

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

SIBLING RIVALRY CAN BE SPARKED BY PARENTS

QUESTION: If jealousy between kids is so common, then how can parents minimize the natural antagonism children feel for their siblings?

DR. DOBSON: It's helpful to avoid circumstances that compare them unfavorably with each other. They are extremely sensitive to the competitive edge of their relationship. The question is not "How am I doing?" it is "How am I doing compared with John or Steven or Marion?" The issue is not how fast I can run, but who crosses the finish line first. A boy does not care how tall he is; he is vitally interested in who is tallest.

Each child systematically measures himself against his peers and is tremendously sensitive to failure within his own family. Accordingly, parents should guard against comparative statements that routinely favor one child over another.

Perhaps an illustration will help make the case. When I was about ten years old, I loved to play with a couple of dogs that belonged to two families in the neighborhood. One was a black Scottie who liked to chase and retrieve tennis balls. The other was a pug bulldog who had a notoriously bad attitude. One day as I was tossing the ball for the Scottie, it occurred to me that it might be interesting to throw it in the direction of the ol' grouch. It was not a smart move. The ball rolled under the bulldog, who grabbed the Scottie by the throat when he tried to retrieve it. It was an awful scene. Neighbors came run-



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ning as the Scottie screamed in pain. It took ten minutes and a garden hose to pry the bulldog's grip loose, and by then the Scottie was almost dead. He spent two weeks in the hospital, and I spent two weeks in "the doghouse." I regret throwing that ball to this day.

I have thought about that experience many times and have begun to recognize its application to human relationships. Indeed, it is a very simple thing to precipitate a fight between people. All that is necessary is to toss a ball, symbolically, under the more aggressive of the two and prepare for the battle that ensues. This is done by repeating negative comments one has made or by baiting one in the presence of the other. It can be accomplished in business by assigning overlapping territory to two managers. They will tear each other to pieces in the inevitable rivalry. Alas, it happens every day.

This principle is also applicable to siblings. It is remarkably easy to make them mortal enemies. All a parent must do is toss a ball in the wrong direction. Their natural antagonism

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...forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Colossians 3:13 Pd. Adv.

will do the rest.

QUESTION: How early in life is a child capable of making a strong-willed stand in defiance against his or her parents?

DR. DOBSON: Depending on the temperament of the individual, defiant behavior can be displayed by very young children. A father once told me of taking his three-year-old daughter to a basketball game. The child was, of course, interested in everything in the gym except the athletic contest. The father permitted her to roam freely and climb on the bleachers, but he set up definite limits regarding how far she could stray. He took her by the hand and walked with her to a stripe painted on the gym floor.

"You can play all around the building, Janie, but don't go past this line," he instructed her.

Dad had no sooner returned to his seat than the toddler scurried in the direction of the forbidden territory. She stopped at the border for a moment, then flashed a grin over her shoulder to her father and deliberately placed one foot over the line as if to say, "Whacha gonna do about it?" Virtually every parent the world over has been asked the same question at one time or another. That's the way some kids are made.

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By Pastor Andy Paris

Today, Nov. 11, marks a special day for us. It is Veterans Day, a day filled with sacred memories and heart-felt thanks for the millions of brave military men and women who have fought to keep our nation free from tyranny and oppression. Through the perils, toils, pain and slaughter of countless numbers of our finest fathers and sons, mothers and daughters we rejoice today in the liberty that is ours in America. As Lee Greenwood sings it, "I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free; And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me."

What better poem expresses the feelings of free men and women in America today on Veterans Day than Rudyard Kipling's Recessional "God of our fathers, known of old. Lord of our far-flung battle-line, Beneath whose awful Hand we hold dominion over palm and pine—Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!"

Yes, we dare not forget our soldiers. They have served us, defended us, protected us and helped America to be the greatest nation in the world. The origin of Veterans Day makes this day even more impressive. World War I ended officially at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918, the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, in the eleventh month. And to honor



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'Lest we forget'

all those Americans who fought and even died in that "war to end all wars." Veterans Day was originally called "Armistice Day" which began on Nov. 11, 1919. In 1921, also on Nov. 11, an unknown soldier from World War I was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and Washington, D. C. It has become the center of national reverence for all Americans. Armistice Day became a national holiday in 1938 by act of Congress.

Only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed a second World War broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans fought in it. Four hundred and seven thousand of them died in service and more than 292,000 died in battle.

So the nation turned to call Armistice Day by a new name and to celebrate the soldiers of other wars also. The first celebration of "Veterans Day" occurred in Birmingham, Ala. on Nov. 11, 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized it. Then in 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 be called "Veterans Day" to celebrate the soldiers of World War I and II.

As the years passed, Veter-

ans Day has broadened its scope to include veterans who have fought in all our wars: Civil War, World Wars I-II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Yes, we have much to be thankful for. God has richly blessed our country with brave soldiers who have kept America strong. Let us remember them today. May we pray, "God of the ages, we thank You for all who have served in the armed forces of this country. We thank You for the freedom their sacrifice has earned and guarded for us. Help us to prize this freedom and to use it well. We ask You to bless all living veterans in a special way today as well as the families of all veterans. Comfort those who grieve for those who gave the last full measure of devotion. Strengthen those who bear physical, emotional and spiritual wounds. We pray for the day when no one needs to serve in the military. Help us to live now in anticipation of that day as people who long for peace and pursue peace and pray for peace, who are Christ's peacemakers."

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SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN: SS: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY: Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST: Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.</p> <p>COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST: Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>COLBURN UNITED METHODIST: Kasey Schnepf, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.</p> <p>CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN: 3570 E 200S, Bringhurst, Dan C. Butcher, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. SS: 10:30 a.m. Youth group 6:30 p.m., Bible study Wed. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN: Jeff Brown and Ann Bingaman, lay pastors. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN: SR 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Herron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. Sundaes on Thurs. 7 p.m. (informal worship & ice cream)</p> <p>DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH: 315 E. Main St. Delphi. Rev. Andrew Paris, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI CHURCH OF CHRIST: 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 5 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD: 321 W. Main Street, Delphi. Rev. Virgil Moss. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI PENTECOSTAL: Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. Thurs. night Bible Study: 7:30 p.m., SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI UNITED METHODIST: Union & Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 & 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor. Micah Hudson, youth pastor.</p> <p>DELPHI WESLEYAN: North Union Street, Delphi. Dan Fisher, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH: SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Jim Crown, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. W 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST: SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH LUTHERAN: CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.</p> <p>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH: U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Twp. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., Wed. Family Night: 6:30pm, Adult & Youth Services Sun. Evenings 6pm.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN: Paul Marcellino, pastor. Tue. 9:30 a.m. Women's study, SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Monthly Youth Group</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST: Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST BAPTIST: 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST BRETHREN: 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora. Woody Slade, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA GRACE BRETHREN: 103 S. Willow St., Flora. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.</p> <p>FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SS: 9:15, SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA UNITED METHODIST: 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Rex Charles, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST: Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Mark Ramey, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m.</p> <p>HICKORY GROVE CHURCH: CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD: 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Chris Murphy, pastor. SW: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP: CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>LIVING STONE CHURCH: 54 Main St., Rossville. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m., Children's church available</p> <p>LOCKPORT NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH: East of Patton. Nord Zootman, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: CR 300 N, SE of Camden. Guy Studebaker, pastor. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN: 11810 N 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. James Baughman, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST: John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10:00 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m.</p> <p>PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI: Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Bill McLean. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>RADNOR CHURCH: Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>ROCKFIELD CHRISTIAN: Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN: SW: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: 16 Cason St., Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Corporate Prayer: 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 9:30 a.m.; SW 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Floyd Smith, pastor. 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