

Managing Conflict

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"It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace."

~ Aristotle

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." - Albert Einstein

"Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures."

~ John F. Kennedy

1 Teach and Practice Skills and Principles

Some Examples...

- Effective Communication
- Unity
- Peacemaker
- Serve
- Honoring
- Withholding Judgment
- Start Over
- Govern Yourself
- Address the Real Need
- Negotiate/ Compromise
- Problem Solving
- Sacrifice
- Agreement
- Cooperation/Collaboration
- Team work
- Listening
- Apology
- Differing Perspectives

3 Councils and Counsels

- Family Council
- Parent Council
- Interviews
- Open Dialogue
- Mediate
- Counsel with the Lord

4 Set the Stage for Peace

- House of Order
- Physical Needs Met
- Make and Protect Family Time

"Peace comes from being able to contribute the best that we have, and all that we are, toward creating a world that supports everyone. But it is also securing the space for others to contribute the best that they have and all that they are."

~ Hafsat Abiola

2 Models

- Work at being an example of the skill set.
- As a family, read and study the lives of people who exemplified these skills. Be inspired by them.
- Choose read-alouds that speak to specific needs. Point out and discuss these characteristics in the scriptures.
- Acknowledge and discuss when you see these skills displayed in real life.

Resources: