

# Family Worship Guide: God's Pathway to Peace

### **Read Together**

<sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. (James 1:18 -21 ESV)

**Main Idea:** Our anger does not bring about the results we want. When we let God's word work in us so that we are slow to anger and speech, we experience God's righteousness and peace.

**Preschool and Kids Takeaway:** Getting mad and throwing fits may seem like the best solution to getting what we want. But it never works that way. The best thing for us is to look more like Jesus. That only happens when we believe his good news and live by his word by being slow to get mad and slow to speak.

**Students Takeaway:** Saying or sharing on social media mean things about someone may make you seemingly feel better in that moment. In the end, however, your anger and rash words do not fix anything. They make things worse. When we receive God's Word by faith, the Holy Spirit uses it to shape us into the image of Christ—being slow to anger and slow to speak.

**Couples:** What areas in your life are you quick to anger? What does God's word say about those situations? Pray for one another that you both might be quick to order your lives by the Word of God.

### **Pray Together**

Take a day each week to pray together with another family member, asking for God's help and praying for one another's needs.

## **Sing Together**

Oh, how I love Jesus.

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Oh, how I love Jesus,

Because he first loved me.

#### **Serve Together**

Make plans to serve in one of the ministries at MeadowBrook together as a family. Email mike@mbchurch.com for opportunities.

#### Bible Verse to Memorize

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 ESV)

Memory Song to the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb

God so loved the world he gave, the world he gave, the world he gave, God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son.

Now all who believe in him, believe in him, believe in him, Now all who believe him shall have eternal life.

