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session 12

A FAMILY REUNION

as you go

These are simple questions to ask your student as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

.01 What was the hardest test you took recently? What made it so difficult for you?

.02 When was the last time you had an argument or issue with a friend? How did you sort it out and restore your friendship?

family DEVOTION

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

summary: GENESIS 42:1-7; 45:1-9

Joseph's prediction about famine in Egypt had come true—it was so severe that it was felt throughout the neighboring regions as well. Hearing that there were food and resources in Egypt, Jacob sent ten of his sons out to buy some for the family. When Joseph's brothers arrived, they approached the person in charge of the grain distribution. Little did they know that this was their long-lost brother! Though Joseph's brothers didn't recognize him, he recognized them. He responded harshly and proceeded to put them through a series of tests. Eventually seeing their change of heart, Joseph revealed his identity as their brother and reconciled with them.

discussion QUESTIONS

.01 How was repentance a critical part of the restoration of the relationship between Joseph and his family?

.02 How has the Lord been kind to you in the midst of a difficult or painful situation? How can Joseph's story be an encouragement to you?

PRAY: Thank the Lord that He does not leave us to our own devices in the work of reconciliation. Ask Him to help you to forgive others, just as He has forgiven you.

memorize: GENESIS 45:5CENTRAL
truth

God's power frees us to reconcile with others.

LEADER
challenge

Challenge your student to use the Daily Devotions provided in the *Daily Discipleship Guide* to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's devotions.

DAY 1 GENESIS 42:1-7

DAY 2 EPHESIANS 4:30-32

DAY 3 GENESIS 45:1-3

DAY 4 GENESIS 45:4-9

DAY 5 ROMANS 8:28-29

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