

Getting Along Day 1



Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#181) — KJV

Matthew 7:12 "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

♥ Apply the Promise!

The absolute best way to get along with others is to always treat them exactly the way we want to be treated!

Bible Story (Genesis 13)

Abraham and his nephew Lot were traveling through the land of Canaan. God had blessed both of them with large flocks and herds, but soon there was a problem. The land did not have enough grass and water for all their animals in one place.

Before long, Abraham's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen began to argue. One group wanted this pasture, and the other group wanted that well. The camp that should have been peaceful was becoming full of conflict.

Abraham was the older uncle, and he had the right to demand the best land. But he knew getting along was much more important.

He decided to treat his nephew exactly the way he would want to be treated. Abraham took Lot up to a very high hill.

He kindly said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between me and thee." Then he gave Lot the choice. If Lot went to the left, Abraham would go to the right. If Lot chose the right, Abraham would go to the left.

Lot selfishly grabbed the best land near the river, but Abraham did not get angry. He happily took the leftover land for himself. Abraham did not complain or fight. He trusted God to care for him, even if he received the less desirable place.

Abraham's choice shows us how to get along with others. Instead of grabbing the best for ourselves, we can think about how we would want to be treated. When we choose peace, fairness, and unselfishness, we are living out the Golden Rule.

True Story

In December 2012, a Kenyan runner named Abel Mutai was competing in a cross-country race in Spain. Abel was a strong runner, and near the end of the race he was in first place.

But as Abel came close to the finish, he became confused by the signs. He thought he had already crossed the finish line, so he slowed down and stopped about ten meters too early.

A Spanish runner named Ivan Fernández was right behind him in second place. Ivan saw what had happened. He could have rushed past Abel and won the race for himself.

But Ivan knew that would not be fair. Abel had been leading the race, and he had only stopped because he misunderstood where the finish line was. Ivan chose honesty over an easy victory.

Ivan began pointing and calling for Abel to keep going, but Abel did not understand Spanish. So Ivan came up behind him and gently guided him forward until Abel crossed the true finish line first.

The crowd was amazed by Ivan's sportsmanship. When reporters asked why he did not pass Abel and take the victory, Ivan explained that Abel was the rightful winner. He also asked what his mother would think if he won that way.

Ivan's choice gives us a clear picture of the Golden Rule. Getting along with others means we do not take advantage of their mistakes. We ask ourselves, "How would I want to be treated?" Then we choose the fair and loving thing, even when it costs us.

Discussion Questions:

- What unselfish choice did Abraham give to his nephew Lot to stop the fighting between Lot and his men?
- Why did the Kenyan runner, Abel Mutai, stop running before the race was actually over?
- Matthew 7:12 is called the Golden Rule. If you want your brother or sister to share their toys with you, how should you treat them today?

Activity:

Grab a smooth, bouncy ball and have the children stand in a circle or across from you. Roll the ball gently to them and ask them to roll it gently back. Now, throw the ball a little harder and let them return it the same way. Explain that getting along is just like rolling a ball! Whatever kind of attitude, words, or actions we push toward other people, they will usually bounce right back to us. Always choose to roll kindness!

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Day 2



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Romans 2:1 "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." **Matthew 7:1–3** "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

Apply the Promise!

If we choose to show grace and love to others instead of harsh judgment, God will help us show the same mercy He has shown to us.

Bible Story (Luke 7)

One day, a Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to eat at his house. Simon looked religious on the outside, but his heart was proud. When Jesus came in, Simon did not show Him the usual kindness given to guests. He gave Him no water for His dusty feet and no warm welcome.

While they were eating, a woman came into the room. Many people knew she had made sinful choices. She came quietly to Jesus, weeping. Her tears fell on His feet, and she wiped them with her hair. Then she poured sweet-smelling ointment on Him.

Simon watched and judged her in his heart. He thought that if Jesus really knew what kind of woman she was, He would not let her come near Him. Simon did not see her sorrow, her love, or her need for mercy. He only saw her past.

Jesus knew Simon's thoughts. He told a short story about two people who owed money and could not pay. One owed much more than the other, but both were forgiven. Jesus asked which one would love the most. Simon answered, "The one who was forgiven more."

Jesus helped Simon see that the woman loved much because she knew she had been forgiven much. Simon had been judging her, but he needed mercy too.

This story reminds us not to look down on others or judge their hearts. We do not know everything God is doing inside a person. When we remember how much mercy Jesus has shown us, it becomes easier to treat others with patience, kindness, and grace.

True Story

On a chilly January morning in 2007, a man in a plain cap and jeans stood near a trash can in the busy subway station.

He pulled a violin out of his case and began to play some of the most beautiful, difficult music that was ever written for audiences.

For forty-five minutes, over a thousand people rushed right past him on their way to work. Almost every single person completely ignored the playing musician.

A few tossed some spare change into his open case without even looking up, judging him to be just another ordinary street beggar playing today.

What those busy commuters did not realize was that the man was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the entire modern world.

He was playing a rare three-million-dollar violin! Because the commuters judged him based on his plain clothes, they missed a free world-class musical masterpiece entirely.

They assumed he was worthless. When we judge others by their looks, we might be completely throwing away a priceless, beautiful masterpiece created by God.

Joshua Bell's story reminds us that we can easily miss something precious when we judge too quickly. People are worth much more than their clothes, job, house, money, or outward appearance. God sees the heart, and He wants us to look at others with kindness instead of quick judgment.

Discussion Questions:

- How did Simon the Pharisee treat Jesus when He arrived for dinner?
- When Joshua Bell played his three-million-dollar violin in the subway, what did the people judge him to be?
- Why is it so dangerous to judge others based on how they look, what they wear, or where they live?

Activity:

Give everyone a brown paper bag with a delicious candy hidden inside. Scribble all over the outside with a dark marker so the bags look completely messy. Ask the children if they want to throw the ugly bags in the trash! When they open them and find the prize, explain that quickly judging people by their outside appearance causes us to miss the beautiful treasure God put inside their hearts!

Getting Along Day 3



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Romans 12:10 "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;"

💖 Apply the Promise!

*True brotherly love means stepping back to let others shine, happily
honoring them above ourselves!*

📖 Bible Story (John 3)

John the Baptist was a faithful preacher who prepared the way for Jesus. Crowds came into the wilderness to hear him preach, and many people were baptized in the Jordan River.

For a while, John was the one everyone came to hear. Some people even wondered if he might be the promised Saviour. But John never tried to make himself seem important. He told the people that Someone far greater was coming.

Then Jesus began His public ministry, and more people started following Him. Some of John's disciples became worried. They came to John and said that many people were now going to Jesus.

John could have compared himself with Jesus. He could have felt upset that the crowds were getting smaller. He could have tried to hold tightly to his own followers. But John did not want to compete. He knew his work was to help people follow Christ.

So John answered with joy. He said that Jesus must increase, but he must decrease. John was happy for Jesus to receive the honor, attention, and love. He knew that helping someone else be lifted up was not a loss, but a beautiful way to serve God.

John's story reminds us that getting along means we do not always need to be first, noticed, or praised. We can rejoice when someone else gets a special part, a compliment, or an opportunity. When we love others with brotherly kindness, we are glad to honor them instead of trying to take the honor for ourselves.

🌟 True Story

Orville and Wilbur Wright were two brothers who dreamed of building a flying machine. For years, they studied, worked, tested, failed, and tried again. They needed each other, and they learned to work as a team. Getting along helped them keep trying when their experiments failed. Instead of blaming each other, they shared ideas, solved problems, and kept working side by side.

At last, in 1903, their airplane was ready to test at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. But there was only room for one pilot. Both brothers had worked hard, and both could have wanted the honor of being first.

Instead of arguing, they chose a fair way. They flipped a coin. Wilbur won the toss and tried first, but that attempt did not succeed. A few days later, after repairs were made, Orville took the controls for the first successful flight.

Wilbur did not stand back with jealousy. As Orville's plane lifted into the air, Wilbur ran alongside it, helping steady the wing. He excitedly cheered at the top of his lungs!

That day, Orville flew for twelve seconds, and the world's first successful powered airplane flight was made. But it had taken both brothers working together.

The Wright brothers' story reminds us that love does not always need to be first. True love can rejoice when someone else gets the special moment. When we prefer one another in honor, we are willing to encourage, help, and cheer for others instead of trying to take all the attention for ourselves.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- When the crowds started leaving John to follow Jesus, what did John's followers complain about?
- Instead of demanding to be the first to fly, what amazing choice did Wilbur make?
- How does Wilbur's choice perfectly match the command in Romans 12:10?

🎨 Activity:

Divide the children into pairs and give each pair one large piece of paper and one crayon. Ask them to draw a house together, but tell them only one person is allowed to hold the crayon at a time! Explain that the only way to finish the beautiful picture is to take turns and happily let the other person shine. Romans 12:10 means we gladly step back to honor our friends or siblings!

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Day 4



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Ephesians 4:31–32 "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Because God has completely forgiven all our sins, He can give us the strength to let go of our anger and kindly forgive others!

📖 Bible Story (Luke 22)

On the night before Jesus died, He went with His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane. While He was there, a crowd came with swords and clubs to arrest Him.

The disciples were frightened and upset. They loved Jesus and did not want Him to be taken away. Peter pulled out a sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

But Jesus did not want His followers to fight with anger. He told Peter to stop and put away his sword. Jesus was showing that His kingdom is not built by wrath, revenge, or violence.

Then Jesus did something amazing. The wounded servant had come with the men who were arresting Him, but Jesus still showed him mercy. He reached out His hand and healed the man's ear.

Jesus could have called angels to defend Him. He could have spoken angry words to the men who were treating Him unfairly. Instead, He chose kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness.

In that dark garden, Jesus showed what Ephesians 4:31–32 means. He put away bitterness, wrath, anger, and evil speaking. He answered hatred with healing.

Jesus' story reminds us that getting along often begins when we put down our own "weapons" of anger. We may not carry swords, but we can hurt others with sharp words, cold silence, or revengeful actions. Jesus can help us put those things away and choose kindness, forgiveness, and mercy instead.

☀️ True Story

In December 1914, World War I was raging across Europe. British and German soldiers lived in muddy trenches only a short distance apart. They saw each other as enemies.

The fighting had brought fear, anger, and bitterness. Many soldiers were exhausted, far from home, and missing their families. It would have been easy for their hearts to stay full of wrath and hatred.

Then, on Christmas Eve, something unexpected happened. The guns grew quiet. Across the dark battlefield, British soldiers heard German soldiers singing a Christmas carol. Some had placed small candles near their trenches.

Soon, the British soldiers began singing too. Slowly and carefully, men from both sides climbed out of their trenches and stepped into the dangerous space between them.

Instead of fighting, they shook hands. Some exchanged small gifts, such as chocolate, buttons, hats, or food. Some showed pictures of their families. In a few places, soldiers even played a friendly game of soccer.

The war sadly continued later, but for that short time, men who had viewed each other as enemies chose kindness instead of hatred. They put away angry words and treated one another like human beings instead of targets.

The Christmas Truce reminds us that getting along often begins when we let God soften our hearts. Bitterness, anger, and evil speaking can make people seem like enemies. But when we choose kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness, walls of hatred can begin to come down.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- When the angry mob arrived to completely surround Jesus, what did Peter quickly do with his sword?
- During World War I, what beautiful song did the German soldiers start singing on Christmas Eve?
- Ephesians 4 tells us to put away all bitterness and anger. Who is someone you might need to show God's forgiveness to today?

🎬 Activity:

Give everyone a heavy rock to hold tightly in their fist with their arm stretched straight out. After a minute, their arms will start to ache! Ask them to completely open their hands and let the heavy rock drop to the floor. Explain that holding onto anger and bitterness is exactly like holding that heavy rock—it only hurts us and makes us exhausted. Ephesians 4 reminds us to drop the heavy rocks and choose forgiveness!

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Day 5



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Philippians 2:3–4 "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

♥ Apply the Promise!

God's Word says that the secret to getting along is humility. We must stop demanding to be first and instead choose to treat other people as more important than ourselves!

Bible Story (Exodus 32)

Moses was high on Mount Sinai, receiving God's law. Down below, the Israelites became impatient and made a terrible choice. They built a golden calf and worshiped it instead of the true God who had rescued them from Egypt.

Their sin was very serious. God had brought them out of slavery, led them through the Red Sea, fed them in the wilderness, and spoken His law to them. Yet they quickly turned away and bowed before an idol.

God told Moses what the people had done. Then He said that He could set them aside and make a great nation from Moses instead. If Moses had been thinking only about himself, he might have accepted the honor and left the people behind.

But Moses had the spirit of Christ. He did not try to lift himself higher or seek an easier path for himself. Instead, he thought about God's name and the people who still needed mercy.

Moses prayed for Israel. He knew the people had sinned, but he also knew that God is merciful. Later, Moses even said that if God would not forgive them, he would rather have his own name blotted out of God's book than see them destroyed.

Moses' heart reminds us of Jesus. Jesus did not cling to His own comfort, honor, or safety. He humbled Himself and came down to save us, even when it cost Him everything.

This story teaches us that getting along means having the mind of Christ. Instead of always protecting our own way, our own feelings, or our own importance, we can ask God to help us care about others. Jesus can give us a heart that is willing to serve, forgive, pray, and seek peace.

True Story

Eugenio Monti was a famous Italian bobsled driver competing in the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. He was one of the best drivers in the world, and after his run, his team was in first place.

His biggest rivals were the British team, driven by Tony Nash. Just before their final run, the British team discovered a serious problem. A bolt on the rear axle of their sled had broken. Without it, they could not safely steer. They were about to withdraw from the competition.

Eugenio could have easily ignored them. If the British team quit, Eugenio's gold medal was almost guaranteed. Instead, he immediately grabbed a wrench, removed the exact bolt off his own sled, and sent it down the mountain to his rivals. Eugenio did not want to win by watching someone else fail.

The British team attached the bolt, made their final run, and won the gold medal. Eugenio's team finished with the bronze.

When reporters praised Eugenio for helping his rivals, he did not brag or try to take credit. He simply said that Tony Nash did not win because of the bolt; he won because he drove the fastest run.

Eugenio's story reminds us that getting along means caring more about what is right than about being first. A selfish heart says, "I hope they fail so I can win." But the mind of Christ says, "How can I help?" When we love others, we can rejoice when they succeed, even if it costs us praise, attention, or first place.

Discussion Questions:

- When the Israelites worshipped the golden calf, what amazing offer did God make to Moses?
- What did Eugenio Monti give to the British bobsled team right before their final race?
- Philippians 2 says we should esteem others "better than themselves." What is one way you can put a friend or a sibling first today?

Activity:

Have the children line up at a doorway. Tell them there is a special prize or treat on the other side. Normally, everyone would rush to be the very first person through the door! Challenge them to practice Philippians 2 by stepping back and saying, "After you!" to the person next to them until the entire line has gone through. Explain that true humility means we joyfully choose to put our friends in first place!