



Younger IK Groups- PreK- 1st grade

February 12, 2025

Bible Story: Jealousy- Exodus 20:17, Genesis 37:1-11

Big Idea: We're not jealous.

The Win: Kids who can identify and take their next step of discipleship by embracing a preschooler's physical needs or engaging an elementary kid in things that interest them.

Wednesday Share:

Tonight during Impact Kids, we looked at Exodus 20:17 and Genesis 37:1-11. God commands his people not to want other people's stuff. Joseph's brothers are jealous because their dad likes Joseph best and gives Joseph a fancy coat. Plus, Joseph brags about dreams in which his brothers bow to him. Of all the Ten Commandments, this one describes what feels most like a harmless, inward emotion...not a sin. And yet God gave this commandment because he knew the harm that can come in our own hearts when we're jealous. In the case of Joseph's brothers, jealousy can lead to breaking other commandments, like lying or hurting others. Use this lesson to talk to your kids about the dangers of jealousy.

Leader Devo:

<https://parkwaychurch.tv/blog/2025/02/05/feb-12>

Dig In to Prayer:

Ask God to help kids be content with what they have.

Quick Tip:

Be careful not to foster a culture of jealousy in your ministry. Statements like "Why can't you pay attention like Jayden?" or "Why didn't you bring your Bible like Cade?" promote the comparison game. When you hear kids making their own comparisons to others ("I wish I could draw as well as you..."), help kids pause and thank God for what they have.

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM

Low Energy Game:

Supplies

- various building supplies (such as blocks, cups, recyclables, and bowls)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Easy Prep: Create building stations around the room for every 5 or 6 kids. Give each group only 1 type of building supply, and make the supplies as different as possible.

Build Something Special

Say: God has given us all the ability to create wonderful things. Let's see what we can create with what we have here today.

- Form groups of five or six kids. Lead each group to a set of building supplies.
- Encourage groups to build whatever they can with what they have in three minutes. Help kids focus on what they can make with their own supplies, not on another group's supplies.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids build.
- After about three minutes, let kids show you what they built.

Talk About Building

Say: We all had different things to build with, but we could all make fun creations. Share your favorite thing to build with. It might be clay, a model airplane kit, or pieces of wood.

Ask: • What's your favorite thing to build with? Kids may say blocks, sand, or modeling dough.

Say: You may have wanted something different to build with. But when you focused on what you had, instead of what you didn't have, you were able to make something wonderful. We've all been given lots of wonderful things by God. If we focus on those things, we're not jealous, and instead we can enjoy all that we have.

Have groups rotate stations so kids can try building with different supplies.

Give kids another three minutes to build, and continue having kids rotate stations as time allows.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch "Gift's Story"

Say: Today we're learning that we're not jealous. Jealousy is when we're more focused on what others have than what we have. When Joseph's brothers were jealous, it hurt their own hearts, and it hurt Joseph.

Ask: Tell about a time you wanted something you didn't have. Share your own example first.

Say: It's okay to want things, but when we're focused on wanting what other people have, that's jealousy. Let's watch a boy named Gift who doesn't have very much but isn't jealous.

Watch "Gift's Story."

Ask: • What do you have that Gift doesn't?

• What did Gift have to be jealous about?

• Why do you think Gift wasn't jealous, even though he didn't have what the other kids had?

Say: We're not jealous. Whether we have a lot or a little, we can be thankful for what we have instead of comparing ourselves to others. We'll be much happier!

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bible
- modeling dough

Be Thankful for People

Say: There will always be things other people have that we don't. If we think about what we don't have, it makes us sad. God gives us lots of wonderful things. When we think about those things instead, that makes our hearts happy. Then we're not jealous.

Give each child a piece of modeling dough.

Say: Let's practice thinking about the special things God has given us.

For example, God has given us wonderful people to love and take care of us. Share about someone who loves you.

Ask: Who loves and takes care of you? Kids may say their mom, their grandpa, or a big brother.

Say: Let's make something from our dough to remind us of those special people. Give kids a few minutes to make something with their modeling dough. After kids have finished, have them hold up their creations or just point to them and say, "Thank you, God, for all the loving people you put in our lives!"

Be Thankful God Gives Us Food

Say: Another wonderful thing God gives us is food to help our bodies grow.

Share about a food you ate in the past week.

Ask: Think about the best food you ate this week. Let's make something from our dough to remind us God gives us food to help our bodies grow. Give kids a few minutes to make something with their modeling dough. Kids may make chicken nuggets, cereal, or a sandwich. After they have finished, have kids hold up their creations or just point to them and say, "Thank you, God, for good food!"

Be Thankful for Fun Places

Say: Not only did God give us food this week to help our bodies grow, but he also put so many fun places around [name of your town] for us to enjoy.

Share a fun place you went in the past week.

Ask: Think about the most fun place you went last week. Let's make something from our dough to remind us of those places. Kids may make grass to remind them of the park, a slide to remind them of a playground, or a house to remind them of going to a friend's house. Give kids a few minutes to make something with their modeling dough.

After kids have finished, have them hold up their creations or just point to them and say, "Thank you, God, for fun places!"

Say: I like sharing about the good things God gives us. The Bible reminds us to tell others about how good God is. Listen to this. **Read aloud Psalm 105:1.** We have so many things to thank God for. When we're thinking about those things, we're not jealous of things someone else has. We can be happy about all the things God has given us instead!

Life Application:

Supplies

- basket
- crayons
- paper

Draw

Say: Today we learned we're not jealous. We heard how Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. Sometimes we see things other people have or things they get to do. Draw something someone else has that you wish you had, or draw something someone else gets to do that you wish you could do. Allow time, and as kids draw, have adult and teen helpers ask kids to share what they're drawing.

Offer It

Say: God takes care of us and gives us everything we need! We don't need to be jealous. When we're not jealous, it's best for our lives and our friendships. We can tell Jesus about these things we wish we had. We can ask him to help us not be jealous. And we can ask him to help us remember all the things we already have! Lead kids in placing their drawings in the basket.

Lead kids in a brief prayer, thanking Jesus for the things he gives us and the way he takes care of us. Ask Jesus to help you and the kids not be jealous.

Say: I'm so happy you came to church today! I hope you'll join us back here again next week!

Activity Page with a Point:

Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: One of God's commandments is that we're not jealous. God doesn't want us to be jealous, even when we see other people getting treated as the favorite! Joseph's brothers were jealous when he was the favorite. Let's color that.

Allow time for kids to color. Encourage kids to use a lot of colors on Joseph's coat.

Older Kids: Do an Activity Page

Say: We're learning that we're not jealous. But it's hard not to be jealous sometimes! Like when Joseph's brothers saw him being treated as a favorite. Let's see what it's like to see someone else do well.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Give kids about two minutes to find as many words as they can. Then determine who found the most words, and give that child a prize.

Ask: • How do you feel right now?

• What can we do when we feel jealous of others?

Say: It's easy to get jealous when others do well, and we wish we won the prize or got the fancy coat! But instead of comparing ourselves to others and wishing we had what they have, we can celebrate their successes. We can be happy for others! And you all did your best, so let's cheer for everyone!

Lead kids in cheering for everyone.

Answer Key: Older Kids

