

# UNIQUELY YOU

*Bring it on.*

**MONDAY**

Be ...

*Groovy, it's*

**TUESDAY**

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### So, here's the story ...

When Joseph was a teenager, he helped his older brothers feed the animals. But he had a habit of telling his father Jacob what his brothers were doing that they shouldn't be. They didn't like that.

Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children; he treated him very special. He made Joseph a unique coat that was very colorful.

When his brothers saw how Jacob favored Joseph, they hated him even more and were mean to him. Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him even more.

His dream was this: "We were binding (tying up) wheat stalks in the field, and my wheat stalk rose and stood upright, and yours stood around mine and bowed to it."

His brothers said, "Will you rule over us?"

He had another dream and again told his brothers. This time, the sun and moon and 11 stars bowed to him. When he told his father, he got mad.

"Shall your mother and I and your brothers be subject to you?"

His brothers envied Joseph; but his father took his son's words to heart.

**Read the story for yourself in**

**Genesis 37:2-11**

**Take it to God**

God loves it when you are real with Him — like yourself, not trying to seem like someone or something else. Be honest when you pray.

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You wanna be ...

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exclusive, rare,  
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**common**  
ordinary, regular,  
routine, typical,  
mundane



'Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, like fancy hairstyles and wearing jewelry or expensive clothes. It should come from your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.'

**1 Peter 3:3-4**

Throw your hands up  
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*Make a difference ...*

**Step up:**

When someone starts bragging about something, you have it in your control to not stay angry or offended by it. Yes, they may be doing it on purpose — OR they may just be so excited that they don't realize they are rubbing it in your face. You can't control how they act, but you can control how you feel about it in the long run. Also, maybe you're just taking it too hard because it's something that really bothers you. Do they even know that? Explain that to them. Most times people aren't trying to be mean.

**Take it up a notch:**

Maybe your initial reaction was to be upset, and that's okay, but you don't have to stay that way. Remember, you are the boss of your brain. Tell it to chill. Be happy for them. Your turn will come. God takes care of His own.

*Poll your friends ...*

Do you get upset when someone brags about something good that's happened to them?

**Yes**

**No**

**Jesus did lots of miracles while He was on the earth. Read about one of them here:**

Mark 1: 40-45

**FRIDAY**

*Finals*

**Don't hold your rare style over their heads**



**WEEKEND**

*Whoa! Whoa!*

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**Noon**

**P.M.**

**Sun**

**Eve**

Talk about a dysfunctional family. Wow. First off, it seems like Joseph's brothers all thought he was a real brat. I can't be sure if he tattled on them because he was trying to be good, or if he was doing it to get them into trouble. Likely it was some of both. Either way, the kid was not doing a very good job of getting along with his siblings. Secondly, what's up with dad treating him so much more special than the others? That would've made anybody angry, I would think. And finally, I'm sure Joseph sharing his dreams of someday ruling over the rest of the clan did not ease all that tension with his family. We do find out much later that the message from

those dreams actually came true, so maybe God was sharing that info with Joseph in his dreams to help prepare him for the future.

I hope he wasn't rubbing that special message into the faces of his brothers to point out his favor, but if he did, it sure makes the crazy events that followed make more sense — even though what his brothers did to him was terribly wrong.

Thankfully, God used the path Joseph was forced down to eventually cause that rise to power foretold in his dreams. But, it took a long time — and a lot of unpleasantness — to get there.

Take some time to read the rest of the story.

*Did you know?*

**Did you know there are lots of people like Joseph, who spend all their time showing off their special attributes, trying to point out how great they are to anybody and everybody? Going overboard like that is very conceited. But, there are others who go to the extreme in the other direction, feeling ashamed or embarrassed by their uniqueness. That's no good, either. God created us to be different — and what God does is always good. He said before He formed you in the womb He knew you (Jeremiah 1:5)... that means He made you the way you are — on purpose. That is so cool.**

# So, let's wrap it up



*Vicky's  
view*

With computers, programs and systems all over the internet, everybody knows about having to come up with passwords and codes. Did you know that with a four-digit code there are 10,000 possible combinations? If you bump the code up to have twenty digits, that number climbs to 1,048,575 potential combinations.

With nearly 8 billion people living in the world right now — and that doesn't even count all the people that have lived and died over the thousands of years before us — it's truly mind-boggling to think about how everyone walking on the planet is different.

Just imagine how complex your "code" is, and how God had a specific purpose in mind just for you when He formed you in your mother's belly.

You are special to Him.

The way you look at life is different than anyone else ever did or ever will.

Joseph had a very special purpose. If you read the rest of his story you will see how his life affected the lives of countless people through a very difficult situation. What do you think would've happened if he hadn't lived the life he did?

God knew what kind of person it would take to get the job done, and He made sure to create someone to fill those shoes.

What do you suppose your purpose might be?

Have you ever thought to ask God why He put you here?

I did that once.

And God changed my life. He put me on a path I never imagined I would take — but here I am now, writing for a living.

It's a career I never even considered when I was growing up. Writing came so easily to me that I brushed it off, thinking it was no big deal.

I know now that God had this path planned for me all along, and He created me with the gifts, ability and desire to achieve it. Now I can't imagine it being any different. There's no way I could ever be happy doing anything that isn't where God wants me, because I know He loves me and wants the best for me. He has a plan for you, too. Get to know God. Read the Bible; it can teach you more about Him and how to live the way He wants you to — not so He can boss you around, but so you can live your very best life — the one He intended for you. I think one of God's biggest joys is when we choose to

spend time with Him. He is all about relationships. He says the closer you get to Him, the closer He will draw toward you (James 4:8). He's got our backs. You may feel like there is no one else on the planet that you can trust, but you can always trust God. He is faithful.

He is always there for us when we need Him. He is never going to give up on you or get tired of you. And there is nothing you can ever do that is so bad that He will leave you. He won't blow you off because you aren't following the latest trend or wearing the most expensive clothes. He doesn't care what you sound like or how skinny you are. He loves us all like we are — we are different by His design.

*Ponder this:*

**Do you feel like being different is a bad thing?  
Do your friends tease you for it?**

*Time to take charge of your life:*

*(Fill in the blank)*

**\_\_\_\_\_ has been bugging me lately, bringing me down.  
What can I do to change that? Do I need help  
from someone else? Who?**

*Something good that  
happened this week was:*

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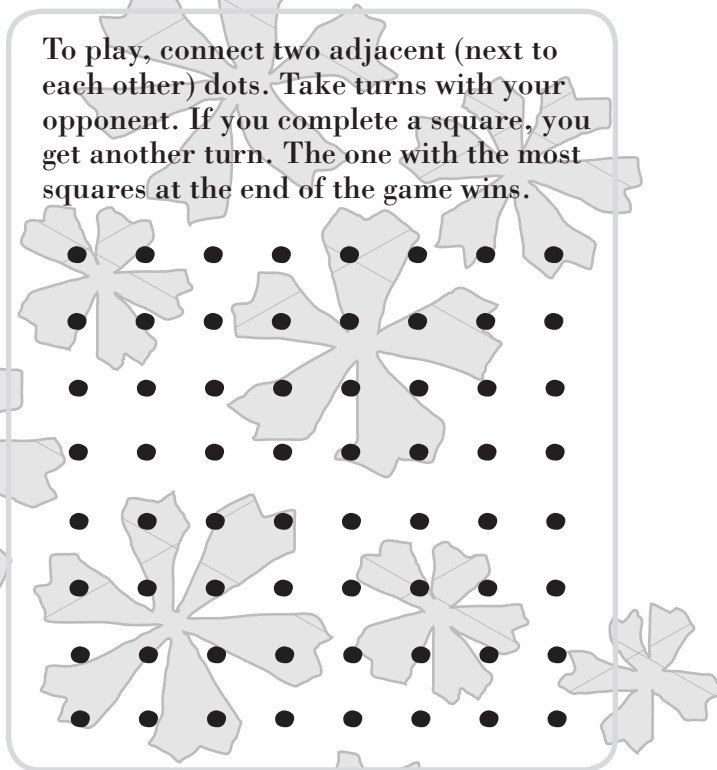
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*Let's read:*

**Genesis Chapter 37**

# Claiming the promised land

To play, connect two adjacent (next to each other) dots. Take turns with your opponent. If you complete a square, you get another turn. The one with the most squares at the end of the game wins.



You are ...

# significant

# Wandering the wilderness

Make your way along the words to make a sentence. Your journey will form one single path. You can only go north, south, east, or west and the path must never cross over itself. Start at the northwest corner and finish at the southeast corner.

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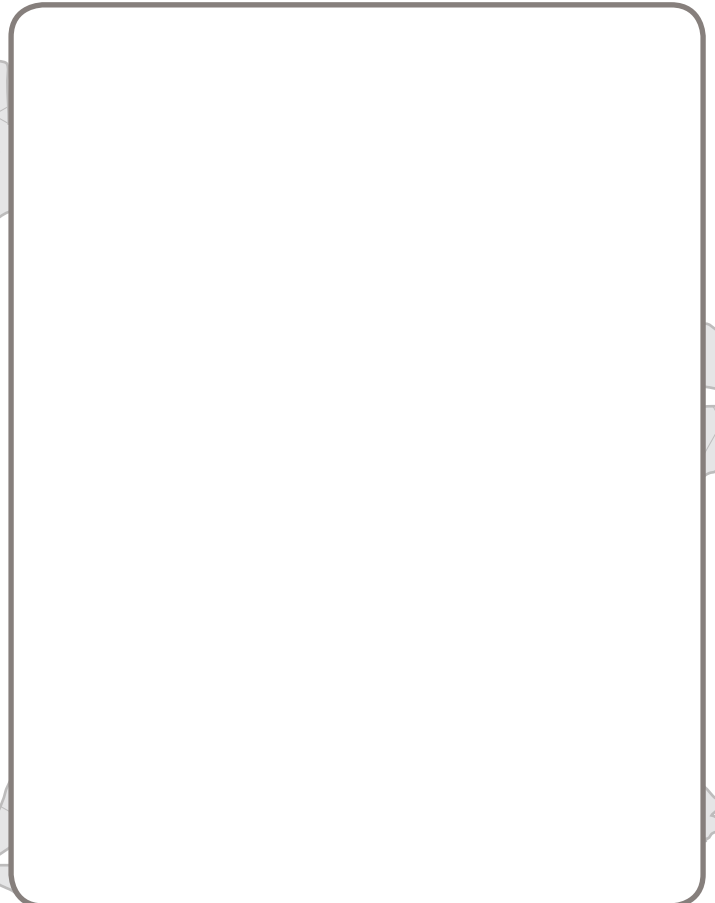
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# Doodle Box



# Discover

