



# God Talk At Home

**This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:**

Paul and Barnabas Separate

**Take Home Point:**

God works even when we disagree.

## Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Explain how you cut one loop of paper down the center and it ended up being two loops connected together. What does it remind you of? *(Kids cut a mobia circle—a special paper-cutting trick. It reminds them that even when we have disagreements, God can still keep us connected together.)*

## God Time at Home

*Select questions and adapt for your family.*

**FOR STARTERS:** Practice the mobia circle cut. Use a strip of paper 4" by 22" and tape the ends together to form a loop. But before you tape, twist one end one-half turn over. With your scissors, start cutting 1/3 of the way from the edge. Cut until you come toward the starting point. Cut around the circle again and back to the starting point. Talk about how sometimes, when we disagree with others, it is like cutting the loop down the centerline. But God can still keep us connected and we can work together.

**READ THE BIBLE:** Acts 15:30-41

**KEY VERSES:** Ephesians 4:26-27, *"Be angry without sinning. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the devil any opportunity to work."*

**TALK ABOUT IT:** Whom did Barnabas want to take, along with Paul, back to the cities where they had spread God's word? *(Acts 15:37. John Mark.)* Why did Paul not want John Mark to go along? *(Acts 15:38. John Mark had deserted them and had not gone with them to work on a prior occasion.)* What was the result of Paul and Barnabus' strong disagreement? *(Acts 15:39-40. They parted ways. Barnabus took Mark with him to Cyprus and Paul chose Silas to go along to Syria and Cilicia.)* Was this good or bad? Why? *(It may have been sad that they departed company, but God used it to spread his word to more places.)* How can anger sometimes cause us to sin? *(We may try to get even or hurt someone back for hurting us.)* What is God's remedy for anger and bitterness? *(Forgiveness.)* What can happen when we turn our anger over to God? *(Just like with Paul and Barnabus, he can make something good come out of what may seem bad.)*

**PRAYER POWER:** Thank God that even though we do bad things to him, he does not get angry with us but forgives us because of Jesus' death for us. Ask for the Holy Spirit to help family members understand that because of God's great love and forgiveness to them, they can choose to forgive others. Pray for anyone struggling with bitterness or anger that they can't let go of.

## Family Time Option

*One day this week, try...*

Pray for your church and, when disagreements happen, that people would not stay angry. Instead, ask God to use it to help more people learn about his love.

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