

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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No family is perfect — not even the ones that seem "normal" on the outside. No one truly has a "normal" family, and that's okay! Sometimes it's the most not-normal families that God uses to make the most not-normal difference in the world. In this 4-week series, we'll look at four imperfect and "atypical" families from Scripture. We'll discover that not-so-typical families **are often used by God** because not-so-typical families **pray for each other, have tough conversations, and forgive each other.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Not-so-typical families
forgive each other.

THE BIBLE

Genesis 37:1-36, 50:15-21;
Matthew 18:21-22; Colossians 3:12-13

- **Have you ever gotten into a big fight with a family member, but now you can laugh about it? What were you fighting about?**
- **What's something that would be easy for you to forgive a family member for?**
- **What's something that would not be easy for you to forgive a family member for?**
- **If you were Joseph, how would you have felt about your brothers? How do you think you would you have responded when they needed help?**
- **What's one thing we can learn about forgiveness from Joseph's story?**
- **Do you think forgiveness is a one-time decision, a process, or both? Explain why!**
- **Who is someone in your family you need to forgive? Why do you want to forgive that family member?**
- **How do you think forgiving that person could have a positive impact on you and your family?**
- **Read Colossians 3:12-13. According to this passage, how can we practice forgiveness on a daily basis?**
- **What is one thing you're going to do this week to choose forgiveness instead of revenge?**