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Think of a time when you were angry with someone. Maybe you were fighting with a brother or sister. Maybe you argued with your Dad or Mom. Did you say or do mean things to show how angry you were? How did that make them feel? Did it hurt your relationship with them? Angry words and actions only stir up more trouble.

This verse reminds us that God doesn't want us to stir up trouble, but to promote peace instead. Listen to these situations. Which ones promote peace? Which ones stir up trouble?

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| 1) Teasing your younger sister            | 5) Making fun of someone who's different |
| 2) Apologizing and asking for forgiveness | 6) Sharing your candy                    |
| 3) Helping your brother pick up his toys  | 7) Thanking your mom for fixing lunch    |
| 4) Cheating when playing a game           | 8) Encouraging a friend                  |

God is a peacemaker. Even though we rebelled and sinned against him, God made peace with us by sending Jesus to die for our sins. God wants us to be peacemakers, too. Instead of saying and doing things that stir up trouble God wants us to promote peace. God says those who live this way are blessed or happy. It's not easy to promote peace. Our hearts are selfish and sinful. We need God to change our hearts and help us live in ways that are pleasing to him.

What are some ways you can promote peace this week with your brothers and/or sisters? Your Dad and Mom? Talk to God in prayer. Ask him to help you to be a peacemaker in your family.