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Stir up love!

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How Serious Is God About This?

This week we've learned a lot about what God had in mind when He gave us siblings.

Do you remember what **Proverbs 17:17** says? Let's recite it together.

Today we are going to dig a little deeper into God's Word and see just how serious God is about our siblings.

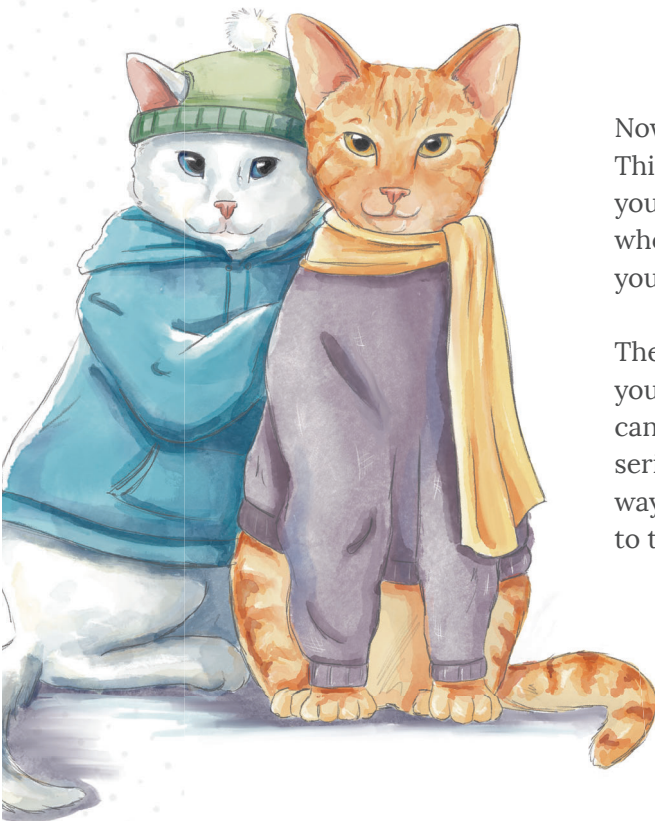
Read **Psalm 133:1**.

The Bible says that it is good and pleasant when brothers dwell in unity. To dwell means to live. God wants us to live in unity with our siblings. Unity means peace, kindness, or getting along. It means we need to live with our siblings by loving them.

God calls us to LOVE.

Now let's look at **1 John 4:20-21**. This verse clearly tells you that if you love God, then you will love who? What does it say about you if you hate your brother?

The Bible says if you do not love your brother, you are a liar and cannot love God. That's pretty serious, isn't it? God meant it that way. This is His Word, and we need to take it very seriously!



Write the names of your siblings in the heart or draw a picture of them.
Remember that if we don't love our siblings, we can't love God!

Because I love God,
I love my siblings.



» Make a love list for each of your siblings on pages 44-51.

Pray and ask God to help you do this!

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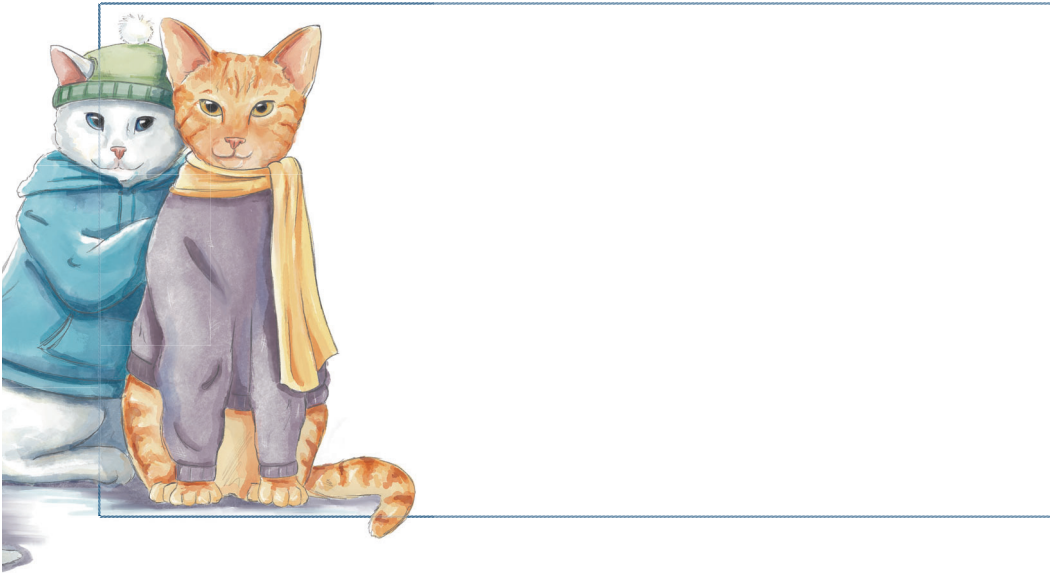
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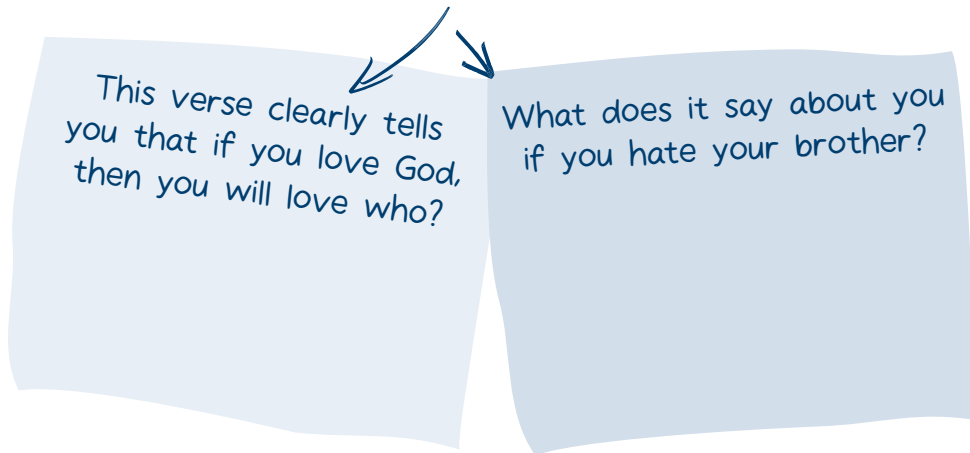
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Now let's look at **1 John 4:20-21**. Read it out loud to yourself or your family.



I hope you noticed the Bible says that if you do not love your brother, you are a liar and cannot love God. That's pretty serious, isn't it? God meant it that way.

God is so serious about us not being angry with our siblings that He says we can not worship Him until we make things right with our siblings (Matthew 5:21-24).

Have you ever prayed or even gone to church when you were mad at one of your siblings? I bet you have. But God tells us not to do that. It's not that He doesn't want us to worship Him. It's the exact opposite. He wants us to make things right with our siblings before we come to Him, so that we can better worship Him.

Why do you think being angry with your siblings would hurt your ability to worship God?

Before we close, say a prayer to God asking Him to forgive you for not dwelling or living in unity with your siblings. Ask Him to help you to love instead of doing hateful things.

» Make a love list for each of your siblings on pages 44-51.

Youth Level

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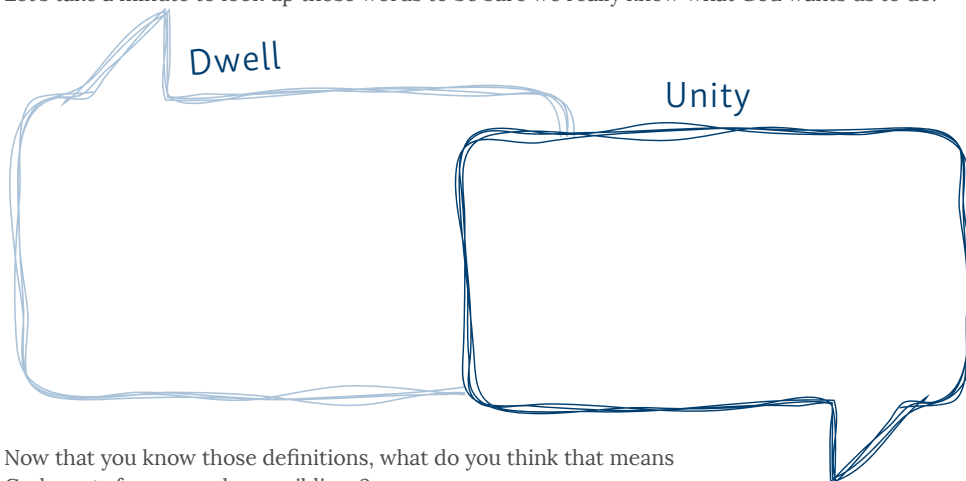
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Now let's take a moment to write out what the Bible says about why we have siblings. Use your notes from previous days and *Proverbs 17:17*. Pretend you were going to convince a friend why they should love their siblings and how they should view them. Be convincing!

Today we are going to dig a little deeper into God's Word and see just how serious God is about our siblings. Read *Psalms 133:1-3*. What do you think this verse is trying to show you through the description of oil?

It is good and pleasant when brothers dwell in unity. I think that's a pretty clear picture. Let's take a minute to look up those words to be sure we really know what God wants us to do.



Now that you know those definitions, what do you think that means God wants for you and your siblings?

God calls us to *love*.

Look at *1 John 4:20-21*. Read it out loud.

I hope you noticed the Bible says that if you do not love your brother, you are a liar and cannot love God. That's pretty serious, isn't it? God meant it that way. This is His Word, and we need to take it very seriously!

Are you guilty of not loving your siblings? Take a moment and write a prayer to God asking Him to forgive you.

This verse clearly tells you that if you love God, then you will LOVE who?

What does it say about you if you HATE your brother?

Let's look at one more passage today. Turn to *Matthew 5:21-24*. Read it carefully. According to verse 22, being angry with your siblings has what consequence?

God is so serious about us not being angry with our siblings that He puts this before worship. Read verses 23 and 24 again. In Bible times, going to the altar was an act of worship. Before you come to worship the Lord, what do you have to do?

Have you ever prayed or even gone to church when you were mad at one of your siblings? I'm sure you have. But God tells us not to do that. It's not that He doesn't want us to worship Him. It's the exact opposite. He wants us to make things right with our siblings before we come to Him, so we can better worship Him. Why do you think being angry with your siblings would hurt your ability to worship God?

Close today by praying and thanking God for all the things you've learned about siblings this week. Ask Him to help you apply these truths to your life.

»» *Make a love list for each of your siblings on pages 44-51.*

Parent Guide

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How Serious Is God About This?

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Now let's take a moment to write out what the Bible says about why we have siblings. Use your notes from previous days and *Proverbs 17:17*. Write it out as your base outline for how you will guide your kids so they will be convinced of these truths.

Today we are going to dig a little deeper into God's Word and see just how serious God is about our siblings.

Read *Psalms 133:1-3*. What do you think this verse is trying to show you through the description of oil?

It is good and pleasant when brothers dwell in unity. I think that's a pretty clear picture. Can you imagine what it would be like if your kids lived together in unity? The world says it's never going to happen. But with God's help, our kids can at least be working toward that!

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As parents, we often demand that our kids love each other this way, but then we don't carry that out with our own siblings. It's time for a change!

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Scripture: Psalm 133:1

Key Truth: God wants us to get along with our siblings before we can even worship Him.

Discussion: Why do you think it would hurt our worship if we are angry with our siblings?

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