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Lesson #26 --THE DREAMER  
Scripture: Genesis 37

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. What did Joseph tell his father about his brothers? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How did Jacob (Israel) show that he loved Joseph more than he loved his other sons? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When the brothers saw this, did they love Joseph, too? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was Joseph's first dream? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was his second one? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why did Jacob send Joseph to Shechem? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When the brothers saw him, what did they want to do? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did Reuben talk them into doing instead? \_\_\_\_\_
9. While Reuben was gone, what did the brothers do? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Where was Joseph taken? \_\_\_\_\_ What did the brothers take to Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What wrong things did Joseph's brothers do? \_\_\_\_\_

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - I John 4:21, "He who loves God should love his brother also."

Older ones - I John 4:20-21

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: Can you think of at least one other Bible story in which parental favoritism caused trouble in the family? What is wrong with such favoritism as Jacob showed to Joseph?

TIPS TO TEACHING PARENTS: Children are especially quick to spot and to reject practices which are outdated or ineffective. None of us likes to waste his time, and that includes children. They are too smart to enjoy drudgery which is not worth anything to them. That is why we as parents must exert the greatest care to be sure that our use of Bible memory work is worth something to the child. If it becomes merely busy work--just the absorption of some words to recite on Sunday morning--then most children will be hurt more than helped by it.

What can we do to avoid this? Some families have found it helpful to have their children say their weekly verse each evening at the supper table. This avoids the tendency to wait until Saturday night to hastily, and temporarily, cram in the words for Sunday morning. Such daily recitation also gives the parent many opportunities to discuss the meaning of the verses with the children, explaining difficult words and helping the little ones to apply the verse to their own lives.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Gen 4:9-10; Zech 7:10; I Ths 4:9; I Pt 3:8; I Jn 2:9; 3:11; Mt 12:25; Prv 10:12; Mt 5:23-24; Lk 17:3; Mt 12:50.