did he think? THE BROTHERS KILLED YOSAIF
26. So what did Reuvain do as a sign of mourning - feeling bad because he thought Yosaif had been killed? HE TORE HIS CLOTHES
27. The brothers had to tell their father Yakov that Yosaif wasn't coming back home. What did they show their father? THE COAT OF MANY COLORS DIPPED IN GOATS BLOOD
28. What did Yakov think happened to Yosaif when he saw the coat dipped in goat's blood? THAT YOSAIF HAD BEEN EATEN BY A WILD ANIMAL
29. Why did Yakov think that ה' was scaring him? BECAUSE HE SCARED HIS FATHER WHEN HE TOOK AISAIV'S BLESSING
30. Everyone tried to make Yakov feel better. Could they? NO
31. Yakov did not see his son Yosaif for 22 years. Why 22 years? THIS IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS YAKOV DID NOT TRY TO SEE OR TALK TO HIS PARENTS YITZCHAK AND RIVKA
32. Yosaif was sold many times. Which country did he finally live in? מִצְרָיִם / MITZRAYIM (Egypt)
33. Potifar bought Yosaif as a slave. Potifar saw that Yosaif was not like other slaves. Why? HE DIDN'T DAMAGE OR STEAL THINGS
34. ה' made miracles for Yosaif in front of Potifar. Explain the miracle about the punch. POTIFAR WANTED HOT PUNCH AT FIRST. YOSAIF GAVE IT TO HIM. HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND WANTED A COLD DRINK. YOSAIF GAVE IT TO HIM RIGHT AWAY
35. Pretty soon, Yosaif was made the boss over all Potifar's things. What was the only thing Potifar would not let Yosaif be boss over? HIS WIFE
36. ה' punished Yosaif for making himself look nice. Why shouldn't Yosaif have made himself look nice? BECAUSE HIS FATHER WAS MOURNING FOR HIM
37. Here is the punishment. Zulaicha was Potifar's wife. Yosaif was very handsome. What did she want Yosaif to do to her? MARRY HER
38. One reason Yosaif wouldn't marry Zulaicha was because of what she prayed to. What was it? IDOLS
39. Zulaicha invited her friends to her house to see Yosaif. They looked at him while cutting fruit. What happened? THEY CUT THEIR FINGERS WITH THE SHARP KNIFE

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40. When the Egyptians were all at the Nile River, only Yosaif and Zulaicha were home. She again asked him to marry her. He thought he might do it. But he changed his mind when he thought that someone wouldn't like it. Who? HIS FATHER

41. Zulaicha grabbed his shirt. He ran away. Where was his shirt? IN HER HANDS

42. She told her friends quietly that she tried to grab and marry Yosaif. What did she tell her husband Potifar? THAT HE TRIED TO GRAB AND MARRY HER

43. At first what did Potifar want to do to Yosaif? HAVE HIM KILLED

44. Osnat lived with Potifar and Zulaicha. She told Potifar that Zulaicha had tried many times to marry Yosaif. Potifar did not know what to do. Who did he call to find out who was telling the truth? EGYPTIAN PRIESTS

45. Who did the Egyptian priests say grabbed who? ZULAICHA GRABBED YOSAIF (they told the truth)

46. Potifar wanted to believe Yosaif but he couldn't. So what did he do to Yosaif? PUT HIM IN JAIL

47. Yosaif was in jail for 10 years. This was ה' s way of helping Yosaif get forgiveness for doing what? SAYING BAD THINGS AGAINST HIS TEN BROTHERS

48. The head servant and head baker were in jail with Yosaif. The head servant gave drinks to Paroh (king of Mitzra-yim). Why was he in jail? A FLY WAS FOUND IN A DRINK HE GAVE TO PAROH

49. Why was the head baker in jail? A STONE WAS FOUND IN BREAD THAT HE BAKED FOR PAROH

50. Explain the head servant's dream about the grapes. THE HEAD SERVANT SQUEEZED GRAPES INTO PAROH'S CUP.

51. What did Yosaif say the dream meant? THE HEAD SERVANT WOULD GET HIS JOB BACK GIVING DRINKS TO PAROH

52. What was the head baker's dream? THERE WERE THREE BASKETS ON HIS HEAD. BIRDS ATE PASTRIES FROM THE BASKETS

53. What did Yosaif say his dream meant? IN THREE DAYS HE WOULD BE HANGED

54. The dreams happened just like Yosaif said. The head baker was hanged while the head servant got his job back. Yosaif asked the head servant a favor. What was it? TO ASK PAROH TO LET HIM OUT OF JAIL

55. The head servant kept forgetting to ask Paroh. Why did ה' make the head servant forget to ask Paroh? YOSAIF SHOULD HAVE PRAYED TO ה' RATHER THAN ASKING A BAD PERSON LIKE THE HEAD SERVANT