

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Review of Joseph’s Life

Read Genesis 37

- What is Jacob’s new name?
- What kind of garment did Israel make for his son?
- Describe Joseph. What do we know about him? [17 years old; beautiful coat; Dad loves him more than his other brothers; tattle-tale; dreamer, braggart]
- What angered Joseph's brothers?
- Do you know someone like Joseph?
- There are three nasty behaviors listed in the first four verses of Gen. 37. Name them. [tattling, favoritism, and envy]
- What's a tattle-tale?
- Have you ever been a tattle-tale?
- Do you like tattle-ales?
- Who played favorites? Why?
- Do you play favorites?
- How do you feel when others have favorites and you're not it?
- What is envy? Why were Joseph's brothers envious?
- Have you ever been envious?
- What did Joseph dream about? (Gen. 37:5-11)
- Why did his brothers get upset over Joseph telling them about the dream?
- Why do you think he told his brothers the dream?
- Do you think Joseph was taunting his brothers or was he innocently sharing his dream? Would you have told your family about the dream?
- Did Joseph need some humility? Why did the dream upset Jacob?
- What were the consequences of Joseph sharing this dream?
- Why did Joseph's brothers throw him in a pit?
- Why did they want to harm him?
- What is revenge?
- Is revenge ever right?
- Who stopped them from killing Joseph?
- What happens when anger, envy, and revenge get out of hand?

- What happened to Joseph after he was thrown in the pit?
- Would you ever do anything like that to your brother or sister?
- Does it sound like Joseph's life might qualify for one of those reality television shows?
- What did Joseph's brothers do to his coat?
- What did the brothers tell their father?
- How did Jacob react to the news about Joseph?
- Why did they lie about Joseph?