

# Genbo Family Lesson Ideas

## Discussion Questions

1. How are Genbo and Awar similar? How are they different?
2. Why is Genbo on the Island of Self-Discipline?
3. Invite your family to share one fact about skunks and how it relates to Genbo.

## Song Extensions

- **WORD PUZZLES:** Do the word search or crossword puzzle while you listen to songs you have already learned.
- **COLOR:** Invite your family to color the Genbo coloring page while you listen to the song.
- **ART:** Sketch your own skunk as you listen to the music. Write “Genbo” at the top and display the sketches around your home.
- **DISCUSSION:** Give the following phrases to your family and invite them to think of an example for each phrase either from their core books or a personal experience.
  - *He’s true to his heart and bold in his ways, yet kindness fills his days.*
  - *He boldly stands his ground; and gently, he’ll remind you what not to do.*
  - *He can change his mind, and admit when he’s wrong; but when someone is cruel, that smell is strong!*

## Additional Activities

- **OPTIONAL ATTENTION ACTIVITY:** Consider doing this activity before you introduce Genbo or read his part in *The Tale of Hope*. Ask your family: What are your favorite things to smell? What are some very unpleasant smells? If you were to choose an animal that is the smelliest which would it be? Invite your family to share what they know about skunks.
- **OBJECT LESSON: WHEN CONFRONTED WITH WRONG.** Gather the following beforehand: A clear bowl full of water, liquid dish soap, and pepper. Explain to your family that in life they will encounter people who will try to convince them to do things that are not right. Invite your family to give examples of what those negative influences could be. As each idea is shared, sprinkle pepper into the clear bowl of water.

- Ask the following while you rub dish soap on your finger: What do you think will happen to those people and their ideas if you boldly stand true to what is right?
  - Place your soap covered finger in the bowl. How does being bold make a difference to you and others?
  - Invite someone to share a personal story about being gently bold or share a story from your core books.
- **VIDEO:** Watch a video about skunks.
  - **ACTIVITY: SPRAY AND BE BOLD.** Give a spray bottle with water to each family member. Give the following situations and invite them to determine if they will have to be bold or not. Make sure they know what bold means. If the scenario is a time they need to be bold, spray the bottle. (You may want to do this activity outside or in front of a sink.)
    1. You are playing with your little sibling and he asks if he can play with you.
    2. You are at the park and you see someone teasing your little brother or sister. Your sibling starts to cry and you know there is something you can do to help.
    3. You help your mom make cookies.
    4. Someone comes over to you at school and wants to show you a bad picture.
    5. You see a bad picture at the grocery store while standing in line.
    6. You are at a friend's house and they ask if you want to jump on the trampoline.
    7. A friend is at your house and they start jumping on the couch; you know that it is against the family rules.
    8. Dad invites you to go out for ice cream.
    9. You watch a movie but it starts to turn bad and show inappropriate things.
    10. Someone keeps saying bad words.

Go outside and let your kids spray the vegetation. How can being bold help yourself and others grow spiritually and develop good character?