

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture

Week 08: Family Drama

Discussion Questions

Elementary

1. Jacob didn't want Benjamin to go because he was scared. What do you do when you feel scared—who can you talk to, and how can you pray?
2. Joseph's brothers felt nervous because they remembered doing wrong before. Why does saying "I'm sorry" help us feel free again?
3. Judah promised to help keep Benjamin safe. What's one way you can help protect or care for a brother, sister, or friend this week?

Middle School

1. Jacob tried to hold tightly to control when things felt unsafe. What's one area you try to control (friends, grades, family stuff), and what would it look like to trust God with it?
2. The brothers were afraid even when something good was happening (being invited to dinner). How can guilt make us assume the worst—and what's a healthy next step when you feel guilty?
3. Judah offered to take the blame to protect Benjamin. What's the difference between "taking responsibility" and "taking the fall"—and how does Jesus change the way we view both?

High School

1. God used pressure (famine/crisis) to force the family to face their past. When has a hard season exposed something you needed to deal with (conflict, sin, avoidance)? What did it produce?
2. Jacob's prayer shows trust, but also acceptance of outcomes he can't control. How do you practice faith without pretending you're not afraid of what might happen?
3. Joseph's dreams took years to fulfill. Where are you tempted to demand quick answers from God—and what would "faithful waiting" look like this week (specific habits/choices)?