

# PARENT PARTNER

## WEEKLY PLAN



### Week 4: Become A Peacemaker

There will be no absence of conflict, and so we must work to make peace. Peace is a craft for those who follow Jesus. We practice it with our lives and should model it in our homes. How we build true, Jesus-following relationships is to practice the art of peacemaking. It's our active response and the reconciliatory work of the gospel. Jesus commissions us in this way.

## PRAYER TIME

**THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:** *"When a person's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov. 16:7).*

**THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, show me the ways of my life that are not pleasing to You. Help me repent and turn to You in these areas. God, I desire that the way I live would be pleasing to You. I know through Your Word that when I live like this even people that would call me an enemy would be at peace with me. The way You want me to live shows love and compassion to all people.

## DRIVE TIME CONVERSATION

**PARENT PRE-READING:** *"Be on your guard. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him" (Luke 17:3).*

**CONVERSATION STARTER:** I was reading in Luke 17, and it tells us that if we see a brother sin, we should rebuke him, and if he repents, we should forgive him. That's never an easy conversation. How would you start that conversation if you ever felt like you needed to, so that person would know that you love and care for them...

# DINNER TIME

## CONVERSATION

**STARTING QUESTIONS.** We all know that none of us are perfect. Let's share about a time in our lives when we handled a situation poorly and it may have made things even worse.

**DEEPENING QUESTION** What did you learn from that experience?

**READ THIS TOGETHER** *"If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he won't listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established. If he doesn't pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn't pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you"* (Matt. 18:15-17).

**SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS** What seems to be the steps we should take when we have conflict with another believer?

Why do you think the first step is just you and that person?

How might gossip make the situation worse?

What things should we learn as a family from this practice and become better at when we have conflict?

## ACTIVITY TIME

### HOME IMPROVEMENT

I don't know about your family, but sometimes working on a home project can become stressful. Often, we get so focused on the project that our tempers can become short with our family if everything doesn't go as planned. Frustrations can even arise when members of your family don't want to help.

With this activity, choose a simple project that you know needs to get done in your house. Let everyone know that our goal is to finish the project, but our larger goal is to show love and compassion to each other as we do it. Starting the project with this simple shift of mind will not only help this project, but hopefully, others in the future.