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Day 1

Read Proverbs 15:18

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Fighting leads to no good. It causes drama and finger pointing, and sometimes friendships get ripped apart. All this is for what? So you can be right? It's not worth it. God wants us to be people who put the pieces back together, who stop fights instead of start them, and who help friends talk things out.



Go put a whole puzzle together and think about how you can help others stop fighting and put the pieces of their friendships back together.



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THANK God for the gift of friendships.

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Day 2

Read Proverbs 17:17

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God wants us to love our friends, even when they get mad at us, lose the shirt they borrowed from us, forget our birthdays, or beat us in soccer. So when we see friendships falling apart, God wants us to do everything we can do to help put them back together. Not to meddle or gossip, but to encourage them to make peace.

Dump out your sock drawer and ball up all the "buddies" together. While you do it, think about how you can be someone who helps friends stay together.



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ASK God to help your friends stay together.

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Day 4

Read 1 Peter 4:8

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Sometimes the best place to start peacemaking is in our own families because those are the people we live with. If you don't have peace at home, the rest of your life probably won't feel very peaceful either.

Lead the charge in a family talk over dinner tonight. Everyone must answer this question: How peaceful of a family are we? Scale of 1 to 10. Talk about what God says about how to love each other deeply: by forgiving, not fighting, and letting stuff go.



KNOW that God loves you

and your family no matter what!

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Day 3

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Read Proverbs 26:20

When people are fighting, there's always a crowd. Everyone wants to get in on the drama. But as entertaining as it might be to spread the story around, it doesn't help with making peace. The more you tell the story, the bigger the fight gets, the more people get involved, and the longer it goes on. So do everyone a favor and don't gossip. Be a friend others can count on for the truth.



call or email three friends and tell them something true and good that you like about them.

LOOK for ways to

shut down gossip around you this week.

