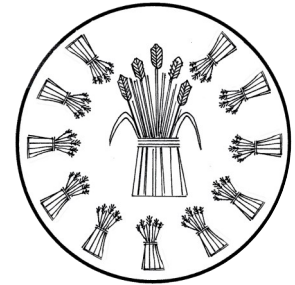


**Lesson #3-3****JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS**

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

**Key Verse:**

“Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good.”

Genesis 50:20

**The Point:**

Even when we hurt each other, God can turn our work towards good.

**Unit Theme (September 8—October 20)**

Promises Made, Promises Broken

**FAMILY TIES**

*Talk about family strife.*

*Supplies:*

† None

*Preparation:*

1. While this activity not about participants' families, conversations about family struggles might bring up personal feelings to some.

*Instructions:*

1. **Within your small groups, divide into pairs, preferably with someone who is not from your family. Smaller children may prefer to stay with a parent. If the group number is uneven, create a group of three.**
2. **With your partner, find somewhere to sit in or near the classroom where you can hear each other well.**

3. **Have a conversation based on the following questions:**

- **Think of a movie, book, or television show that depicts a family that is struggling. What was the struggle about? What caused it? Was there reconciliation or good that came from the conflict?**
- **How might you feel if you were a part of this family and this struggle? Would you have reacted in the same way that the fictional characters did? What might you have done differently?**

4. **Pray together that all families will experience reconciliation and unity, and that God can be at the center of families.**