

Love

Joseph — Genesis 50:15-21

This Week's Big Idea

Love chooses forgiveness, even when it's hard.

Family Recap

Joseph's brothers were afraid he would get even with them for the wrong choices they made years before. Instead of seeking revenge, Joseph showed them love and forgiveness. Joseph trusted that God was working, even through difficult circumstances. His life reminds us that God's love helps us forgive others.

Family Devotion

Have you ever had someone hurt *your* feelings? Maybe a friend left you out, a sibling took something without asking, or someone said something unkind. Forgiveness isn't pretending that what happened was okay. Forgiveness is choosing not to get even and trusting God with what happened.

Joseph could have chosen anger, but he chose love. When we stay connected to Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us love others, even when it's difficult.

Talk About It

- Why do you think Joseph forgave his brothers?
- What makes forgiveness difficult?
- Is there someone you need to forgive this week?

Fruit Challenge

Find one way to show love this week without being asked.