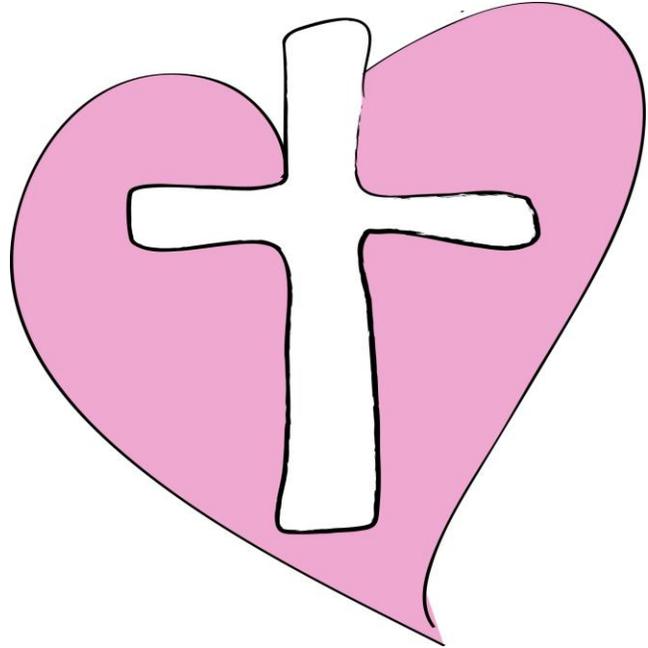


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## **The Family Communiqué**

**This Sabbath, July 11, is Communion Sabbath.**

**This is the quarterly opportunity for our membership to fund the Better Day Ministry (benevolent ministry).** We operate on an application and committee process where all applicants go through a spectrum of review prior to receiving a grant if their request is approved. In almost all cases we send the financial grant directly to the vendor assuring that the grant funds are spend as designated.

At the end of service there will be deacons at the doors with offering plates ready to accept your generous love offering to assist those in financial need! This is so important to those within our church family who need a lift from time to time or in an emergency and to the few in the community that we get to show God's love through financial assistance! The average financial grant request today is around \$200.00. The need is often great and we thank you in advance for the care and generosity you show for others.

We also appreciate the Better Day Ministry Committee and the work they do to provide an accountable grant system for our church.

Members are:  
Renee Schaecher - Chair  
Virgil Carner  
Maria Nehls  
Eric Johnson  
Chris Hausted

Funds have limitations and there is great need, but if you hear of someone who has a financial need please feel free to contact the church office so we can send them an application.

Thank you in advance! Renee - Better Day Ministry Chair

## **The Conference Offering call on Sabbath, July 11, is for Women's Ministries - North American Division**

From the beginning, the Women's Ministries Department in North America has been engaged in carrying out the mission of the Church, and that is "to proclaim to all peoples the everlasting gospel. . ."

Our Kansas-Nebraska Conference Department seeks to nurture and empower the women of our two great states by sponsoring spiritual retreats, providing leadership training and providing resources to equip ladies for service in whatever ministry they choose that spreads the work of God and His love for all people!

Some Kansas-Nebraska Conference initiatives that benefit Mid-America

Women's Day and Weekend Retreats in both English and Spanish  
God In Shoes - A Ministry to Women and their Families  
Women's Leadership Training - training women to minister effectively  
Ministry resource and Idea development including Bible Study Materials  
EnditNow - Domestic Violence and Abuse Prevention

When Jesus explained what separates the sheep from the goats in Matthew 25:31-46, He made it clear that ministry to others is a primary characteristic of Christians.

With the theme, "A Ministry for Every Woman," the North American Division Women's Ministries Department actively encourages every woman in the Church to be involved in service to others.

According to Ellen G. White, "They [women] can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their labor is needed" (Evangelism, page 465).

Today's offering is for North American Division (NAD) Women's Ministries.

Your gift, marked NAD Women's Ministries, will affirm the work of women in the church.

Visit [www.nadwm.org](http://www.nadwm.org) to view all of the wonderful resources, including DVD Bible studies that are available.

Thank you for returning the Lord's tithe and for your support of the Women's Ministry offering.

### **Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 19! Join us at Star City Shores from 10:30am to 12:00noon. All CVA**

PreK-12 families are invited. Bring your friends and neighbors and come and enjoy the fun, fresh air, and fellowship. See you all there! Lori Lambrecht, College View Academy, 402-483-1181 Ext. 46

**Are you interested in helping educate and mentor the youth of our church through the Pathfinder Ministry?** Maybe you were in Pathfinders as a kid, or enjoy the outdoors. Well, please join us on Wednesday night (July 15th) at 6:30pm in the College View Academy Chapel. We will talk about some future plans for the Piedmont Pathfinder club and our staffing needs. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with the youth of our church and to be part of a supportive staff team. The pay is not good, but the rewards are great. If you are interested, but can't make it or have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Ryan Lindbeck at 402-440-3505 or e-mail [ryan.lindbeck@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.lindbeck@gmail.com). It is going to be a great year for Pathfinders.

**My name is Norma Shepherd and I work for the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.** We have partnered with the Korean Union and their SDA Language Schools. They are seriously in need of teachers. We are looking for people who might be interested. The schools prefer 18-35 year olds. The position is for teaching conversational English and Bible classes and outreach on Sabbaths. The person must be a citizen of USA, Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa. They also are required to have a bachelor's degree from one of those countries. This is a salaried position with health insurance. It is also approved through the North American Division and the General Conference. **As of today we also need three Elementary School teachers to teach conversational English for the Korean Union. This is an urgent need as they need to be there mid-August! Same requirements but Elementary teaching experience greatly helpful!** We feel that this ministry is helping to spread the word of God's love for us and His Son's soon return. Thank-you so much, Norma Shepherd, Korean Mission Coordinator, Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, [koreanmission.ok@gmail.com](mailto:koreanmission.ok@gmail.com), (405) 761-0655

## Sibling Fighting: 5 Ways to Teach Your Kids to Get Along

By Kim Abraham LMSW and Marney Studaker-Cordner LMSW

**The Bill Cosby Factor.** In his stand-up routine, Bill Cosby shares how he handles sibling conflict in his home. He describes hearing his youngest child, who was around four years old at the time, yelling “MINE! MINE! MINE!” The comedian describes how he leaves the comfort of his couch to find his two daughters in a tug-of-war over a hairbrush, the older child saying, “No, give that back, it’s not yours!” Mr. Cosby, a loving parent, shouted, “Will you just give it to her?! Don’t you hear your little sister yelling?!” As the older child goes off crying about things being unfair, Mr. Cosby called out, “Hey, relax. She’s got stuff of mine, too!” He summarizes, “Parents are not interested in justice, they’re interested in quiet!”

The comedian’s story of intervening between his daughters is funny, in part because almost all of us can relate as parents. But which of us *isn’t* guilty of going to the child we *know* will be more likely to listen to us—more likely to put an end to the conflict—and trying to get her to resolve the issue with a sibling? Faced with two children—one who refuses to cope or negotiate or listen in any way, and one who has at least some age-appropriate skills—a parent is more likely to focus on the second child and ask her to “walk away” or handle things appropriately. This can also contribute to resentment on the part of that sibling, who has her own breaking point and will get tired of always being the one responsible for resolving the conflict.

### Sibling Fighting: How to Help Your Kids “Work It Out”

The idea of allowing children to “work it out” during a conflict is that it teaches them how to resolve arguments or differences of opinion on their own. But when one of your children is Oppositional-Defiant, it changes things. If you’re the parent of an oppositional-defiant kid, you’ve likely experienced the frustration that comes from trying to negotiate with that child. Siblings experience that very same frustration, but don’t yet have the skill set to effectively deal with the situation. They need you—the parent—to help them. Here are a few things you can do:

- 1. Teach Your Children How to Avoid Negative Situations.** An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Walking away from a situation where your brother or sister is starting to get upset is one way of stopping a conflict before it begins. Help your kids identify situations where it’s best to “stop it before it even starts.” You might say, “What does Tim do when he’s starting to get in that angry mood?” Your other child might say, “His voice gets louder and he starts pointing at me.” You can then say, “When you see those warning signs, just walk away—nothing good is going to come of staying in there with him and trying to ‘win’ the fight.”
- 2. Teach Your Children How to Recognize and Set Boundaries.** Let your child know that everyone has the right to their own physical and emotional space. If someone is deliberately provoking you with words or actions, you have the right to ask them to stop or to walk away. If that person follows you, they are crossing a boundary. Unfortunately, ODD kids tend to believe strongly in their own right to boundaries, but have little or no respect for the boundaries of others. This translates to statements like this: “I know I took your video game, but stay out of my room!” This can be extremely frustrating for siblings to deal with. If your child sets a boundary with a sibling and it’s not respected, that’s the time to come get you—the parent—for assistance and support in enforcing those boundaries.

3. **Praise Problem-Solving.** If one of your children does tend to be the one who walks away from fights or tries to negotiate with siblings rather than argue, make sure you recognize those attempts in a positive way. Learning to cope and problem solve is part of growing and maturing. Recognize that and praise any attempts either child makes to resolve a situation positively.
4. **Ensure Restitution.** If one of your children harms a sibling or takes something from them, make sure there is a consequence. For example, if Jake breaks Tyler's game, he needs to pay for it. If he can't pay for it, give him opportunities to earn the money from you to pay Tyler. Or, Jake may need to give something of his own, that he values, to Tyler. This accomplishes two things: Jake becomes the one who pays the price for *his own* actions (instead of Tyler) and Tyler learns there is justice in your home. Now, some parents may say, "Are you kidding?! If I took something that belonged to my ODD kid and gave it to his sibling, World War III would be declared!" But don't allow your Oppositional Defiant child to hold family members hostage for fear of retaliation. In the real world, if your ODD child steals from or harms others, there's restitution. If you decide the form of restitution we recommend would be hard to stick with or truly dangerous, identify another form of restitution that will fairly compensate the child who was wronged in the first place and then follow through.
5. **Be Proactive by Identifying Triggers.** Help your kids, particularly your ODD child, in a calm moment, identify situations that seem to be particularly upsetting or that provoke an argument between siblings. Then help your children identify ways to cope with those situations or avoid them altogether. Show your ODD child how managing his anger or emotions actually gives him *more* control in a situation than by reacting to someone else.

### **The Game of Life**

A family is like a sports team playing the game of life together. Not all the players get along. Not all the players like each other. But that's not a ticket to be mean or disrespectful. Your role as a parent is to model good sportsmanship, teach skills and intervene when necessary. If one of the players fouls a teammate or refuses to follow the rules, your job as The Coach is to bench that child temporarily in a time out. (You can't trade him to another team, no matter how much you may want to in the moment—and unfortunately The Coach isn't allowed to hide out at the hot dog stand until the game is over!) Even though at times we need to be able to laugh at what feels like the absurdity of parenting, we *are* interested in justice as parents—but we'll take the quiet whenever we can get it!

[http://www.empoweringparents.com/sibling-fighting-5-ways-to-teach-your-kids-to-work-it-out.php?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter07072015CXR&spMailingID=49042446&spUserID=MTAwMTg0NDcwOTc0S0&spJobID=720808597&spReportId=NzIwODA4NTk3S0](http://www.empoweringparents.com/sibling-fighting-5-ways-to-teach-your-kids-to-work-it-out.php?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter07072015CXR&spMailingID=49042446&spUserID=MTAwMTg0NDcwOTc0S0&spJobID=720808597&spReportId=NzIwODA4NTk3S0)