

Just Get Along

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for use as
STEP 1**Lesson 10****Focus:**

Christians should seek to get along even when ..

Lesson 10**Bible Basis:**

Romans 14:1-6, 13-15, 19

Lesson 10**Memory Verse:**

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
—Romans 14:19

Students will discuss how people can get along even when they disagree.

Materials:

- Whiteboard and marker (or screenshared document)
- Internet access

Begin your lesson by asking: **Why is it important for people to “get along?”**

Encourage students to give their answers. Write students’ responses on the whiteboard (or screenshared document). If you are meeting online, put the answers on a document and share your screen. After all of the answers have been documented, read them aloud. Next ask students to think about which of these suggestions would work with your own Sunday school group.

For most students, the summer months are a break from school. With this typically comes more time at home with family members. While this can be a great thing, more time with people can sometimes bring up conflict. Whether it’s getting along with siblings you have been spending a lot of time with, missing friends, or simply being isolated, it might take a little more effort to get along with others—especially when we disagree with them.

Let’s take a look at one expert’s tips for disagreeing respectfully with others.

Play the following video clip for your students [0:49]:

How to Respectfully Disagree #shorts

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/4DAd0yWMnbY>

Discuss the video with the following questions:

- **Did you agree with this man’s recommendation to communicate a shared goal or desire before sharing a different way to accomplish it? Why or why not?** (Accept all reasonable responses.)
- **Do you tend to avoid disagreeing with others, or are you comfortable sharing your differing thoughts? Explain.** (Accept all reasonable responses.)

➤ **Sometimes friends have to agree to disagree. Let's take a look at our group. How might we in this group agree to disagree in order to keep the peace during our discussions and get along?** (Answers will vary. Invite discussion.)

Getting along with others when you don't always agree is difficult. Yet, Christians are called to seek to get along even when they don't agree. In today's study, we'll look at this concept further.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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STEP 4 **Lesson 10****Focus:**

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Lesson 10**Bible Basis:**

Romans 14:1-6, 13-15, 19

Lesson 10**Memory Verse:**

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Materials:

- Bibles
- Paper
- Pencils/pens
- Whiteboard and marker (or screenshared document)

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class. Write the Romans 14:19 verse on the whiteboard (or screenshared document). Or, ask students to find the verse in their Bibles.

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Ask students to write down the verse along with one way they can personally “make every effort to do what leads to peace.” After a few minutes, invite volunteers to share what they wrote down.

Christians don’t always agree on everything! Surprised? Well, we are Christians, but we are also human, and getting along with others isn’t easy. The word “effort” is used in today’s memory verse.

➤ **Why do you think it takes effort to get along?** (Invite interaction.)

In the first Scripture passage, Romans 14:1-6, we learned about getting along with those whose faith is weak. This doesn’t mean that the person doesn’t have faith or want to grow in it. Instead, this could be a new Christian who’s just beginning to grow in faith, a younger sibling, or a friend who lives in a non-Christian home.

➤ **In the second Scripture passage, Romans 14:13-15, 19, we studied how Christians can live in ways that aren’t “stumbling blocks” to others. What might be a stumbling block in the life of a middle schooler?** (Invite discussion.)

➤ **What opportunities do you have this week to get along with another Christian believer?** (Encourage every student to come up with one practical way they can encourage another believer or reconcile if they have had a disagreement. If possible, have volunteers share the opportunities they think they may have with another student in the group.)

Getting along with other Christians isn't easy, but it is possible with God's help. The overall theme we looked at today is found in the word, "effort." Effort means: trying our best!

Before closing today's lesson, ask students to think again of the opportunity they came up with earlier in the discussion about their potential to get along with another believer. Encourage them to follow through with whatever it takes to get along with him or her this week.

Close in prayer, thanking Jesus for helping us live in harmony with other believers in spite of the effort that it takes. Remind students of the eternal blessings that come as all Christians will share in the glory of heaven together...where there will be no more tears or sadness.

Be sure to text or email students throughout the week. Encourage them to take the time and effort to get along with others—even if they disagree with them.

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