

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Island of Misfit Toys”**

### **Complement to lesson on 12/03/23 – “Scandalous Inclusion”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “misfit”?
2. The Advent season is accompanied by four words: hope, love, peace and joy. Which of these four resonates most with what you need right now?

#### **MEMORIZE – Revelation 7:9-10**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

#### **READ – Read Genesis 38**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?  
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. What is startling about this narrative? Why would it be included in scripture? Why in the genealogy of Jesus?
3. Read Genesis 35:22, then Genesis 34:25.
  - a. What do we learn about Judah’s three older brothers in these verses?
4. Read Genesis 49: 1-7
  - a. What do you make of these blessings of Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah?
  - b. How does Jesus fit in to the blessing of Judah?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY** – Island of Misfit Toys

Two options – feel free to do both!

1. Listen to the song “Island of Misfit Toys” by KJ52 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NELDzmKYFvQ>
  - What about this song is relatable?
  - Is this the news you spread about King Jesus and His Kingdom? How could you share this message where you live, work, study and play?
2. Watch this clip about “The Island of Misfit Toys” from Rudolph - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFDccEaBHQU>
  - What about this clip is relatable?
  - How does this connect to King Jesus and His Kingdom?
  - How can you declare these truths about Christ’s Kingdom where you live, work, study and play?

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Echo Holy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pz5t7XTCxNE>

O Come O Come Emmanuel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UH7asSGxAxA>

The Great I AM - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2Yh4exnBU0>

Hope has a Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI-fTpLINZ8>

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the message:**

Almighty God: thank you that even though I am a misfit, I am accepted into your kingdom through Jesus Christ. Fill me with joy and freedom to share this powerful truth with others where I live, work, study and play.