

Weekly Grapple Connection

Grapple Question:

Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

Kids Learn:

God's Plan For Handling Family Conflict

Dig Into the Bible:

Genesis 4:1-12; Psalm 133; Colossians 3:12-15

None of us is perfect—and how quickly our preteens can point that out to us! Kids at this age have a huge need for fairness and are quick to point out when something isn't fair—at least in their eyes. And, they're starting to see they can do things more independently; they're testing their abilities.

There's no way to avoid conflict, especially with those you live with daily. However, you can try a biblical approach to conflict to help you and your preteen build an understanding and help you both navigate this interesting time in your lives. Read some of the following verses with your preteen to open up discussion about conflict in your relationship. Use these verses to talk about ways to deal with conflict in a manner that would please God. Read: Colossians 3:1-2; 1 Peter 3:11; and James 3:13-18.

