



WEEK FOUR

COLOSSIANS 3:15

God Made Peace with Us

SAY THIS

**We can make peace with
others because God made
peace with us.**

DO THIS



MORNING TIME

Leave a note in your child's backpack telling them how you noticed them being a peacemaker in a certain situation. Encourage them to keep being a peacemaker anywhere they go!

REMEMBER THIS

**"So let us do all we can do to live in peace.
And let us work hard to build up one another."
Romans 14:19, NIV**

LIFE APP

PEACE – Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

THE POWER OF A QUESTION

by Sarah Anderson

Questions are powerful—made all the more powerful when they are a response to what we intentionally listened for first. Purposeful questions are the best and easiest tool we have as parents to invest in the lives of our kids. They communicate that we want more than information—we want insight into what makes our kids tick, motivates them, challenges them, and hurts them.

A good first question says, “I’m interested.” Active listening says, “I care.” An intentional second question says, “You matter.”

And what follows creates relational equity between you and your kids. So sure, we can start, with the “How was your day?” “What happened at school?” “What did you learn at church?” But what happens next can’t be found in any book, blog, or article. What happens next is up to us. It can’t be scripted or predicted, but that’s where the magic happens.

It happens in the quiet, as your child slowly peels back the layers of their life, and you thirstily drink in what they have carefully entrusted with you. And it happens when your reaction and your response communicate over and over and over again, “You’ve got my full attention, there is no where I would

rather be, thanks for letting me in.”

Be prepared. You may get more than you bargained for. You may learn the details of everyone’s show-and-tell treasures, about the kid next to them on the bus, or the specifics of what was served in the lunch line. But you’ll also become the best student of your child and then earn yourself a reputation as being the person in your child’s life who did whatever it took to get to the heart of the matter, to get to the heart of them.

They may not know it now, but what you are working towards as a parent who asks a good first question, but even better second question, is becoming the best front row attendee to your kids’ lives they’ll ever know. Becoming their cheerleader, their confidant and their biographer of life, who remembers all the big stuff but has managed to tuck away the little stuff too—the stuff that makes your kids uniquely them and uniquely yours.

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