

# **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*