

HITTING/ SELF-CONTROL



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FOR THE CHILDREN

What is hitting?

Hitting is when you strike and hurt someone.

Why do people hit?

People hit because they may be angry about something that was done to them, or maybe they don't really know that it hurts others.

What does God's Word say about hitting and fighting?

He [*Jesus*] does not fight nor shout; He does not raise His voice!
Matthew 12:19 (TLB)

A hot-tempered man starts fights and gets into all kinds of trouble.
Proverbs 29:22 (TLB)

Don't get into needless fights. Don't envy violent men. Don't copy their ways. Proverbs 3:30,31 (TLB)

What is God like?

The Lord shows mercy and is kind. He does not become angry quickly, and he has great love. Psalm 103:8 (ICB)

You are a forgiving God. You are kind and full of mercy. You do not become angry quickly. And you have great love... Nehemiah 9:17b (ICB)

What is self-control?

Self-control is doing what you know is right, especially when you don't feel like it.

What does God's Word say about self-control?

Patience is better than strength. Controlling your temper is better than capturing a city. Proverbs 16:32 (ICB)

A person who quickly gets angry causes trouble. But a person who controls his temper stops a quarrel. Proverbs 15:18 (ICB)

God our Father can help us have self-control.

For since he himself has now been through suffering and temptation, he knows what it is like when we suffer and are tempted, and he is wonderfully able to help us. Hebrews 2:18 (TLB)

I am with you! I am your God...I will make you strong and help you...
Isaiah 41:10 (GNB)

We are to be sorry for what we have done wrong, for hurting someone else.

Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Isaiah 1:16b,17a (NIV)

If we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. 1 John 1:9 (TLB)

Note to teacher: Ask the child if she/he is ready to talk to God our Father about hitting the other person. If so, lead in a simple prayer.

We are to make things right with the person we hurt.

Go...and make peace with your brother [*friend*]. Matthew 5:24 (TEV)

Note to teacher: Pray for the child and then have him/her apologize to the other person.