

# FAMILY DEVOTION!

## “Be Happy When People Pick On You”



“Even When I’m Treated Bad, I Know God Will Bless Me Good!”



“God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.” - Matthew 5:10

This week, we start a brand new series called, “Ouch!”. In this series, we will learn about powerful truths Jesus taught when he preached the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus said some things that made his followers say, “Ouch!” because they knew what Jesus said was so true, and when they thought about how they were living compared to how Jesus said they should be, it stung a little.

### **Read:**

Genesis 39-41

### **Ask:**

- What happened to Joseph? Did Joseph do anything wrong?
- Was Joseph treated fairly? How did he respond?

### **Say:**

Everyone gets mistreated at one time or another. It’s a part of life, but how we respond is important. It’s natural to respond to bullies and mean words and actions by getting upset or even angry, but Jesus said we shouldn’t respond that way.

Jesus said we should be HAPPY when people pick on us. Ouch! It stings a little when we realize the truth Jesus shared and how our behavior has differed from his instructions.

### **Ask/Discuss:**

- Have you ever been mistreated by people in your life? How did it make you feel?
- How do you normally respond to people who hurt you?

### **Pray:**

Pray for your child if they are being mistreated or bullied. Pray that they will continue to do the right thing. Pray that they will be comforted in knowing they are not alone in their situation - that Jesus knows how they feel. And pray that they will always stay faithful to God even when they are persecuted.