

OUT OF THE PIT

WEEK 1 HOMEWORK

PEAKS & PITS

DAY 1

1. Read Genesis 37:1–11. Write in your journal a list of 10 *facts* we learn about Joseph’s life from these verses.
2. What’s your initial *impression* of Joseph? Write any key phrases or words that come to mind.

DAY 2

1. Read Genesis 37:1–11. Draw Joseph’s immediate family tree in your journal. See Genesis 35:23–26 as a resource. (Yes, Jacob had four wives. I know... weird.)
2. Reread Genesis 37:1–11. Why was Joseph Jacob’s favorite? Did he earn that favoritism in any way?
3. Imagine growing up in Joseph’s family. Are there any relational dynamics that you can relate to from your own family growing up?

DAY 3

1. Underline the words love(d) and hate(d) in the passage.
2. Is there anything you imagine Joseph could have done to improve his family relationships?

3. List three of your most loving relationships and three of your most contentious relationships. Next to each name, write something you've learned from that relationship.
4. How have you seen your close relationships impact your overall quality of life in both easy and difficult seasons? Write down a few examples.

DAY 4

1. Write out the details of Joseph's two dreams.
2. Why do you think Jacob rebukes his son in verse 10?
3. Have you ever been rebuked by someone you knew loved you? What was that experience like? What did you learn from that experience?

DAY 5

1. Read ahead to next week's passage: Genesis 37:12–36. (Spoiler alert: Joseph ends up in a pit.)
2. Do you get the impression from Joseph in verses 1–11 that he has any idea of what's coming in verses 12–36?
3. Have you ever felt that way? Have you ever been experiencing a mountaintop of blessing only to be blindsided by pain in the pit? How did you respond?