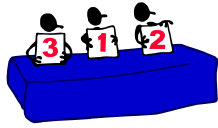


## FAMILY TIME IN GOD'S WORD



### THEME: JUDGING OTHERS

**Theme Scripture to read:** Matthew 7:1-5

**Verse:** “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged.” Matthew 7:1, 2

**Concept:** Sometimes we decide for ourselves what kind of person someone is based on how they look or what they do. Good or bad, smart or dumb, loving or uncaring, kind or unkind. Anytime we judge someone based on our own opinion, we place ourselves outside God’s grace and He judges us in the same way.

Read the above Scripture reference. Ask your child what he/she thinks it means to judge someone. Explain the difference of judging someone’s motives (which we cannot do) and being able to judge others by the fruit they produce (which we can do). See Matthew 7. Talk about what it means when the Bible says to look at our “fruit.”

**For illustrations:** you may present to your child some of the following scenarios and have them talk about what would be the right thing to do (as far as judging or not judging – especially in relation to fruit vs. motives). What would be the right thing for them to do if they were a part of this group?

1. A group of kids from church (in their Sunday School class) are talking about their lesson. They see Randy who doesn’t go to their church and all agree he must be a bad person.
2. Two boys get into a fight. Someone breaks it up and tells the big bully it’s not right to pick on someone smaller than he, and that fighting isn’t right anyway.
3. Kids talk about the new girl in school. She is kind and obeys the teacher. She must be doing it to get good grades.
4. There are some kids playing ball. There is a close call and one says the other is a dummy. One kid is mad and tells the other one “You flunked the spelling test and now you can’t even play ball right. You are just a big dummy!”

**A Family Activity:** Some evening, divide the family into two groups with each doing a little role play of someone judging another. Discuss what was the right thing to do in each situation. Were you judging motives or fruit? What is good fruit and what is bad fruit in our lives?

## KID'S CORNER REVIEW

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### PUZZLE

Look up these verses and find the words that fit the blanks. Use circled letters to find this secret message.

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_____	D	_____	Romans 14:10
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