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Unit 2, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

Unchecked animosity can lead to greater harm within the family.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Everyone has experienced hurt from someone close to them, but what do we do with that hurt? Too many of us hold on to the hurt, which causes resentment or bitterness to grow. Others respond by dishing out pain to the one who caused us pain. In this session, we see that such unchecked animosity led to a plan for murder; while we may never think to cause such harm to another family member, we can look at their example and consider the way we should approach family conflict.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 1:20-25

Live It Out: If you have a pet, give your child some age-appropriate responsibilities for helping care for that pet. Remind your child that the pet is a creation of God.

God made a wonderful world. In the first four days, God created darkness, light, water, the sky, dry land, and rivers, lakes, and oceans. God made all kinds of plants. God made the sun, moon, and stars. God said that what He made was good!

On the fifth day, God said, "Let the waters be filled with living animals, and let birds fly in the sky." God created every kind of fish and animal that lives in the water. He made tiny water animals and giant whales! Then He made all kinds of birds to fly in the sky.

On the sixth day, God made animals to live on the land. God made all the wild animals, farm animals, and every other kind of animal.

In two days, God made all the different kinds of animals. God looked at all the animals He made and the beautiful world He made. It was all very good.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-24

Live It Out: Remind your child that God gave Adam and Eve work—care for the garden. Start an activity, such as recycling. Think of other ways to influence your community.

On the sixth day of creation, God made the man. God used the dust of the earth to form the man's body. God breathed life into the man's nostrils.

God planted the garden of Eden. He made the garden beautiful, with lovely trees and good food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The garden was watered by a river.

God placed the man in the garden. He told the man to work it and watch over it. God told the man not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, or he would die.

After the man named the animals, God formed woman from the man's rib and brought her to him. God planned for marriage between man and woman. This man, Adam, and the woman, Eve, were the first family.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4,18-24,31-34

- When have you been tempted toward jealousy in a way similar to Joseph's brothers?
- In your own words, why are murder and anger so closely related?
- How can you provide comfort and help bring healing when others suffer?

Live It Out: Family members are called to love and respect one another. When this doesn't happen, it always leads to conflict and pain. Joseph's brothers mistreated Joseph in the worst ways and further deceived their father, causing him indescribable grief. It's important that we, today, refuse jealousy and resentment, and instead treat our family members with grace and kindness.

Jesus was also mistreated in the worst ways, yet He never became bitter or resentful. Read Hebrews 12:15 with your student and help them memorize the passage. Pray that God would protect your student from bitterness and resentment.