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Old Testament 2

Law/Gospel

Hatred ruins relationships and separates me from others and from God. **Jesus' death and resurrection restores my relationships with God and others.**

Bible Words

For those who love God all things work together for good.
Romans 8:28

Fun Fact

The meaning of the Hebrew word that describes Joseph's coat is unclear and is only used in one other Bible verse (2 Samuel 13:18). Instead of colors, the robe may have had long sleeves or metal adornments. Jacob himself made it, perhaps by weaving (Genesis 37:3).

Sibling Peace

Let siblings solve their own conflicts, unless they become physical. Recognize and affirm each individual's uniqueness and gifts. Avoid comparisons.

Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis 37

Oh yes! Joseph and his brothers argued and fought. Competitiveness, alliances, jealousy, and their father's favor fueled the feuds.

Jacob's twelve sons had four different mothers. Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife, birthed the youngest sons, Joseph and Benjamin. The Bible says Jacob gave Joseph a special coat to show his love. The eleventh son received a new garment instead of hand-me-downs! Can you imagine?

The Bible says that when the brothers saw their father's action, they hated Joseph and could not speak peacefully to him. This hatred led to actions that haunted the brothers for years. They sold Joseph into slavery and told their father a fierce animal ate him. Mourning consumed Jacob.

Yet God was at work. He used these circumstances to work good for many then, and He later brought His Son into the world from this family. Because God's Son Jesus paid for our sins on the cross, we have peace with God and with each other.

Sing

Sing this song to remind each other that our heavenly Father shows no favorites. He loves each of us as if there was only one of us.

Tune: "The Farmer in the Dell"

The Father loves us so. *(repeat)*

Pray, praise, and shout hooray! The Father loves us so.

More stanzas: Our God forgives our sins. / God helps us show His love.

Prayer

Lord God, work in our family. Give us love for You and for each other. Fill us with the Holy Spirit and His gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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