

Conversation Guide



* Pray

- * Read Psalm 51:10
- * Ask God to remove any sin in your heart
- * Ask Him to speak through you in a way that your children can understand.
- * Pray for God to soften the hearts of your children towards people who look different than they do.

Now ... Start with God's Truth

- * Read Genesis 1:27
- * Tell or recall the story of creation. Name some examples and prompt your children to name examples of people in your life that are created in God's image.

- * Read Genesis 3: 16-13 / 22-24
- * Tell or recall the story of the fall of man from God's perfect creation and remind them that the broken world that we live in is a result of that original sin as well as the sin that we continue to choose over God's will for our life.

- * Read 1 John 2:9
- * Talk about hate, what does the bible say about Hate? Talk about how allowing Hate to remain in our hearts can lead us to sin against God and against others.

- * Read Colossians 3:8
- * Discuss examples that your children can relate to about anger and how it leads to sin in our own lives.

Then ... tell the story

- * Give your children the opportunity to share what they know about racism.
- * Discuss at an age appropriate level the stories of slavery, hate-crimes, segregation, and terrorism that is a result of peoples hate towards people who are different from them.

- * Tell a story from today's current events. As you discuss these crimes at an age appropriate level, use the names of individuals before you talk about the color of their skin, talk about how each of them was created in the image of God and that it was because of sin that lives were lost and completely destroyed.

- * Tell the story of protests and riots that are happening in your area.
- * Allow them to ask questions, and respond to the stories. Give them room and support to process the brokenness that doesn't line up with their ideal world.

Finally ... finish with God's Truth

- * Read John 16:33
- * Tell the story of the Gospel. Remind them of how the brokenness that we experience in this world fits into the BIG story of God's redeeming love for His children. Even if your kids have heard it a thousand times, they need to hear it again in this moment. They need to take heart in knowing that Jesus' death was enough to cover ALL sin.

Keep the conversation going & find ways for your family to play an active role in racial reconciliation in your community.

