

Pyramid Rock 'Let's Rock!'

25 local children joined Dr. Potty (Sharron Hardwick) and Pyramid Leaders of Deer Park Baptist Church, Tenby, on a virtual trip into ancient Egypt, during February half term holidays.

Dr. Potty, a potty archaeologist, discovered many treasures when digging into a 3,000 year old story from the Bible, God's Word to us. Dr. Potty challenged the children to join her on a discovery mission, to see how these ancient treasures could be made valuable in their lives. During the week the children joined their Pyramid leaders on this mission and had plenty of fun in the process.

Each morning Dr. Potty would emerge from her pyramid and set a challenge for the children. Super Hero Puppet, Captain Ketchup (Pam Holmes), brought in the daily news, with reports of an ancient Canaanite family. The children learned how Jacob's favoured son, Joseph, went from being favourite, to slave, to prisoner, to prime minister, in his amazing true life story.

Jealousy, deception, and pride led Joseph into troublesome times, but Dr. Potty and the children discovered that God was always with Joseph, and rescued him from all his troubles, saving the Hebrew nation in the process.

Dr. Potty's mission revealed daily words, showing that Joseph's story has relevance for today. Joseph did not have a good start, betrayed by his jealous brothers, he was thrown down a pit and sold as a slave into Egypt. Daily word 'Planner' showed, when things go wrong we can trust God's plans for our lives. Day 2 showed God as our 'helper'. Joseph, helped by God when he was a slave, was given top position in Potiphar's house. After failed attempts to seduce Joseph, Potiphar's wife made false accusations and Joseph was thrown into prison. The children shared how they wanted God to help them, when they were troubled.

Day 3 showed how God, in the right place and at the right time, can provide for all our needs. When in prison Joseph was given the power to interpret dreams. This proved very useful for Joseph, when Pharaoh had 2 strange dreams. Joseph, by God's provision, interpreted the dreams. On Day 4 Joseph was Prime minister in charge of grain distribution. Pharaoh's dreams revealed: 7 years of good crops, then 7 years of famine. The famine spread over the whole nation and soon reached Canaan. Joseph's family made the journey to Egypt to buy grain. The children discovered, despite Joseph's power as Prime Minister, amazingly he did not punish his brothers, but wholeheartedly forgave and loved them. Joseph realised that 'They tried to harm me

but God made it turn out for the best. Genesis 50:20' revealing God as the great planner, helper, and provider.

Joseph's story images Jesus' forgiveness of us, by the sacrifice of himself on the cross. Ruler of the heavens and creator of the world, Jesus laid down his crown and was born as a man on Earth. Despite his perfection, Jesus carried the baggage of our wrongs and became dirt and sin for us. He paid the price of our forgiveness. Leading the children to the final word of the week: King.

Jesus is King of the whole world. He made it, he loves it and he paid the price to redeem it, so it's people can reconciled to him. Having been on their discovery mission, the children were challenged with one final question, 'Is Jesus your King?', something for us all to consider.



- 'Pyramid Rockers, Freeze Like Egyptians'
- 'Pyramid Rock the Song'

