# Raising Peacemakers: A 7-Day Study on Parenthood



Explore biblical wisdom on parenting with a focus on nurturing children to become peacemakers in a divided world.





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#### Introduction

**Parenthood** is a sacred journey filled with challenges, joys, lessons, and growth. As parents, we carry the profound responsibility of not only raising children but of shaping the next generation of peacemakers—those who will bring reconciliation, kindness, and God's peace into a fractured world. *Raising kids to be peacemakers* means teaching them the values of empathy, forgiveness, humility, and courage, all grounded in God's Word.

Throughout Scripture, peace is more than just the absence of conflict; it is a deep, God–given wholeness that extends to our relationships with others. The Bible invites parents to model and cultivate this peace within their families. By learning from the lives of biblical parents and following God's guidance, we can help our children develop hearts that seek peace and lives that radiate it.

This 7-day study is designed to equip and inspire you to raise children who are not only kind and gentle but also courageous peacemakers. Each day focuses on vital principles from Scripture, practical insights, and reflective questions to help you internalize and apply these truths in your parenting journey. As you invest in this study, may you discover fresh light on how God calls us to nurture seeds of peace that will grow and flourish in your family and beyond. Let us embark on this transformative path together, embracing God's plan for parenthood and peace-making!  $\bigwedge$ 















#### Your Verse

Romans 12:18 - "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
- Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."







#### Devotional: God Calls Us to Pursue Peace Relentlessly

**Peace is a calling, not just a feeling.** Romans 12:18 challenges us with a powerful expectation: "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." This verse reminds parents that raising children as peacemakers begins with our own commitment to peace. We set the standard and atmosphere in our homes, influencing how our children learn to relate to others.

Jesus highlighted the value of peacemakers by calling them blessed. As parents, embracing this calling means we intentionally teach our children to value reconciliation over conflict, kindness over hostility. However, peace is often threatened by differences and challenges—this is why we need God's peace to guard our hearts and minds, as promised in Philippians 4:7.

Today, reflect on your own approach to conflicts, whether in your family or community. Are you modeling peace or tension? Your children are watching closely, learning the importance of pursuing peace through your actions and words. Let this day be a commitment to welcome peace into your home, so that you can guide your kids on the same path.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I respond to conflict in my home? Is it peaceful or reactive?
2.	What does it mean to me to be a peacemaker in my family?
3.	How can I better model God's peace for my children?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List times when you successfully pursued peace and what you learned.
2.	Write about your hopes for your children as peacemakers.
3.	Describe a recent family conflict and how it was resolved or could have been handled better.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** help me to be a vessel of Your peace in my family. Teach me to walk gently, to forgive quickly, and to lead my children in Your ways. May Your peace guard our hearts and minds today, shaping us into true peacemakers. Guide my words and actions so they reflect Your love, teaching my children how to live at peace with others. *Thank You for entrusting me with this sacred role.* In Jesus' name, Amen. 😂 🙏 🝑

















#### Your Verse

James 1:19 – "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 15:1 "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
- Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up."







#### Devotional: The Power of Gentle Listening and Response

Communication is a foundation of peace. James 1:19 reminds us to be quick to listen and slow to speak and anger—a principle vital in parenting. Children thrive when they feel heard and understood. When parents listen compassionately, they create safe spaces for children to express feelings, even difficult ones.

Proverbs teaches that our words either defuse or ignite tension. This day calls us to evaluate how we manage responses towards our children and others. Teaching kids to listen and respond kindly fosters emotional intelligence and peacemaking skills that last a lifetime.

Furthermore, Ephesians encourages wholesome, uplifting speech. As parents, our words carry weight. We build peace by speaking encouragement and addressing issues constructively.

Reflect on your listening habits and communication style. How can you grow in gentleness? This practice transforms your home into a peaceful environment where your children can learn to become peacemakers by example.







### Reflect and Apply

	How well do I listen to my children's concerns without interrupting or judging?
2.	Do my words build up or tear down those around me?
3.	In what ways can I cultivate patience in conversations with my family?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall a time when listening deeply changed a family situation.
2.	Write about your communication strengths and areas to improve.
	Describe a challenging conversation and how you could approach it differently.







#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, teach me to listen with the heart of Christ—patiently and lovingly. Help me to respond with grace, guarding my tongue from harsh words and anger. Fill my home with Your peace as I model gentle communication. May my children see Jesus reflected in the way I hear and speak. Thank You for Your unfailing patience with me. *Lead us all in Your ways of peace*. Amen.







# Day 3: Windness and Empathy









Day 3: P Nurturing Kindness and Empathy

#### Your Verse

Ephesians 4:32 – "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:12 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
- Galatians 5:22–23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"







Day 3: Murturing Kindness and Empathy

#### Devotional: Teaching Children Christ-like Compassion

**Kindness and empathy are seeds of peace in our hearts.** Ephesians 4:32 directs us to be kind and compassionate, forgiving one another just as God forgave us. Parenting with a heart of kindness teaches children to mirror God's grace in their daily lives.

The Apostle Paul encourages believers to clothe themselves with virtues such as compassion and patience. Doing so in your home nurtures an environment where peacemaking can flourish. When children experience kindness, they learn to extend it to others naturally.

Moreover, the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians shows us the inner transformation God works in believers. We aim to cultivate these fruits in our children's hearts by modeling them daily.

Consider practical ways to encourage compassion and forgiveness within your family. Perhaps it's through shared acts of kindness or conversations about how Jesus forgave us.







Day 3: Murturing Kindness and Empathy

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I demonstrate kindness and compassion toward my children?
2.	What opportunities can I create for my family to practice empathy?
	How can teaching forgiveness at home shape my children into peacemakers?







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#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a moment when your child showed kindness.
2.	List ways you can encourage empathy in everyday life.
3.	Describe how forgiveness has impacted your family relationships.







Day 3: Murturing Kindness and Empathy

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** fill my heart with Your kindness and compassion. Help me to forgive freely and teach my children the power of grace. May our family be a reflection of Your love, spreading peace wherever we go. Cultivate the fruit of Your Spirit in us, that we may become true peacemakers. Thank You for Your endless mercy. We trust You to guide our parenting journey. Amen.







# Day 4: Suilding Character through Discipline









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#### Your Verse

Proverbs 22:6 - "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 12:11 "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."
- Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."







Day 4: N Building Character through Discipline

#### Devotional: Discipline as a Path to Peaceful Character

**Discipline is essential in shaping peacemakers.** Proverbs 22:6 reminds us of the importance of guiding children on the right path from early on. Contrary to popular belief, discipline is an act of love when it trains children in righteousness and peace.

Hebrews acknowledges discipline's challenges but highlights the fruitful outcome—a harvest of peace. As parents, how we administer discipline impacts our children's character development profoundly. It should never provoke anger or resentment, but rather nurture growth.

Paul's instruction in Ephesians reminds fathers (and all parents) to avoid actions that exasperate their children, urging instead for patient, loving training aligned with the Lord's ways. This balance promotes peace within the home and equips children with strong moral foundations.

Reflect on your approach to discipline—does it foster peace or fear? How can you adjust to nurture character that reflects God's peace?







Day 4: <a> Building Character through Discipline</a>

### Reflect and Apply

1.	What is my current discipline style and its impact on my child?
2.	How can I ensure discipline in my home reflects love and builds peace?
3.	In what ways can discipline teach my child about God's righteousness?







Day 4: <a>4</a>: Building Character through Discipline

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a discipline moment that led to growth in your child.
2.	List discipline methods you want to learn or improve.
3.	Describe how your family can balance firmness with compassion.







Day 4: N Building Character through Discipline

#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious Father,** thank You for Your loving discipline that guides us toward righteousness and peace. Help me to discipline my children with wisdom, patience, and love, so their character grows strong in You. Guard me from frustration and empower me to be an example of Your peace in how I train my family. May our home be a place of growth and grace. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*  $\checkmark$ 















#### Your Verse

Matthew 18:21–22 – "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:13 "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
- Luke 17:3-4 "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them."







#### Devotional: Forgiveness: The Heart of Peacemaking

**Forgiveness is foundational to peace.** Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18 challenges us to forgive limitlessly—far beyond what feels natural. Parenting peacemakers means embedding this grace into daily family life.

Colossians urges us to bear with one another and forgive, mirroring the Lord's mercy. When children learn forgiveness early, they grow resilient hearts that mend relationships rather than fracture them.

Luke offers guidance on correction followed by forgiveness, highlighting the balance between accountability and grace. Teaching children to forgive doesn't mean ignoring hurt but choosing restoration and peace instead.

Consider how forgiveness functions in your home. Are grudges held? Are mistakes turned into opportunities for grace? As you practice and teach forgiveness daily, you cultivate a family culture rich with God's peace.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I handle offenses within my family?
2.	Do I model forgiving others freely before my children?
3.	What is one way I can foster reconciliation today?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you struggled to forgive and how you overcame it.
2.	List ways to teach forgiveness to your children.
3.	Describe how forgiveness has brought peace to your relationships.







#### Prayer for Today

**Dear Jesus,** thank You for Your boundless forgiveness that sets us free. Help me to embody this forgiveness in my family, teaching my children to forgive as You have forgiven us. Heal any wounds and soften hearts to pursue reconciliation. Let us be instruments of peace, spreading Your grace in all we do. *Oh Lord, teach us to forgive seventy-seven times and beyond.* Amen.  $\clubsuit$ 

















#### Your Verse

Mark 9:35 – "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."
- John 13:14–15 "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."







#### Devotional: Humility as the Foundation of Peaceful Leadership

**Humility paves the way for peace and unity.** Jesus taught that true greatness is found not in seeking status but in serving others. Mark 9:35 invites us to embrace the role of servant leaders in our families.

Paul deepens this call by urging believers to value others above themselves with humility. Our children learn from watching how we prioritize their needs and others' well-being above personal gain.

Jesus washing His disciples' feet exemplifies servant leadership—leading by humble example. As parents, we are called to lead similarly: putting aside pride, promoting unity, and fostering peace through service.

This day challenges you to consider ways to cultivate humility in your home. Encourage your children to serve joyfully, valuing others and reflecting Christ's heart.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	Do I model humility and servant leadership to my children?
2.	How can humility contribute to peace within my family?
3.	What practical acts of service can we do together as a family?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a time when serving others brought joy to your family.
2.	Write down ways you can encourage humility in your children.
3.	Describe what it means to you to be a servant leader at home.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** You are the ultimate servant leader. Help me to lead my family with humility and love, putting others first as You did. Teach my children the value of serving one another, and may our home be a place where peace reigns through humble hearts. Shape us into Your peacemakers, following Your perfect example. *Thank You for Your servant's heart.* Amen.







# Day 7: Living as Peacemakers in the World









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#### Your Verse

Matthew 5:9 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 14:19 "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."
- Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."







Day 7: // Living as Peacemakers in the World

# Devotional: Equipping Our Children to Impact the World Peacefully

Parenthood culminates in preparing our children to be peacemakers in the wider world. Jesus blessed those who actively pursue peace, calling them His children. Our goal is to raise kids who represent God's peace beyond home walls.

Romans encourages us to work hard toward peace that builds others up. Teaching children to pursue peace is not passive; it requires effort, courage, and faith.

Hebrews reminds us that peace and holiness go hand in hand—encouraging us as parents to focus on spiritual growth as a foundation for peaceful living.

As you conclude this study, pray for your children's lasting impact in communities, schools, and future families. Ask God to empower them to live holy lives dedicated to peacemaking, reflecting His glory wherever they go.







Day 7: 🌈 Living as Peacemakers in the World

### Reflect and Apply

1.	How can I prepare my children to be peacemakers in their communities?
2.	What role does spiritual growth play in fostering peace?
3.	What steps can we take as a family to extend peace beyond our home?







Day 7: 🌈 Living as Peacemakers in the World

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your vision for your children's influence on the world.
2.	List spiritual habits that foster peace in your family.
3.	Describe ways your family can contribute to peace in your neighborhood.







Day 7: 6 Living as Peacemakers in the World

#### Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for blessing peacemakers as Your own children. Empower our family to make every effort toward peace and holiness. Equip my children to carry Your peace courageously into the world, shining Your light in dark places. Help us to grow spiritually and lead lives that honor You. May our home be the launchpad for a legacy of peace. *In Jesus' powerful name, Amen.* 







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