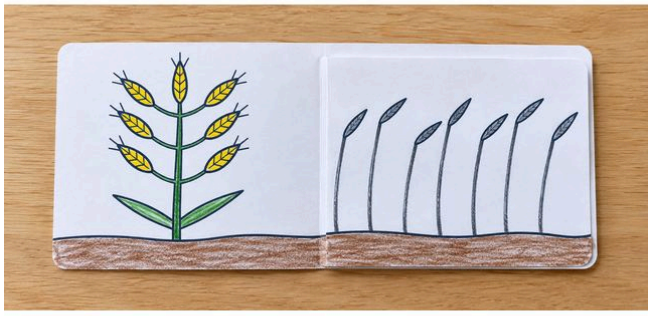
Preschool–Grade 5

Pharaoh's Dream Craft

Seven full ears, seven thin ears · Genesis 41:1–40 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



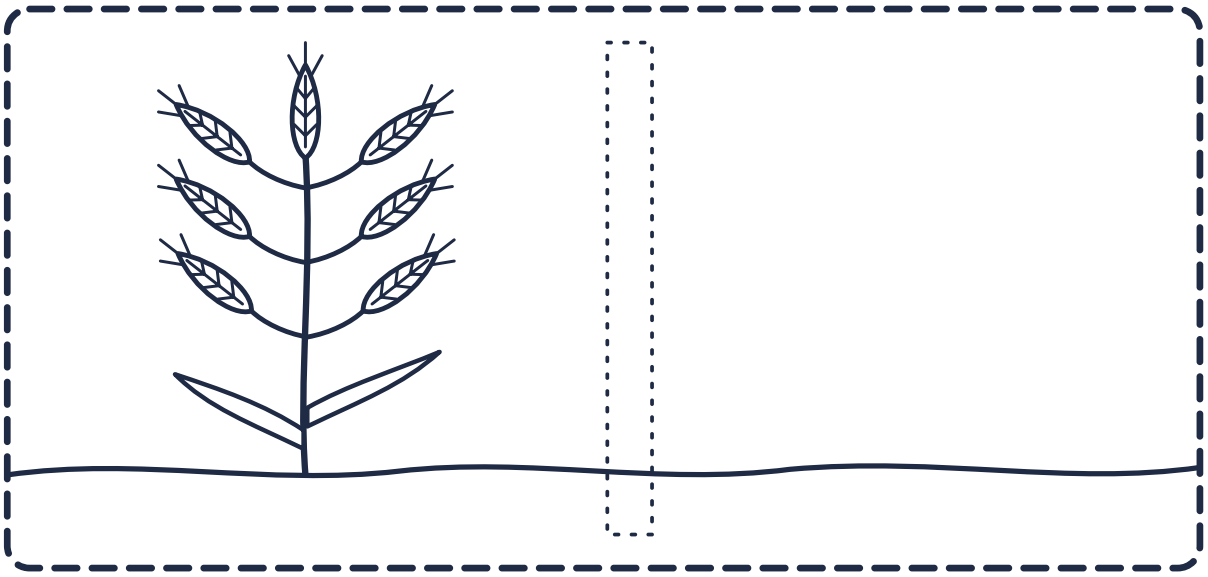
Harder

Pharaoh dreamed that "seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good," and seven thin ears "devoured the seven rank and full ears" (Genesis 41:5–7). Medium (left): the grain card with one stalk of seven yellow full ears, and the thin ears panel open beside it with seven gray thin ears. Harder (right): the same grain card glued under a river card, where seven brown fat kine stand in a green meadow and the lean kine panel with seven gray lean kine lies open beside them (41:2–4).

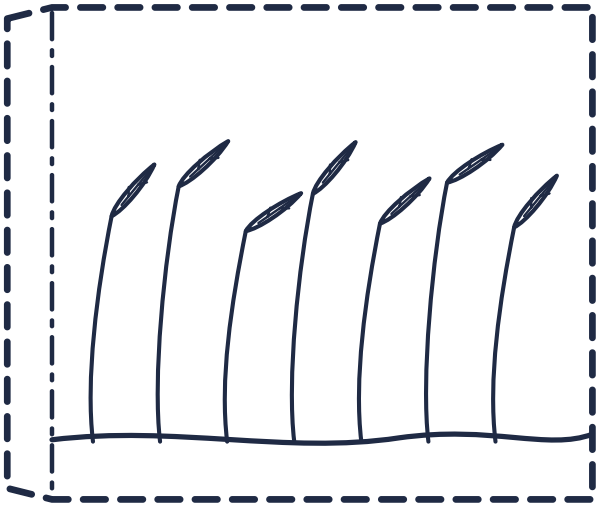
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



grain card: color the full ears yellow, the stalk and leaves green and the ground brown



And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

Genesis 41:16 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the grain card

Glue the panel's tab on the dotted box in the middle of the grain card.

thin ears panel: color the thin ears gray and the ground brown

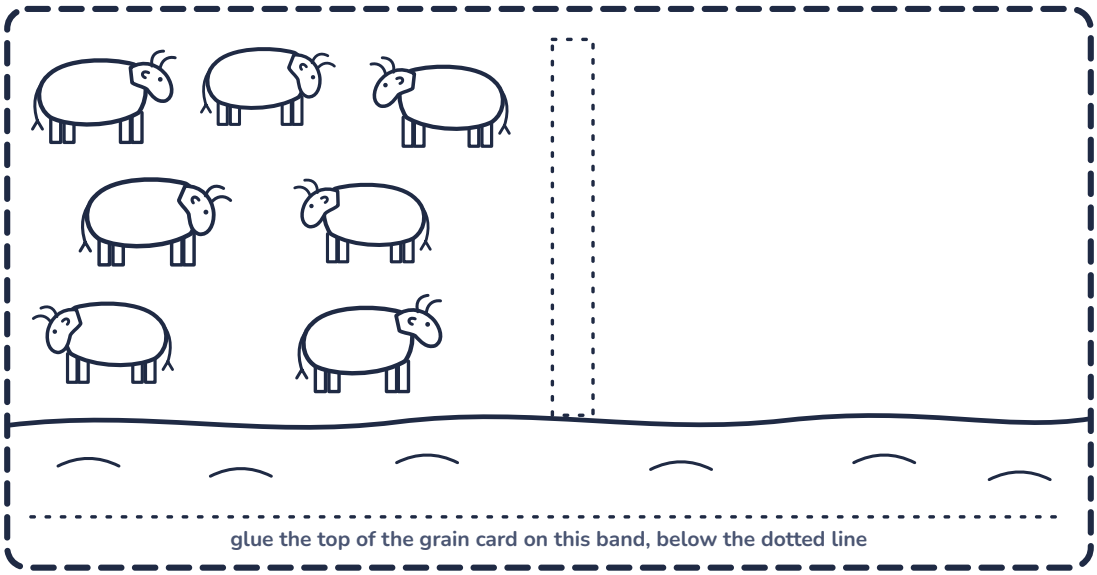
Color the pieces the way the labels say. Cut out the grain card, the thin ears panel and the verse strip. Glue the panel's tab in the middle of the card, so the thin ears fold over the full ears.

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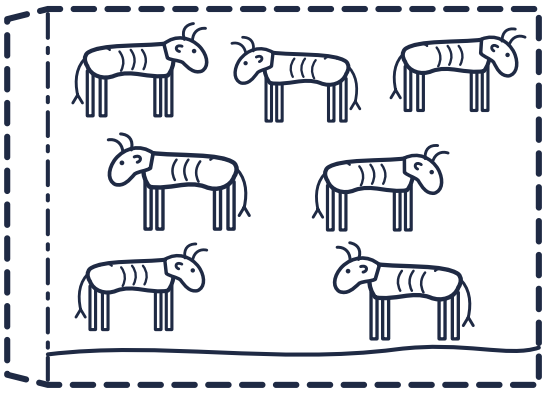
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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level



river card: color the meadow green, the fat kine brown and the river blue



lean kine panel: color the lean kine gray and the river blue

Glue the panel's tab on the dotted box in the middle of the river card.

How to add Pharaoh's first dream

1. Make the grain card from page 2 first.
2. Color the river card: the meadow green, the seven fat kine brown and the river blue. Color the lean kine panel: the seven lean kine gray and the river blue.
3. Cut out the river card and the lean kine panel. Fold the panel's tab back and glue it on the dotted box in the middle of the river card.
4. Glue the top edge of the grain card on the band at the bottom of the river card, so the two dreams make one tall card.
5. Tell it: fold the lean kine over the fat kine, then the thin ears over the full ears. "The dream of Pharaoh is one" (Genesis 41:25).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/pharaohs-dream-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), yellow, green, brown and gray crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, and a blue crayon.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the grain card, the thin ears panel and the verse strip, fold the panel's tab, glue it on the card, and glue the verse strip on the back.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out and glue each child's card together. Kids color the full ears yellow and the thin ears gray, count to seven on each side, and fold the thin ears over the full ears.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out, fold and glue the card themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the grain card like the medium level. Then make the river card with the fat kine and the lean kine panel from page 3, and glue the grain card under it. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the seven full ears yellow, the stalk and leaves green and the ground brown. On the thin ears panel, color the seven thin ears gray and the ground brown.
2. **Cut:** cut out the grain card, the thin ears panel and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Fold:** fold the panel's tab back on its fold line (dashes and dots).
4. **Glue:** glue the tab on the dotted box in the middle of the grain card, so the panel lies open on the right half.
5. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the grain card. Read it together.
6. **Tell it:** count seven full ears and seven thin ears. Fold the thin ears over the full ears: "the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears" (Genesis 41:7).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- How many full ears came up upon one stalk? *(Seven, Genesis 41:5)*
- What dried up the thin ears? *(The east wind, 41:6)*
- Fold the panel over. What did the thin ears do to the full ears? *(Devoured them, ate them up, 41:7)*
- Who could not tell Pharaoh what his dream meant? *(The magicians and the wise men of Egypt, 41:8)*
- What did Joseph say when Pharaoh asked him? *("It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace," 41:16)*
- What did the seven full ears mean? And the seven thin ears? *(Seven years of great plenty, then seven years of famine, 41:26–30)*
- Harder level: where did the kine come up from, and where did they feed? *(Out of the river; in a meadow, 41:2)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: kine** means cows; **corn** means grain, like wheat (not corn on the cob); **rank** means plump and full; **blasted** means dried up; **devoured** means ate up; **famine** means a time when food will not grow.
- **Counts matter:** the card has exactly seven full ears on one stalk, and the panel exactly seven thin ears; the harder level has exactly seven fat kine and seven lean kine. Count them with the kids, because the sevens are the seven years (41:26–27).
- **What the Bible says:** the full ears came up "upon one stalk" (41:5, 41:22), so they are drawn on one stalk. The Bible does not say how the thin ears grew, only that they "sprung up after them" (41:6), so they are drawn springing up from the ground.
- **No one is drawn on the template.** The craft shows only Pharaoh's dreams, and never anything about the magicians.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Pharaoh's dream lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/pharaohs-dream.

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