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. Joe steps forward

# It’s certain not to bore ye, Bro gives J balloon

# It’s mightily explosive. Bro pricks balloon

# It really starts in Canaan Joe grabs rake; others exit

# When young Joe, he was a lad. Joe starts raking, etc stage left

# He lived there doing farming

# With old Jacob – he’s his dad. Enter Jacob(with stick) to stand stage right

# Eleventh of twelve brothers, Brother(s) enter between J and J

# So ten of them were older. He/they pull out row of 10 paper men

# He rubbed them up so badly

# He got the old cold shoulder. Taps Joe on shoulder, then barges

# Now Jacob followed Yahweh, Jacob starts praying, looking up

# Was one of God’s firm backers,

# But sadly, as a pa, he

# Was plainly just cream crackers. Bro puts packet of Jacobs’ cream crackers into his hands

# He always favoured Joseph Jacob gazes at Joe admiringly

# And on Joseph did he dote.

He showed his loving feelings *Puts down crackers, grabs coat*

With a multicoloured coat. *Puts coat on Joe. Then exits to become a brother*

The brothers, they got angry; *Bros playing with farm animals*

Joseph really got their goat. *Joe steals goat from bros*

His rainbow coat apparel *Bros look angry*

Shoved it daily down their throat.

For Joseph and the others, *Joe goes over to brothers*

Things ruptured at the seams,

When Joseph told his brothers

‘bout his multicoloured dreams. *Joe grabs coloured balloons*

Young Joseph, he lacked wisdom, *Joe acts haughty*

As he told them what he’d seen;

Them bowing down before him.. *Joe acts ‘bowing’ down pointing at bros*

This just made them really mean.

“We hate this dreaming dreamer”, *Joe wanders off dreaming stage left*

They agreed with nod of head. *Bros get very angry*

“He may be half our brother *Signs of strangling, knifing, etc*

But we want him fully dead.”

Now Reuben was the oldest, *Reuben emerges, standing tall to show*

And he used his native wit. *older*

“Don’t kill your flesh and blood, boys, *Moves to behind Joe*

Why not put him in a pit?” *Pushes Joe down steps where he falls*

 *to ground*

They stopped some passing merchants. *Merchant (original Jacob) Enters R*

Money changed from hand to hand. *Merch. Gives Reub bag of money*

And so it was that Joseph *Merch. Grabs Joe by hand and hauls*

Wound up in the land of sand. *Up to stage – on floor. Exit Reuben*

To Egypt was he taken, *Merch auctions Joe*

To be sold there as a slave; *Enter Potiphar (ex Reuben)*

Potiphar was his master; *Poti pays for Joe*

His position pretty grave. *Joe crawls across to Poti*

But Joseph worked his way up *Joe slowly stands up*

To be Poti’s best top dog. *Pants like dog, before Poti*

And everything looked rosy *Poti puts cloak on Joe, moves away*

Till his wife said, “Wanna snog?” *Enter wife (ex merch.)Pouts at Joe*

When Joseph did refuse her, *Joe holds hands up, turns to leave*

It was cloak and dagger stuff:

Joseph left his cloak behind, *Wife grabs cloak*

She looked daggers, cut up rough *Wife brandishes dagger. Joe fleas*

And calling for her husband, *Calls over Poti*

About Joseph did she rail. *Brandishes railway rail.*

He believed his pretty wife , *Poti goes, grabs Joe*

So poor Joseph went to jail. *P throws Joe to floor centre stage*

Now Joseph found in prison *Poti becomes butler. Wife baker*

Two more dreamers, just like he.

Said Joseph, speaking boldly, *Joe stands up*

“Trust in my God, He’s the key.” *Holds up large key*

“Dear Baker”, said young Joseph, *Turns to baker holding loaf*

“You will no more kneed the dough. *Throws loaf away. Exit baker sadly*

But Butler, you will butle *Holds up tray*

For your old boss, King Pharaoh.” *Gives tray to butler*

Just so it came to happen *Enter Pharaoh (ex baker) with cream*

And the butler got the cream. *Places cream on butler’s tray*

But Joseph stayed in prison,

Till the Pharaoh dreamed a dream. *Pharaoh ‘sleeps’*

“I’m so thick!”, said the butler. *Butler holds up finger of realisation*

“My brains they are all clotted.” *Picks up cream*

Upon his commendation, *Whispers to Pharaoh*

Joe out of jail was ‘gotted’. *Pharaoh beckons Joe*

Joseph told the King his dreams,

“God has shown me, there’s no doubt. *Joe acts.. certainty*

Seven years of lavish crops, *.. feasting…*

And then seven more of drought.” *Holds empty watering can*

“What’s to do then?” asked the King. *Pharaoh at a loss*

“Easy peasy,” Joe did say, *Joe acts.. easy..*

“Set aside the excess crops, *.. storing grain up*

Eat them later day by day.” *… eating a little day by day*

“Ooh, Joseph, you’re so clever *Pharaoh impressed, butler hands to*

That I’ll make you Chief Of Staff.” *Ph. Who gives to Joe:*

And so it was that Joseph *.. half metre rule..*

Ruled all Egypt – not just half. *… 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 *Enter bros stage R rubbing stomachs*

And Joe’s brothers came for grain. *One bro goes Benjamin stays*

He played some tricks upon them *Joe produces pack of cards*

So they had to come again. *Bro leaves, gets Benj and returns*

Their love for Jake he tested

By accusing Benjamin. *Grabs silver cup from Ben’s hood*

Their response was all he wanted, *All bros fall to knees begging*

They were clearly changed within.

When he said “I am Joseph”, *Joe points to self*

Tears of joy they did begin. *Bros exaggerated tears*

Old Jacob came from Canaan , *Benj grabs beard to become Jacob*

Reuniting all Joe’s kin. *All hug*

And so God saved his people *Slowly they part.*

From a famine in their land *Joe grabs balloons moves centre stage*

By Joe, the dreaming dreamer.

All by the Lord was planned.

So Joseph was a dreamer,

And some thought that he was odd, *Others point at him*

But nothing’s wrong with dreaming,

If you dream the dreams of God.

*THE END*