

# FAMILY DEVOTION!

## “How 2 Have A Good Church Fight”



“I Won’t Fuss, I Won’t Fight, I Will Handle Conflict Right!”



*“In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing.” - Philippians 2:14*

This week, we continue our series, “How 2,” and we’re learning that we must handle conflict God’s way! Conflict is going to happen. It’s nearly impossible to have relationships with people and not have conflict. Our different personalities, ideas, and desires can cause conflict with each other often on a daily basis. The question is, “How can we deal with conflict in a way that brings glory to God and does not harm our friendships?”

### **Read:**

Acts 15

### **Ask:**

- What did church leaders argue is required to be saved?
- Who was asked to come help settle the church fight?
- What did James say they should do to settle the argument?
- How did Paul and Barnabas respond to the church fight?

### **Say:**

Paul and Barnabas were invited to help resolve a church fight. Together, with James, they decided to look to God’s Word first for guidance. When they decided to focus on what was important, use God’s Word as a guide, and pray, God helped them to settle the church fight and move on! We have to do just what Paul and Barnabas did when we are face with arguments in the church.

### **Ask/Discuss:**

- What are some things that are easy to start fighting about in church?
- What should we do, as followers of Jesus, when we get involved in a church fight?

### **Pray:**

Pray that your children will choose to resolve conflict Biblically. Pray that in whatever challenging situations and arguments they may get involved in, they decide to focus on what is important, use the Bible as their guidebook, pray for God’s help, and move one.