

# Grapple Parent page

## Grapple Question:

Why Can't We Just Be Friends?

## Kids Learn:

Respect: Friendship First

## Dig Into the Bible:

Genesis 39:6-20; Ruth 2; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Think back over your lifetime of dating relationships. What would you like your preteen to learn from your experiences? Not to fall in love too quickly? Not to hold back when the person is trustworthy?

Your preteen is at the age when your experiences and opinions about the opposite gender can be especially influential. Have a chat (with age-appropriate details, of course) about your dating experiences over the years. What have you learned? What would you do differently if you could? What do you wish you'd known as a preteen? Opening the door of communication will help your preteen feel more comfortable when he or she has questions or concerns in the future.

