

Creating Peace at Home

by Fred Spangler

I build peace at home by trying to help my family the best way I can. Building peace is not as hard as everyone thinks. To have peace you have to have understanding. If there is arguing in your home, you have to be open to listening to both sides of the story. Have both fighting parties sit down and talk their problems out.

I build peace at home by being the best person I can be. To do that you have to let go of a lot of stuff that people say to you. If you are mad at someone, it is easy to take it out on another person without meaning to.

Building peace at home also starts with a lot of love. I love my family more than anything and they love me. To have love you must give love. I learned that a long time ago.

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Neighbors Working Together

by Mary Parker

In my neighborhood we work together to keep the peace. I try to teach the children not to fight with each other. Other adults try to get most of the kids to play games or sports together outside and to have a good time. We all try to teach our kids how to resolve problems and to allow them to practice resolving problems by telling them to talk it out; don't scream at each other; don't hit each other; be respectful to one another; be kind to one another. We show the children respect, so they can learn to give it back.

I try to teach my kids not to be rude to their elders or to each other because it reflects on the community. Hopefully, they'll learn this well and practice it when they go out into the community.

We have to encourage some parents to be outside with their kids. If they aren't, their kids cause problems. These parents must also help create peace in the community.

There are many ways to build peace in the community. Help the elderly with their yard work and taking out the trash. Talk to your neighbors to become friends. When you pass your neighbor, say, "Hi. How are you?" A neighborhood is a better place to live when it is a peaceful community.



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