

Loving Your Siblings



Dear Parents,

Loving Your Siblings is a 6 lesson devotional series for children ages 6-12 to encourage your kids to get along with each other. Strategies will be taught and Bible verses memorized that will help your children form good relationships with each other which will in turn help them form healthy relationships throughout life. You can follow the suggested order or pick and choose the areas where your children need the most support.

For Each Lesson...

Day 1: complete devotional with your children
practice memorizing the verse
think of action steps to practice this week

Day 2-6: review the Bible verse and consider giving a sticker on chart for practicing
review strategies and encourage them to practice action steps each day
remind children to do action steps as situations arise
praise children when you see them performing action steps
remind them to put their sticker on their sticker chart for each action step
encourage them and pray for them when struggling
remember these traits take time to develop; we all have good and bad days
encourage your children to pray and ask Jesus for help each day

I highly recommend using the sticker charts provided for extra motivation and team building. Share one sticker chart to minimize any competitive spirits. Your children are working TOGETHER to encourage one another towards their goal of loving each other and showing hearts like Jesus. Stickers can be earned for action steps and reciting the weekly Bible verse. Memorizing scripture is a great way to hide God's word in their heart and remind them "why" they are working on the character trait. When they complete the weekly sticker chart, think of a special treat/event to celebrate their Christ-like character! Remember to reinforce the reason you are doing this; to become more like Jesus, not to get a prize- that's just extra encouragement. Praying God will use it to encourage your children in their relationship with each other! -Taylor Johnson

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Week One: Empathy: Caring How My Siblings Feel



Read/Memorize: *Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.*
Romans 12:15 ESV



When my brother or sister is happy about something, how can I respond? How should I feel for them? What can I say? How should my voice sound?



When my brother or sister is sad or hurt, how can I respond? How should I feel for them? What can I say? How should my voice sound?



Closer to Home: Read these scenarios and answer how you should respond given the following strategies: how you should feel for your sibling, respond with care or concern in words, tone, and body language.

When my sibling won a game and I lost...

When my sibling did well at something...

When my sibling got hurt...

When my sibling lost a game and I won...



Action Step: Be aware how your siblings are feeling. When they are happy, rejoice with them. When they are sad, feel sad for them. Let them know you care.



Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for my brothers/sisters. Help me to show I care in the way I think, talk, and act towards them. Help them to feel loved by me this week. Amen.