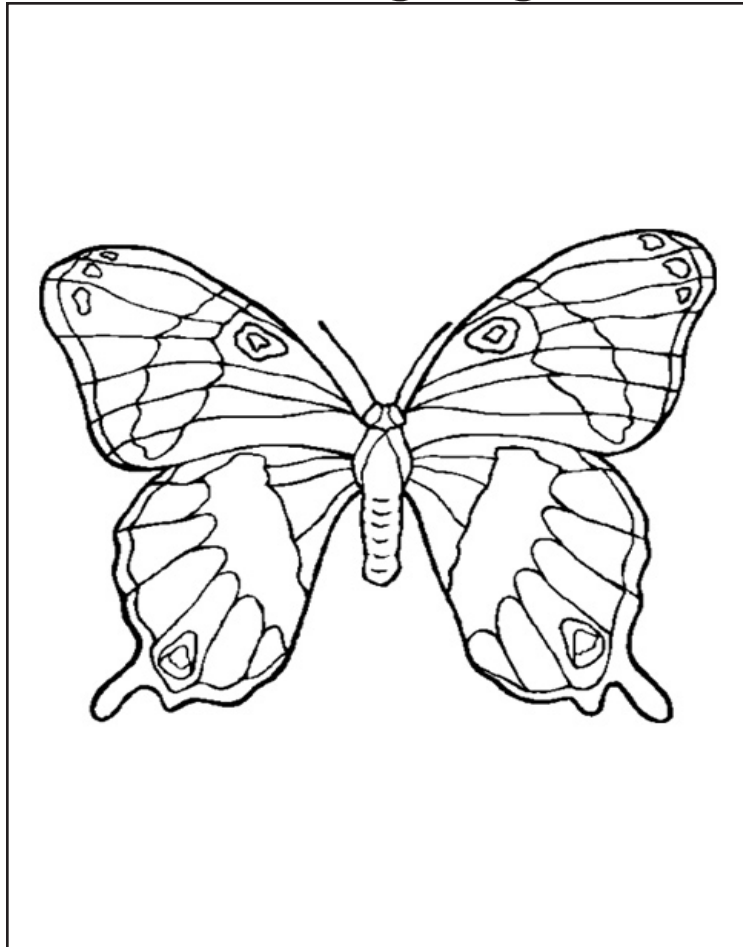
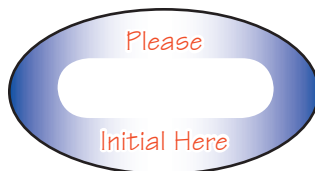


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Relationships in God's Creation

- Lesson Seven -

Brothers and Sisters (4)

Forgiving our Brothers and Sisters

I. Overview.

Because God desires us to love one another, we experience His blessing and goodness when we are at peace with our brothers and sisters. Although by our nature we do love our brothers and sisters, because we live together continually, it is not unusual for offenses to happen. We can become upset with one another. If we do not confess our offenses, our love for one another can become cold. We can even begin to have hatred for one another.



Even though we may be in one family, we still have our differences.

When we offend one another the one who committed the offense should confess. The one who is offended should forgive. God actually requires us to forgive one another. He has forgiven us the most. He wants us to forgive others their offenses. This is especially important in our own homes with our own brothers and sisters. In this way we can live in peace and happiness together.

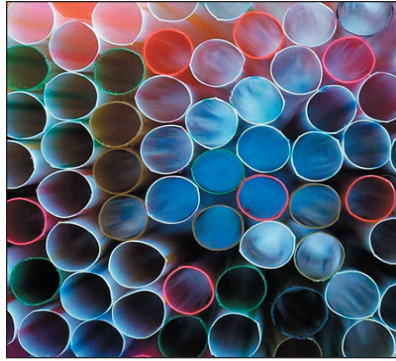
II. Memory Verse.

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you.”

(Eph. 4:32)

III. Lesson.

God desires us to love one another. It is because God loves us so much that He gave His only Son to die for our sins. If God loves each of us so much we also ought to love one another. We truly feel our best when we love one another and live in harmony with our brothers and sisters. God is pleased to bless us in a special way when we have such oneness.



God desires that we live together in peace and harmony.

Differences, Conflicts and Confession

Because we live so closely together with our brothers and sisters, we cannot avoid having conflicts from time to time. Usually conflicts come from differences and selfishness. Even though we live in the same family we are not all the same and everyone seems to take care of himself first. We like different things. Sometimes this brings in conflicts and bad feelings. Sometimes we are all selfish and inconsiderate of others. This causes us to hurt the feelings of our brothers and sisters. At times, members of the same family can become angry with one another.

When conflicts, hurt feelings and anger occur among our brothers and sisters, we should be careful to clear things up quickly. If we don't clear things up our love for one another can become cold. It is a sad thing when brothers and sisters in the same family do not have a strong love and care for one another. The way that we can help to clear things up is for us to confess and to apologize when we are wrong. Also if others have offended us, we should quickly forgive them when they confess and apologize to us.

An Excellent Example

Joseph's forgiving heart is an excellent example for us. His brothers disliked him and treated him in a very cruel way. They even sold him away from his family as a slave into a far away land. But Joseph did not hold bad feelings in his heart toward his brothers. Rather he forgave them. Later when he became the ruler of all Egypt, he could have treated his brothers harshly. But Joseph's heart was full of forgiveness and he treated his brothers in a kind and generous way. This is the best way for us to live with our brothers and sisters. We should be careful not to offend each other. When we do, we should confess, apologize and forgive. This will please God and He will bless us very much.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Where to conflicts usually come from?

2. What will happen to our love for one another if we do not confess, apologize and forgive?

3. How can we clear thing up when there are conflicts?

4. Who set a good example by forgiving his brothers?

