



Green with envy

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Genesis 37:1–28



Topic

Envy and jealousy



Takeaway

Naming envy honestly before it destroys



8 minutes



Object: a green cloth



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Envy and jealousy". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Hold up the green cloth. Ask: What does "green with envy" actually mean? When were you last envious?

2 min

Bible text

Read Genesis 37:3–4 and 18–28. Jacob favours Joseph and gives him a special robe. The brothers hate him for it, make a plan and finally sell him for twenty pieces of silver.

3 min

Thought

Envy starts small: a comparison, a thought, a comment. With the brothers it turned into hatred. Envy shows us what we long for – recognition, love, attention. God knows this longing. With him we do not have to compete for love: he loves each of us completely.

2 min

Conversation

What are you sometimes envious of – and what is really behind it?



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Prayer to read aloud

Father in heaven, you know my envious thoughts too. Thank you that I do not have to fight for your love. Help me to be happy with others instead of comparing myself. Amen.



To think further

- How does envy show up in our group or on social media?
- What can you do when someone is envious of you?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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