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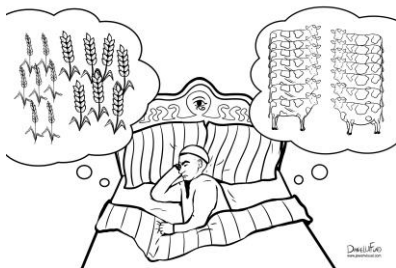
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Who is the Ruler?

The seven years of hunger began and the Egyptians came to Yosef begging for food. Yosef told them



that he would only sell them food if they would get a *bris mila*. The Egyptians had no choice but to listen to Yosef, and they all got a *bris mila*.

Question – Why did Yosef force the Egyptians to get a *bris mila* if it isn't one of their *mitzvot*?

Answer – When Hashem gave Avraham the *mitzva* of *bris mila*, He commanded him to give a *bris* not just to the children in his family, but also to the *non-Jewish* slaves that he owned.

Yosef was the ruler over *Mitzrayim*. His rulership became even greater during the hunger, as he was in charge of selling all the wheat. As the ruler of *Mitzrayim*, Yosef actually had a ***mitzva*** to

give the Egyptians a *bris mila*, since they were considered his slaves!

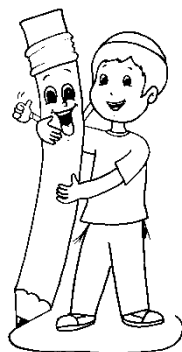
Lesson – We can learn from Yosef how to relate to the world around us. Yosef was **in *Mitzrayim*** and that did not affect his connection to Hashem. Furthermore, he even had an effect **on the Egyptians!** So too, we should not be affected by the nations around us. Rather we should affect them in a positive way by teaching them how to be good people and keep the seven *mitzvos* for *bnei noach*.



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Let's Review...



What does this week's *parsha* speak about?

What question do we have?

What is the answer?

What lesson can we learn from this week's *parsha*?
