

OVERCOMER

The Life of Joseph

God Created People To Live In Families

Level of Biblical Learning:

God's plan for families is for them to love, respect, and help one another.

Joseph overcame an imperfect family because God was with him and he grew in faith and faithfulness to God.

Genesis 37:1-11

Parent Helps:

- God made people to live in families, but that doesn't mean your family will always agree and get along. Joseph's family is a prime example! Talk to your kids about how your family addresses conflict in your home.
- God wants families to work together and encourage one another. Emphasize that each family member should be kind and think of others.

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids:

1. Do you ever argue with your brothers or sisters? What about?
2. What can you do to avoid arguing?
3. Why is it important for families to get along with one another?

Older Kids:

1. How can you respond when a family member is not loving and kind toward you?
2. What can you do differently that would help avoid conflict at home?
3. How can you encourage your parents or siblings?

Apply:

- Remember, no family is perfect. All families have bad days!
- God wants to help you! You can pray and remember Bible verses to help you when it's hard to love others.
- How can you respond differently when your family makes you upset? (For example, use kind words instead of arguing)

Activity:

- Gather markers and a pad of sticky notes (or sheets of paper). Lead kids to write an encouraging note or draw a picture for each member of your family. Challenge kids to go "undercover" and leave the notes in surprise places for the person to find them. Suggest kids leave notes on bed pillows, bathroom mirrors, or in a sock drawer!

Pray Together:

- Thank God for your family.
- Ask God to help your family be loving and respectful to one another.