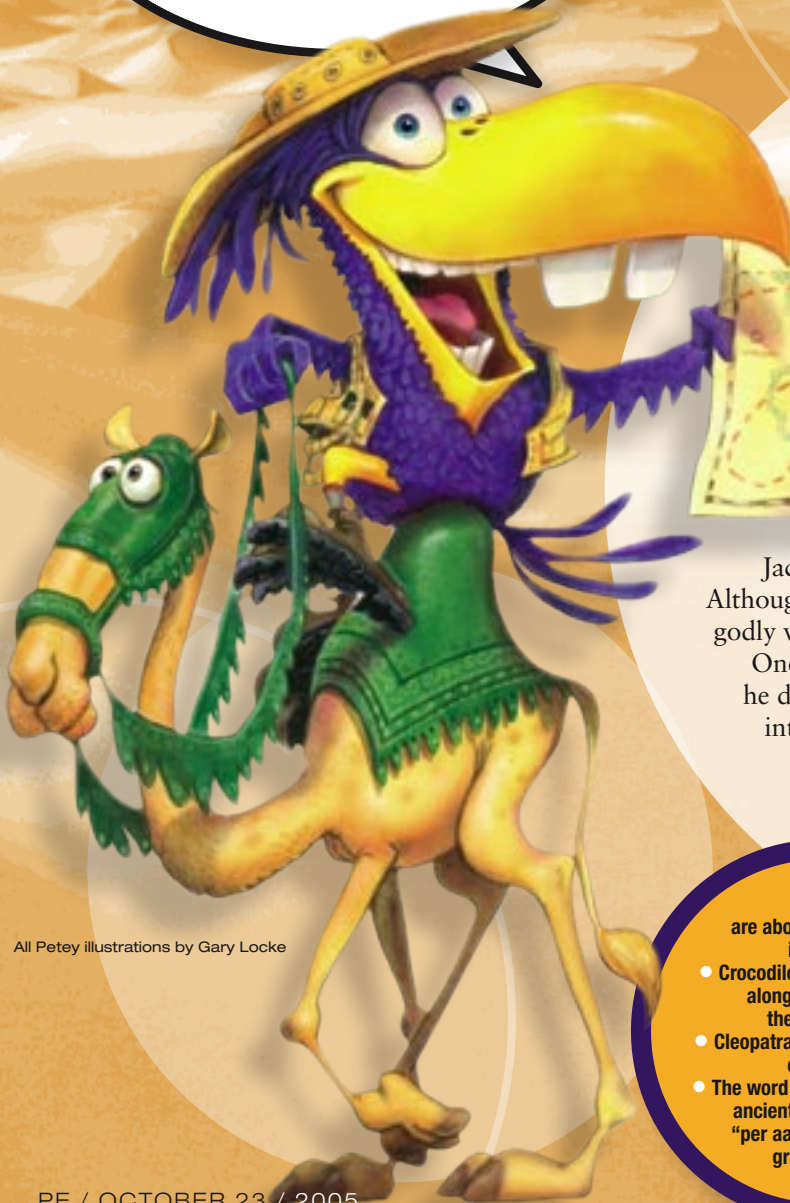


EGYPT:

Land of Joseph, Moses and the pyramids

*IN TIMES OF
FEAST OR FAMINE,
EGYPT WAS ONE
BUSY PLACE!*



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hen you think of Egypt, what do you think of? Pyramids, sand, camels, the Nile River? This largely desert country can be found in the northeast corner of the African continent. As the neighbor of Israel to the west, Egypt was often a part of Israel's history.

Genesis in the Old Testament tells us about Joseph who found himself in Egypt after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. Joseph was the favorite son of Jacob, the son of Isaac who was the son of Abraham. Although a slave in Egypt, Joseph became respected for his godly wisdom.

One day Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had a dream he didn't understand. Pharaoh was told Joseph could interpret the dream, so he sent for him. Joseph interpreted the dream. God was showing Pharaoh that Egypt would have seven years of plenty followed by seven years of hunger. Pharaoh made

- There are about 75 pyramids in Egypt.
- Crocodiles are very common along the banks of the Nile River.
- Cleopatra was the last queen of Egypt.
- The word Pharaoh is from the ancient Egyptian term "per aa" which means great house.

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Crack the CODE!

People have used codes for centuries to write secret messages. Some ancient languages are just like codes until people can interpret them. In Egypt, explorers tried for centuries to understand the hieroglyphics they found on tombs and temples. But it was an unbreakable code until French soldiers found a big rock with different kinds of writing in 1799. The Rosetta Stone had the same message written in Greek, in Egyptian script and in hieroglyphics. A Frenchman named Jean-Francois Champollion cracked that code after scholars had worked on translating parts of it for more than 20 years.

See if you can crack this code. Even the numbers use the same code. Here's a hint. Write out the letters of the alphabet. The code substitutes a letter further down the alphabet for each letter in the Scripture passage.

Here's another hint: H = F. If you can find how many letters you need to move over, it will work the same throughout the message. You can find the solution on page 7.

Joseph governor of the land of Egypt to prepare for the dream's events.

Later, Joseph's family came to Egypt. Joseph forgave his brothers and took care of them, his father and their families. Their descendants became the Israelites.

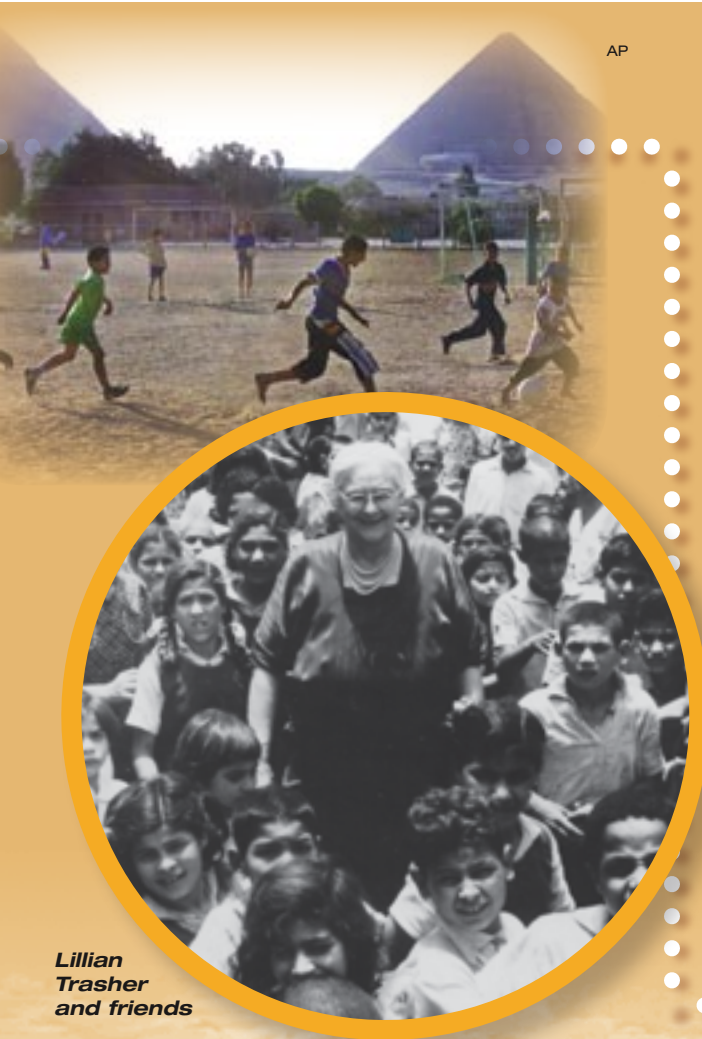
Many years later, the Book of Exodus says, the Israelites' numbers grew. This worried the new Pharaoh of the land. He feared the Israelites could turn against him, so he made them slaves. He also ordered that every newborn Israelite boy be thrown into the Nile River. However, one baby was not thrown in. Instead, his mother hid him in a basket along the bank of the Nile where the Pharaoh's daughter found him. She named him Moses and raised him as her own child.

When Moses grew up, he became angry at how cruelly his people were treated by the Egyptians. One day when he saw an Israelite being beaten by an Egyptian slave master, he lost his temper and killed the Egyptian. When Pharaoh heard of this, he ordered Moses to be killed. Moses fled Egypt to go to the land of Midian.

One day Moses heard the voice of God speaking to him from a burning bush. God said that He had seen the suffering of His people in Egypt and wanted Moses to return there. Moses returned and led the Israelites out of Egypt and back to the Promised Land of Israel.

*Hqt Iqf uq nqxf
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qpg cpf qpna Uqp, vjcv
yjgqxt dgnkgxgu kp jko
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Lqjp 5:38, PKX



Lillian Trasher and friends

Egypt was one of the ancient world's great civilizations. Many ancient buildings and artifacts still exist today. The most well-known are the pyramids, which were built as monuments to the dead. There are about 75 pyramids in Egypt. They were there long before Joseph and Moses were. The most famous are the three great pyramids at Giza. Egypt also has ancient temples, Greek and Roman monuments, and the capital city of Cairo — the largest city in Africa.

Even though Egyptian children live around these historical sites, they have a lot in common with American children. They go to school, enjoy popular foods, watch television, listen to Western music and follow similar fashion trends. Their favorite sport is soccer. However, not all children in Egypt enjoy these things. Because of widespread poverty, children make up about 30 percent of the nation's work force. The children who have to work cannot go to school or play games.

Many years ago an American Assemblies of God missionary helped unfortunate children in Egypt. Her name was Lillian Trasher. When she was a young woman, God put it in her heart to be a missionary to Egypt. She began an orphanage in the city of Assiout and it grew to help thousands of Egyptian children. The children were fed, clothed, loved and taught about Jesus. Although Lillian passed away in 1962, the orphanage still cares for children today.

— Connie Cross

NEAT STUFF ABOUT

EGYPT

What was the first capital of Egypt?

Memphis. Founded by King Narmer when the north and south parts of the country were united.

What is the oldest Egyptian writing called?

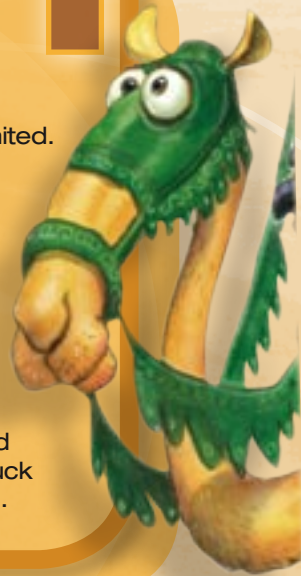
Hieroglyphics. It uses pictures to represent objects, actions, sounds or ideas. There were more than 700 hieroglyphs. Some pictures represented whole words.

What did ancient Egyptians write on?

Hieroglyphs were written on papyrus (made from reeds), carved in stone, and painted on walls, such as on the walls of pyramids.

What did ancient Egyptians eat?

Because Egypt was very dry, the Egyptians could only grow a few crops such as wheat and barley. They made the wheat into bread, soup and porridge. They also ate beef, mutton, duck and goose. For dessert, they ate dates. Archaeologists have also found melon seeds there.



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Answer to code on page 6: To read the message, look at a letter then go back two letters in the alphabet. "A" and "B" become "Y" and "Z". "Iqf" becomes "God."
 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16, NIV