



FAM / Week 2

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

Your family doesn't have to be perfect for God to use it.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 27:34-38 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students realize that no family is "perfect" and to find something to be thankful for or appreciate about their imperfect family.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Keep in mind that the word "imperfect" will mean a lot of different things to a lot of different families. For some, it simply means they argue with, get annoyed by, or just don't like being around their family sometimes. But for others, not having a perfect family could mean they come from a home filled with dysfunction and potentially even danger. Pay attention to the way your students talk about their families' "imperfections" this week. Small things they say could give you big clues about things going on in their homes.

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.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSS THIS

1. If you could choose to be a part of any fictional family, who would you choose and why?
2. Do you think it's possible to have a "perfect" family? Why or why not?
3. What do you think people mean when they say, "You have the perfect family"?
4. Why do some people feel pressure to appear perfect?
5. How does it make you feel to know there's no such thing as the "perfect" family?

DO THIS (EXPERIENCE)

Ask your few to write down one thing they're thankful for when it comes to their family on each sticky note and stick it to the floor or wall for everyone to see! Read them out loud together! If you have any students struggle with what to write, suggest this: "I'm thankful that God can use my family even though it's not perfect."

6. How does focusing on what you're thankful for rather than what you're frustrated with change the way you think about your family?
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