

Joseph Is Sold into Slavery - Genesis 37:1-36

Topics: Affections, Anger, Bitterness, Character, Children, Deceit, Emotions, Envy, Family, Favoritism, God's Will, Jealousy, Lying, Murder, Parents, Relationships, Slavery

Open It

- * 1. What do you think is the most powerful emotion? Why?
- 2. What was the greatest gift you ever received from your parents?

Explore It

- 3. What kind of report did Joseph bring to his father? (37:1-2)
- 4. How did the author describe Joseph? (37:1-36)
- 5. How did the author describe Reuben? (37:1-36)
- 6. How did the author describe Jacob or Israel? (37:1-36)
- * 7. Why did Israel love Joseph more than his other sons, and how did he show it? (37:3)
- 8. How did Joseph's brothers treat him? (37:4)
- * 9. What kind of dreams did Joseph have, and how did his brothers respond when he told them about them? (37:5-11)
- 10. What did Israel ask Joseph to do? (37:12-14)
- 11. What did Joseph's brothers plot to do? (37:18-20)
- 12. What did Reuben do, and what did he intend to do? (37:21-22)
- * 13. What did Joseph's brothers do to him? (37:23-28)
- 14. What did Reuben do when he found out what his brothers had done to Joseph? (37:29-30)
- 15. What did Joseph's brothers do, and what did they tell their father? (37:31-33)
- 16. How did Jacob respond to the news about Joseph? (37:34-35)
- 17. What happened to Joseph? (37:36)

Get It

- 18. Why might a parent favor one child over another?
- 19. What causes jealousy between siblings?
- 20. How can parents avoid fueling jealousy between their children?
- 21. How does boasting get people into trouble?
- 22. When have you had to learn a lesson in life the hard way?
- * 23. What makes jealousy such a powerful emotion?
- * 24. How should we deal with feelings of jealousy?
- 25. What lessons can we learn from the actions of Reuben?

Apply It

- 26. What can you do this week to show all of your close family members that you love them?
- * 27. How can you change the way you deal with feelings of jealousy?