

Handling sibling conflict with Scripture

If you are a believer, it's important to be teaching our kids to use Scripture as our guidepost for our words, actions, behavior, and relationships.

Read through the Scripture with your kids. Use these as jumping points to have conversation together. You will find some guided examples on the next few pages. The questions can be good to talk about when there has been conflict, harsh or unkind words, squabbles, etc. Below you will find additional verses you can go through in a similar way.

Psalm 133:1

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Romans 12:10


"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1 Peter 3:8

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."



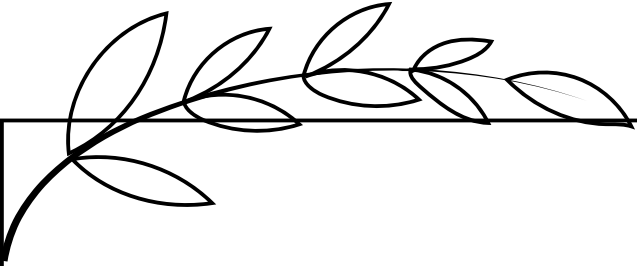
Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,
just as you are doing.

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you
and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to
esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at
peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers,
admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the
weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays
anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one
another and to everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:11-16



1. Are my words encouraging toward my siblings?
2. Am I building up my siblings or tearing them down?
3. Am I esteeming (respecting) my siblings highly in love?
4. Am I being patient with my siblings?
5. Am I helping my siblings?
6. Am I trying to repay evil for evil?
7. Am I seeking to do good to my siblings?




So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:1-4



1. Am I acting out of selfish ambition?
2. Have I been treating my siblings like they're more significant than I am?
3. Am I looking at my own interests, or am I looking at the interests of my siblings?

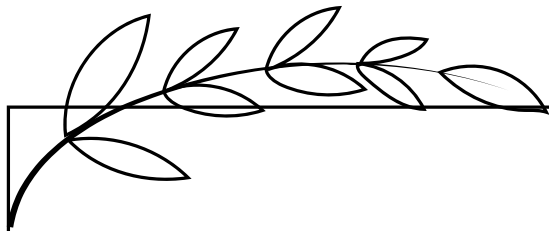


Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Ephesians 4:32



1. Am I treating my siblings with compassion?
2. Am I being kind to my siblings?
3. Am I being humble or am I bragging to my siblings?
4. Am I being meek - keeping my strength under control and not trying to be in control or hold my power over others?
5. Am I being patient with my siblings?
6. Do I keep loving my siblings, even when they make mistakes?
7. Do I forgive my siblings when they do something wrong against me?



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.

Ephesians 5:22-23



How have I shown or not shown these fruits of the Spirit in
my words, actions, and disagreements with my siblings?

What can I do to practice these things?

What can I change so that the fruit of the Spirit is clear in
my words and actions?