

THE DREAMER

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Based on Genesis Chapters 37 – 47, this tells the story of Joseph in verse form. This could form the background to a re-enactment of the events, mainly in mime form.

3+ stand in a line. Joseph in the middle. Jacob stage right. Brother(s) stage left. Behind them is a table with all the necessary props ready to be grabbed as required.

PROPS LIST

*Balloon
Pin to prick balloon
Rake
Walking stick
10(?) paper folded men in a row from card or paper, or Duplo men?
Packet of Jacobs' cream crackers
Multi-coloured coat
Farm animals (large or small) to include goat
Coloured balloons on a pole
Bag of money
Cloak
Toy dagger
Piece of toy model railway rail
Large key
Loaf of bread
Tray
Carton of clotted cream
Watering can
Half metre rule
Metre rule
Pack of playing cards
Hoody
Silver cup*

Now listen to my story
About a dude called Joseph.
It's certain not to bore ye,
It's mightily explosive.

*Joe steps forward
Bro gives J balloon
Bro pricks balloon*

It really starts in Canaan
When young Joe, he was a lad.
He lived there doing farming
With old Jacob – he's his dad.

*Joe grabs rake; others exit
Joe starts raking, etc stage left*

Enter Jacob(with stick) to stand stage right

Eleventh of twelve brothers,
So ten of them were older.
He rubbed them up so badly
He got the old cold shoulder.

*Brother(s) enter between J and J
He/they pull out row of 10 paper men*

Taps Joe on shoulder, then barges

Now Jacob followed Yahweh,
Was one of God's firm backers,
But sadly, as a pa, he
Was plainly just cream crackers.

Jacob starts praying, looking up

*Bro puts packet of Jacobs' cream crackers into
his hands*

He always favoured Joseph
And on Joseph did he dote.
He showed his loving feelings
With a multicoloured coat.

Jacob gazes at Joe admiringly

*Puts down crackers, grabs coat
Puts coat on Joe. Then exits to become a
brother*

The brothers, they got angry;
Joseph really got their goat.
His rainbow coat apparel
Shoved it daily down their throat.

*Bros playing with farm animals
Joe steals goat from bros
Bros look angry*

For Joseph and the others,
Things ruptured at the seams,
When Joseph told his brothers
'bout his multicoloured dreams.

Joe goes over to brothers

Joe grabs coloured balloons

Young Joseph, he lacked wisdom,
As he told them what he'd seen;
Them bowing down before him..
This just made them really mean.

Joe acts haughty

Joe acts 'bowing' down pointing at bros

"We hate this dreaming dreamer",
They agreed with nod of head.
"He may be half our brother
But we want him fully dead."

*Joe wanders off dreaming stage left
Bros get very angry
Signs of strangling, knifing, etc*

Now Reuben was the oldest,
And he used his native wit.
“Don’t kill your flesh and blood, boys,
Why not put him in a pit?”

They stopped some passing merchants.
Money changed from hand to hand.
And so it was that Joseph
Wound up in the land of sand.

To Egypt was he taken,
To be sold there as a slave;
Potiphar was his master;
His position pretty grave.

But Joseph worked his way up
To be Poti’s best top dog.
And everything looked rosy
Till his wife said, “Wanna snog?”

When Joseph did refuse her,
It was cloak and dagger stuff:
Joseph left his cloak behind,
She looked daggers, cut up rough

And calling for her husband,
About Joseph did she rail.
He believed his pretty wife ,
So poor Joseph went to jail.

Now Joseph found in prison
Two more dreamers, just like he.
Said Joseph, speaking boldly,
“Trust in my God, He’s the key.”

“Dear Baker”, said young Joseph,
“You will no more kneed the dough.
But Butler, you will butle
For your old boss, King Pharaoh.”

Just so it came to happen
And the butler got the cream.
But Joseph stayed in prison,
Till the Pharaoh dreamed a dream.

*Reuben emerges, standing tall to show
older
Moves to behind Joe
Pushes Joe down steps where he falls
to ground*

*Merchant (original Jacob) Enters R
Merch. Gives Reub bag of money
Merch. Grabs Joe by hand and hauls
Up to stage – on floor. Exit Reuben*

*Merch auctions Joe
Enter Potiphar (ex Reuben)
Poti pays for Joe
Joe crawls across to Poti*

*Joe slowly stands up
Pants like dog, before Poti
Poti puts cloak on Joe, moves away
Enter wife (ex merch.)Pouts at Joe*

*Joe holds hands up, turns to leave
Wife grabs cloak
Wife brandishes dagger. Joe fleas*

*Calls over Poti
Brandishes railway rail.
Poti goes, grabs Joe
P throws Joe to floor centre stage*

Poti becomes butler. Wife baker

*Joe stands up
Holds up large key*

*Turns to baker holding loaf
Throws loaf away. Exit baker sadly
Holds up tray
Gives tray to butler*

*Enter Pharaoh (ex baker) with cream
Places cream on butler’s tray*

Pharaoh ‘sleeps’

“I’m so thick!”, said the butler.
“My brains they are all clotted.”
Upon his commendation,
Joe out of jail was ‘gotted’.

*Butler holds up finger of realisation
Picks up cream
Whispers to Pharaoh
Pharaoh beckons Joe*

Joseph told the King his dreams,
“God has shown me, there’s no doubt.
Seven years of lavish crops,
And then seven more of drought.”

*Joe acts.. certainty
.. feasting...
Holds empty watering can*

“What’s to do then?” asked the King.
“Easy peasy,” Joe did say,
“Set aside the excess crops,
Eat them later day by day.”

*Pharaoh at a loss
Joe acts.. easy..
.. storing grain up
... eating a little day by day*

“Ooh, Joseph, you’re so clever
That I’ll make you Chief Of Staff.”
And so it was that Joseph
Ruled all Egypt – not just half.

*Pharaoh impressed, butler hands to
Ph. Who gives to Joe:
.. half metre rule..
... replaced by metre rule. Joe stands
upright center stage while others exit to
become brothers. Benj (ex Pharaoh)
puts on hoody*

The famine struck in Canaan
And Joe’s brothers came for grain.
He played some tricks upon them
So they had to come again.

*Enter bros stage R rubbing stomachs
One bro goes Benjamin stays
Joe produces pack of cards
Bro leaves, gets Benj and returns*

Their love for Jake he tested
By accusing Benjamin.
Their response was all he wanted,
They were clearly changed within.

*Grabs silver cup from Ben’s hood
All bros fall to knees begging*

When he said “I am Joseph”,
Tears of joy they did begin.
Old Jacob came from Canaan ,
Reuniting all Joe’s kin.

*Joe points to self
Bros exaggerated tears
Benj grabs beard to become Jacob
All hug*

And so God saved his people
From a famine in their land
By Joe, the dreaming dreamer.
All by the Lord was planned.

*Slowly they part.
Joe grabs balloons moves centre stage*

So Joseph was a dreamer,
And some thought that he was odd,
But nothing's wrong with dreaming,
If you dream the dreams of God.

Others point at him

THE END