

A Character study:

Arguing

“And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:15-17

This character study is designed to illustrate this character trait using verses, stories, consequences of sin and blessings of obedience found through out the Bible.

Each day you will learn a verse, read a story where this sin is illustrated, then discuss the consequences of this sin followed up by the blessings of obedience. I encourage discussion with your children on ways they can help one another to stay free from this sin.

Resources: This study was created using references from the Bible and the book “For Instruction in Righteousness” by Pam Forster

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Memory Verse:

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

Day 1

Verse:

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.

Story:

Gen 37:3-5 Joseph and his brothers (Jealousy lead to conspiracy, lying and kidnapping, Joseph forgave)

Consequences of sin:

Galatians 5:15 If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Blessings of Obedience:

Romans 15:6 so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Day 2

Verse:

Proverbs 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Story:

Genesis 27:41-45 Jacob and Esau (hatred and desire for revenge)

Consequences of sin:

Mark 3:25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Blessings of Obedience:

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Day 3

Verse:

Proverbs 17:14 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out. Help children stop quarreling before it starts. Remove the child who insists on arguing, enforce a stop to argumentative conversations.

Story:

Acts 15:39 Paul and Barnabas (disagreed so badly that they separated!)

Consequences of sin:

Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.

Blessings of Obedience:

2 Corinthians 13:11 Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

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Day 4

Verse:

James 3:16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Story:

Mark 9:33-37 Disciples argue about who is greatest

Consequences of sin:

Proverbs 22:10 Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.

Blessings of Obedience:

Proverbs 12:20 There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace.

Resolution:

Matthew 18:15-17 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.