My Brother's Keeper

Learning to Love Your Siblings God's Way

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Primary Level
Ages 4-7
I’m excited that we are going to learn how to love our siblings God’s way. Let’s start at the beginning.

Read **Genesis 1:27**. How did we get here and what specific words does God say to describe how He made us?

Read **Psalm 139:14**. What does this verse share about how we were made?

The Bible says God created us the way He wanted us to be. We are wonderfully made. Every single thing about you is perfectly made exactly the way God wanted you to be. Isn’t that a blessing?

In the box, draw or write some things about yourself that God made wonderful. *(Encourage your child to think about physical appearance, things he/she is good at, etc.)*

Now let me ask you a question. If God made you in His image and you are wonderfully made, what does that mean about your siblings? Are they wonderfully made too?

Of course they are and this is an important thing to remember. God made each of us and if we think or say that our siblings are anything but wonderful, we are calling God a liar.

Now practice the truth about our siblings. Write the name of each of your siblings in the box. *(Parents: help with this if needed.)* Now say the name of each of your siblings and finish the sentence by adding, “is wonderfully made”. For example, Joshua is wonderfully made.
I AM WONDERFULLY MADE!

MY SIBLINGS ARE WONDERFULLY MADE!
Junior Level
Ages 8-12
I’m so excited that we are going to be learning about loving our siblings the way God wants us to love them. But before we start, we need to look at the facts.

Read **Genesis 1:27**. How did we get here?

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What specifically does it say about how God created us?

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Have you ever thought about it like that? Let’s stop right here and pray and ask God to forgive us for not believing Him when He said that He made our siblings wonderful.

Now let’s write the truth about our siblings here. Write the name of each of your siblings and finish the sentence with “is wonderfully made.” Then draw a picture of you and your siblings together.

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Youth Level
Ages 12 and up
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List some things about yourself that God made wonderful.

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I hope these verses helped you realize how precious your siblings are. Even when YOU don’t feel that way about them, God says they are wonderfully made. This is an important thing to remember when tension rises in your home.
HERE’S THE truth:

GOD MADE EACH OF US AND IF WE THINK OR SAY THAT OUR SIBLINGS ARE ANYTHING BUT WONDERFUL, WE ARE CALLING GOD A LIAR.

Have you ever thought about it like that? How does this make you feel?

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Let’s stop right here and pray and ask God to forgive us for not believing Him when He said that He made our siblings wonderful. Next, write out the truth about each of your siblings. (Yes, this might seem silly right now— but do it anyway.)

Write the name of each of your siblings and finish the sentence with “is wonderfully made.”

As you finish your study today, pray and ask God to help you see your siblings the way He sees them... beautifully, perfectly, wonderfully made in His image. Pray over each of your siblings, reading your sentences from above. Trust God to help you remember these truths throughout today, no matter what happens.
Parent Guide
God’s Creation

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This truth is important to remember as you deal with your own siblings, but it’s also one of the first things we want to teach our kids about their siblings. In God’s eyes, we are precious AND so are our siblings.
Here’s the truth: God made each of us, and if we think or say that our siblings are anything but wonderful, we are calling God a liar.

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We often get tripped up by the sins of others. Maybe our siblings are precious in the eyes of God, but perhaps they’ve done some horrible things. Remember, that’s the point of the gospel. EVERYONE has done horrible things. And thankfully, we have all been given the gift of God’s grace.

We must remember that the gift of grace isn’t extended only to us. It’s also extended to our siblings. When they hurt our feelings over and over again... we are called to forgive. When they live a lifestyle against Christ... we are still called to forgive because even in our sin, we are still God’s precious creation.

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SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:14

KEY TRUTH: Your siblings were wonderfully created in God’s image.

DISCUSSION: Now that you know your siblings are created in God’s image, how will that change the things you say about them?