



## Big Picture / Week 1

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### BEFORE GROUP

#### BOTTOM LINE

When you can't see the bigger picture, remember the impact you have on your family.

#### SCRIPTURE

*Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him. One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. "Listen to this dream," he said. "We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!" (Genesis 37:3-7 NLT)*

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students think about and make positive changes in the ways they may be impacting the bigger picture in their families.

#### THINK ABOUT THIS

A conversation about family will be a tricky one to navigate with your few because each of your students comes from a different family dynamic. Be sensitive to that reality as you lead this discussion. Pay close attention to the things your students share about what's going on in their families, as this will give you a window into some potentially big things they may be facing in their homes. Be quick to follow-up privately with students after group who open up about or hint at more serious issues in their home lives. And be patient! They may struggle to see how they impact their family dynamic, as self-awareness is just developing in this phase.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here*

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### DURING GROUP

#### DISCUSS THIS

1. When it comes to family, do you think it's better to...
  - a. Get all the attention?
  - b. Get none of the attention?
2. Talk about a time that you did something that made one of your family members mad.

#### DO THIS (EXPERIENCE)

Throughout this series, students will complete worksheets designed to get them thinking about and applying each week's message to their lives. When viewed on their own, each sheet will seem oddly designed, but when put together on Week 5 of this series, they'll form the words, "Big Picture." (Don't spoil the surprise!)

Today, you'll lead your few in making their first piece of the "puzzle." Simply pass out the provided worksheet to your students, ask them to fill it out during group, and then collect the sheets before they leave. Be sure to keep the worksheets organized and in a safe place since you'll need them all at the end of this series.

3. Why is it sometimes hard to see the bigger picture when it comes to family?
  4. Who is one person you can talk to about your relationship with your family?
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