



## January 12: Hatred & Jealousy, Genesis 37:1-11

1. After reading Genesis 37:1-11, what stood out to you in this passage?
2. What emotions or reactions did you notice from the different characters in this story?
3. In Genesis 37:3-4, we see that Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons. How did this favoritism contribute to the conflict in the family?
4. Joseph shared two dreams with his family (Genesis 37:5-10). How did his brothers and father respond to these dreams, and why do you think they reacted this way?
5. What aspects of Joseph's character or actions might have intensified the conflict with his brothers?
6. Have you ever experienced or witnessed favoritism in a family or workplace? How did it affect relationships and create conflict?
7. Joseph's dreams seemed to elevate him above his family members. How can our personal ambitions or sense of destiny sometimes create tension with others?
8. In what ways can you relate to Joseph or his brothers in this story? Have you ever been on either side of a similar family conflict?
9. This week, identify a conflict in your life where favoritism or jealousy might be playing a role. What is one step you can take to address this issue?

### **Family Questions**

1. *What was interesting to you in the story about Joseph and his family?*
2. *Jacob (the dad) loved Joseph more than his other sons. How did this make the other brothers feel?*
3. *Did Joseph do anything that made his brothers upset with him?*
4. *Have you ever seen someone being treated as the favorite? Maybe at home or at school? How did that make people feel?*
5. *Think about a time when you felt jealous or when someone was treating another person as their favorite. What could you do to make things better?*



## January 19: Dreams & Schemes, Genesis 37:12-36

1. How would you describe Joseph's relationship with his brothers based on this passage?
2. In Genesis 37:18-20, we see the brothers' plot against Joseph. What motivations do you think drove them to such extreme actions?
3. How does Joseph's response to being sold into slavery (Genesis 37:28) compare to how you might react in a similar situation?
4. What role does Reuben play in this story, and how does his actions differ from the other brothers? (Genesis 37:21-22, 29-30)
5. Have you ever experienced betrayal or been wronged by someone close to you? How did it affect you emotionally and spiritually?
6. Joseph's brothers were driven by jealousy and hatred. Can you recall a time when negative emotions led you to treat someone unfairly? How do you feel about it now?
7. How do you think Joseph's faith in God might have helped him cope with this traumatic experience? How does that work?
8. How can we be more aware of our own emotions and prevent them from leading us to mistreat others?
9. What steps can we take to cultivate faith and forgiveness like Joseph?

### **Family Questions**

1. How did Joseph and his brothers get along? What kind of brothers were they to each other?
2. Joseph's brothers made a mean plan to hurt him. Why do you think they wanted to do that?
3. Reuben (one of the brothers) tried to help Joseph. What did he do differently from the other brothers?
4. Sometimes when we feel really jealous or angry, we might do mean things. Has that ever happened to you? What do you think about it now?
5. Joseph believed in God even when scary things happened. How do you think that helped him feel better?
6. What can we do when we're feeling angry or jealous...before we do something mean?
7. Joseph was able to forgive people who were mean to him. How can we learn to forgive others like Joseph did?



## January 26: Sins & Sons, Genesis 38

1. How would you describe Judah's character based on his actions in this chapter?
2. What role does Tamar play in this story, and how does her behavior compare to Judah's?
3. In Genesis 38:26, Judah says, "She is more righteous than I." What do you think led him to this realization?
4. Judah initially failed to recognize his own sin. Can you share a time when you struggled to identify sin in your own life?
5. How do you think Judah felt when he finally admitted his wrongdoing? Have you experienced similar emotions when confessing sin?
6. The Bible tells us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). How does this promise impact your view on confessing sin?
7. In what ways can unconfessed sin affect our relationships with God and others?
8. This week, take time to reflect on areas in your life where you might be blind to your own sin. Ask God to reveal these areas to you.

### **Family Questions**

***\*PG13 passage. Use parental discernment. The questions will work without reading Genesis 38.***

1. *Have you ever realized you did something wrong, but you didn't think it was wrong when you did it?*
2. *Do you think it's possible to know deep down that something is wrong but pretend it's not wrong?*
3. *Why do you think it's important to know right from wrong? How do we learn that?*
4. *The Bible tells us, "If we confess our sins, he (God) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). According to this verse, what should we do if we have done something wrong?*