Historical Information:
The story of Joseph occurs about 1897 B.C. Egypt was a high ranking world power and the breadbasket of the Near East. Much of its wealth was derived from the Nile River and the delta. Remarkable structures such as the pyramids were built by masses of slaves. The Pharaoh at the time of Joseph was probably of the Hyksos dynasty. Joseph's prison was possibly "The Great Prison" located at Thebes. It was called *hnrt wr* (house of restraint).

Spiritual Application:
In Joseph's life, we see the power of integrity and moral conviction. It is a story of "pit" to "prosperity" that proves faithfulness in small things is the best preparation for greatness. What are some of Joseph's character traits that show his integrity. What are Scriptures that encourages us to do the same?

Joseph's convictions/integrity	Scripture verse*

***Some Suggested Scriptures** (not in order): Proverbs 1:10, 28:;20, Matthew 25:23, Mark 11:26, John 14:15-17, Romans 8:28, I Corinthians 10:13, Galatians 5:16-17, Ephesians 6:1, 5-8, Philippians 4:8, II Timothy 2:22, James 1:24.

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