

Partners in PEACE



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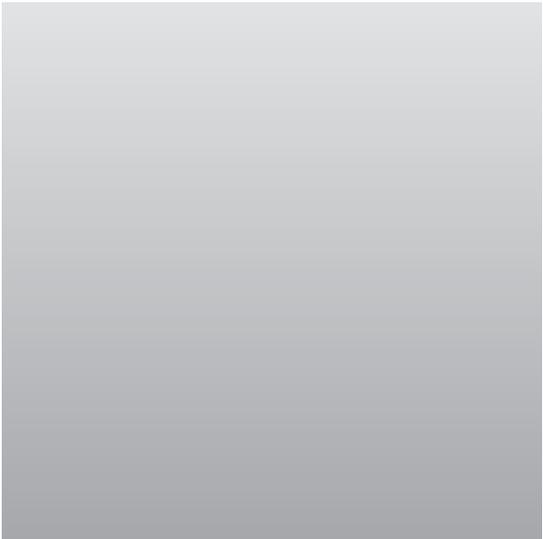
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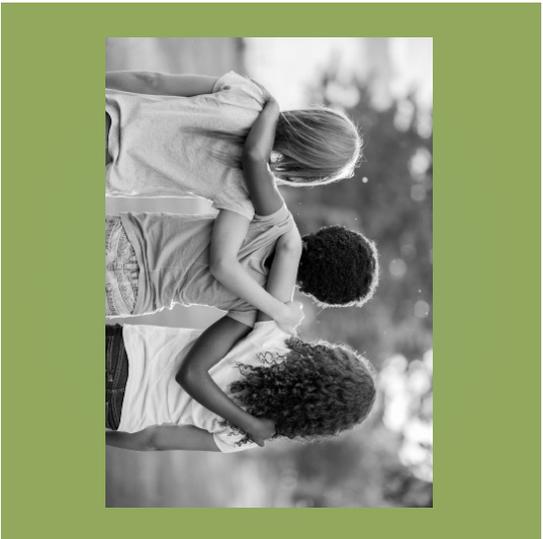
Unless someone or something is getting hurt, jumping in to referee a dispute between your children is usually a huge waste of time. (1) Kids often argue because they are bored or because they want your attention. Rewarding fighting with attention will only bring about more fighting. (2) If you didn't see what happened, it's hard to be sure who's telling the truth.

So, it's impossible to make any kind of judgment. They know, and that's why they are the only ones who can really resolve the dispute. (3) Kids need to learn how to resolve differences on their own, and that takes lots of practice. Family is where we feel safest, emotionally, because we are stuck with each other. We can make mistakes and not worry about losing someone's love.

Sit everyone involved down and tell

them that if they can resolve the argument on their own in _____ minutes, they will be rewarded with: _____.

Give them each a pen/pencil and a PARTNERS IN PEACE card to fill out. Explain that it "takes two to tango," and that disputes are rarely one person's fault. Everyone adds to the "fire," and it's possible to walk away from someone who started it. Help the young ones fill in their cards.



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Instructions for Partners in PEACE

MATERIALS NEEDED: You'll need paper that is heavier-than-normal weight for printing. Staples has a great Professional Business paper by HP that is 48 lbs and prints beautiful colours on most home printers. You'll also need scissors, a glue stick, a table knife (to crease folds) a straight-edged glass or jar, and (optional) a hole punch and some 1/4" ribbon to embellish the cards. Print 1 copy of pages 3 and 4, plus 5 or more copies of page

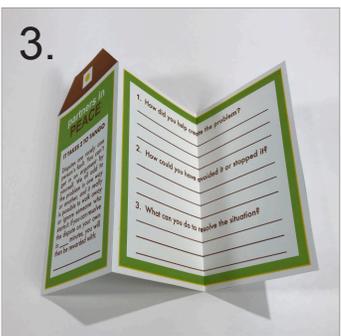


1. Cut all printed pieces just inside the dotted grey outlines.



2. Fold the left side of the PEACE cards as shown in image #2. Crease the folds with your thumbnail or the smooth edge of a table knife.

3. Fold the right side of the PEACE cards as shown in image #3. Crease the folds with your thumbnail or the smooth edge of a table knife.



4. If you choose to add ribbon, which is optional, punch a hole in the top of each card and push the folded end of a 5" strip of ribbon through the hole from the back to the front - as shown in image #4.



5. Then push the two ends down through the loop and pull them up tight as shown in image #5. Trim the ends of the ribbon, leaving about 1 1/2 inches.



6. Tape the "Takes Two to Tango" labels onto the front and back of the glass or jar and fill with the finished Partners in PEACE cards - see image #6.



7. Fold the two 3-square pieces as shown in image #7. Crease the folds with your thumbnail or the smooth edge of a table knife.



8. Glue the first (grey) and last (photo) squares onto the back of the adjacent squares. Image #8.



9. Glue the two sections of the fold-out card together using the blank tab. Fold it closed and place under a heavy book for an hour or so to flatten.

