

I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 3: A Singing Heart

Lesson 1: Relationships – How to become a Tigger

The Cave of Wisdom

The Burning Bush: Relationship

The Cave Opening:

Welcome back to The Cave of Envy, the dark force that destroys relationships. Envy is jealousy taken to the level of wanting to destroy the source of the jealousy. This is a very dark part of the cave and can lead to your destruction.

A Singing Heart: Loving others, even when wronged.

Scripture: Genesis 37: 5-11; 45: 14-15

Envy created by a dream:

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

⁸ His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this

time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

In verses 19-36, Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery to a Midianite caravan.

Forgiveness is necessary for a loving relationship.

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Biblical Character: Reuben

There were 12 brothers. Only one tried to save Joseph from the envy of the others, Reuben. He persuaded his brothers to throw Joseph into a well and not kill him. Later Reuben would return to rescue Joseph. His plan failed. While Reuben was gone, a caravan appeared. Judah had the idea to sell Joseph into slavery and gain money. That Judah would become the ancestor of the southern kingdom and King David and Jesus would require much forgiveness.

Play the part of Reuben and tell the story of the plan to rescue Joseph. As the first born, Reuben was responsible for

the family. Jacob would be upset with Reuben over the loss of Joseph..

Show the Joseph into Slavery video and “Envy” video.

Reality Character(s): "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful"

¹ Envy has a dark side which has largely been lost to twentieth-century thought. For at least a thousand years, a distinction has been made among envy, coveting, and jealousy. You are jealous to protect something you already have. You covet what you want but do not have. Coveting and jealousy are minor sins. But since medieval times, envy has been considered a major term for identifying the causes of human suffering. In many versions of the Seven Deadly Sins, envy took first or second place.

According to the New Catholic Encyclopedia, from envy come "hatred, calumny, detraction, and many types of malevolent behavior." According to the Bible, it's an evil that leads to quarrels, fights, disorder, and “every vile practice” (See James 3:14-4:2). The light that shines in the cave is “Giving Love”. This can only be done through “Forgiveness” and leads to a right relationship. God has provided the forgiveness for us through His love for us by giving His Son. The relationship door is open to us.

Show the Pantene commercial video, “Don’t hate me because I’m beautiful”.

Show the video: Joseph Forgives

The Tribe: The Power of Giving Love. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs .

1 Cor. 13: 4, 5.

Craft: Love Door Hanger

Recreation Activity:

¹ The Two Faces of Envy by Gerald Grow