

# KIDS FOR YAH

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## BE CONTENT

Abraham and Sarah had one son together, named Isaac. Isaac was Yahweh's blessing to them. Abraham, however, had another son, who was much older, named Ishmael. When Isaac was weaned, his parents planned a celebration. The party was going well, until Ishmael began mocking Isaac. Do you think that maybe Ishmael may have been a little jealous? The story doesn't give us very many details, but jealousy is extremely common among siblings. Consider the following situations:

- Joey sees his mother spending more time with his new baby sister, and he starts to feel that maybe Mom loves the baby more than him.
- Cynthia feels angry at her sister Mary because she has such pretty, shiny, straight hair. Cynthia always wanted straight hair but is stuck with unruly curls.
- Mark feels an upset stomach coming on every time he sees Dad playing ball outside with his older brother Shawn.

How about you? Do you ever feel jealous of anyone? The Bible warns us against wanting what other people have! In fact, it goes even further to state that if we have food and clothing, we must be content. On the next page, we will see how we can properly deal with jealousy.



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**“... I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything.”**

Philippians 4:11-12 NLT

Be Content, continued...

On the previous page, we saw that jealousy can indeed be a problem in our lives. The Bible has many examples of jealousy, besides Ishmael and Isaac. Jacob and Esau also comes to mind, along with Saul and David, even though they were not brothers. Read the following examples below and choose the answer that you think would most please Yahweh:

An older brother or sister sees Mom spending lots of time with the new baby. How should he or she react?

1. Throw a tantrum and slam his or her room door.
2. Pray to Yahweh for guidance.
3. Realize that new babies require a lot of care, but respectfully tell mom how you are feeling.
4. Both 2 and 3 are good answers.

Mom and Dad rewarded your little sister for a special accomplishment, which has left you feeling jealous. What should you do?

1. Tease your sister until she cries.
2. Try to be happy for her since Yahweh wants us to rejoice with those who are happy.
3. Scream at your parents, "You love her more than me!"
4. Ignore your sister because you think she's a spoiled brat.

You're the youngest and you see that your parents allow your older siblings more privileges. You hate being treated like a baby. How should you handle it?

1. Try your hardest not to throw a tantrum. You know that throwing a tantrum is not the best way to get attention, and could instead get you punished!
2. Tell Mom and Dad what's bothering you.
3. Call your older siblings names and demand that you be given the same privileges.
4. 1 and 2 are best.



## Brothers and Sisters in the Bible

Moses

U R N N B K B U W I Q P E K R Y C A I I

Miriam

P V Q F B T H B F A I K L E B A O T S D

Aaron

F P K X R G R W C H G T K K W Q Y H A H

S Y W F X E V I P T Y D V D R K M F A W

Cain

J R A B I J Z T R R K J S X R A M I C A

O A J I G J V V O A H Z W F E M F Z T K

Abel

Z M C I C J D T Z M J P K L A A R O N L

Jacob

D V D O Y O D W H E R L E Z C F G T P S

X M N M B D M U I C P R B A M T H Y K N

Esau

M Z Y L O M G C Z I Q H I S P A T P G W

S U R A Z A L P K T U N Z D H A I T Q S

Isaac

T F T W K K W X K L D E U B I U U R E L

Ishmael

S U K V B J A E N R I W A R Z B A S I E

K N O N Y E A G V B I T H S D A O S K M

Lazarus

U Y U U Y B D Y B B I Y S M X M W Z E Q

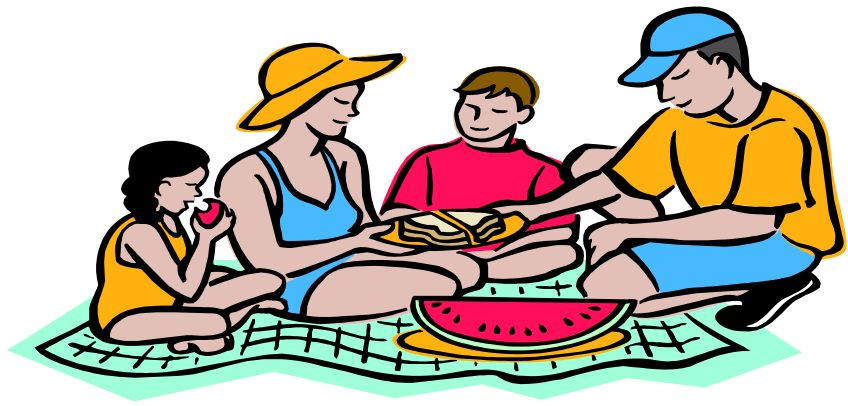
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Martha



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## Afternoon in the Park!

Spending time together as a family is very important in building strong, healthy families.

Help the family find the park in the maze below.

