



A Venues Christmas at the Movies

The Grinch

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As a kid, who picked on you? Who stood up for you?

In “The Grinch” story, we read that “The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season! Now, please don’t ask why. No one quite knows the reason...”

The movie with Jim Carrey gives us a clue. The Grinch, as a little Grinch, was at a gift-exchange party at school. The kids were mean to him. Laughed at him. Made fun of him. Reflecting back on the event, Martha says, “It was a horrible day, when they were so cruel to him. I could hardly bare it.”

It was after that rejection, that we hear The Grinch lament, “I hate Christmas.”

Respond to this statement: “When I say I hate you it really means you hurt me.”

- So true!
- Too simplistic
- Come on Grinch, get over it.
- Other _____

Read Genesis 37:18-28

What aspects of Joseph’s experience can you relate to most deeply?

- the rejection
- being hurt by people I trusted
- having a frightening and uncertain future

How do you respond when you are betrayed by people close to you?

- I want to get even
- I do get even
- I isolate myself from people
- Other _____

Read Mark 6:34; Mark 3:21; Matthew 12:49-50;

John 1:11

What is the theme of these verses?

Are you surprised by the message in these verses? What can you learn from them?

Read Genesis 42:17 and 1 Peter 2:23 and compare Joseph’s response with Jesus’ response to rejection.

How can we handle hurt without it turning into hate?

What message does Romans 12:17-19 give us? How does that message help us handle the hurt?

What do these verses say about “Karma”? Galatians 6:7-10; Luke 6:31; Luke 6:37-38.

What do you think about “karma”?

- Real
- Not real
- I’ve never thought of it in Christianity.

Read Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28 and identify the principle expressed.

How does that principle help heal the hurt?

Read Genesis 37:18-22 and Genesis 37:29. *Who stepped in to help Joseph?*

Read James 4:17 and Proverbs 18:24. *What do these verses instruct us to do when someone is mistreated?*