



INTENDED FOR
GOOD

A Fairly Odd Family

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Ice Breaker

What's a unique family tradition or trait that's been passed down to you or your family?

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY (Studying the context)

Lying and favoritism were both unfortunate cycles in Jacob's family. Name a few examples of this in the story of Jacob and how do we see it impacting his family? (If you need some examples, refer to Genesis chapters 25 and 27)

CONNECT TO HIS STORY (Connecting to the Gospel)

How does Joseph's betrayal by his brothers reflect the treatment Jesus received from His own people?

In both Joseph's story and the Gospel, God uses unexpected paths to accomplish His purposes. How do we see God's sovereignty at work through Joseph's journey into Egypt and Jesus' path to the cross?

APPLY TO OUR STORY (Living the truth out)

Seemingly, small sins grow into big problems. What are some effective ways we can recognize and address these small sins before they escalate?

Read Genesis 50:20. How have you seen the Lord use something difficult you walked through for good? How can you be looking for the Lord in current or future seasons of difficulty?

ACCOUNTABILITY

What seemingly little sins or thoughts might be quietly leading you astray? Is there someone in your life who you trust who you can talk to in moments of temptation?

PARENTING MOMENT

2 Corinthians 10:5 says to take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. Explain to your child or children that when we have thoughts that are not of the Lord, our first response is to bring them to God.