

Practice peacemaking

You will need:

Masking tape or painters tape

Prepare:

1. Run a line of masking tape down the center of the room. Make on sign that says: “More” and one that says “Less.” Hang or place signs on opposite sides of the masking tape line.

Directions:

1. **The church at Corinth was divided over the different teachings they had heard. Sometimes, as a family, we are divided in our opinions too! We are going to do an exercise that points out some of our differences. Then we will practice showing how the love of Christ can bring us back together.**
2. **If you think that we should grill more for dinner go to the “more” side. If you think less, Go to the less side? (NOTE: This is just an example – you know your family. Pick things that you know there are different opinions on... chores, video game time, etc...)**
3. Repeat the exercise with as many topics as you like. The point of the activity is to point out that we all have differences, not to actively engage in arguments! Keep it as light as you can! 😊
4. When you find a topic where there are clear opinions, practice this “peace making” exercise:
 - a. Have one person on the “more” side start. Ask them to explain why they think there should be “more” of this thing...
 - b. Next, have someone on the “less” side respond with “I hear you saying that” If that person has captured what was said, then they can explain why they feel the way they do.
 - c. Keep this going until everyone has a chance to explain their reasoning.
 - d. When everyone is finished, hug it out and say, we can love each other AND have different opinions!

It isn't easy to “agree to disagree”, but it is a life skill that helps us remember that we don't have to agree