



### **Instructions:**

- 1) Print this document on heavy weight paper, if desired.
- 2) Fold each piece of paper along the dotted line.
- 3) Trim the excess paper, leaving a small border.
- 4) Glue or tape the fronts and backs together. For durability, lamination is recommended.

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## Parent Guide for Heart of the Matter Cards



*"Good people do good things because of the good in their hearts . . . Your words show what is in your heart." Luke 6:45*

### GOALS

The purpose of this parenting tool is to help your child:

- 1) ACCEPT responsibility for his or her behavior.
- 2) IDENTIFY what he or she did wrong.
- 3) CONNECT inward heart attitude to behavior.
- 4) UNDERSTAND God's will for him or her.

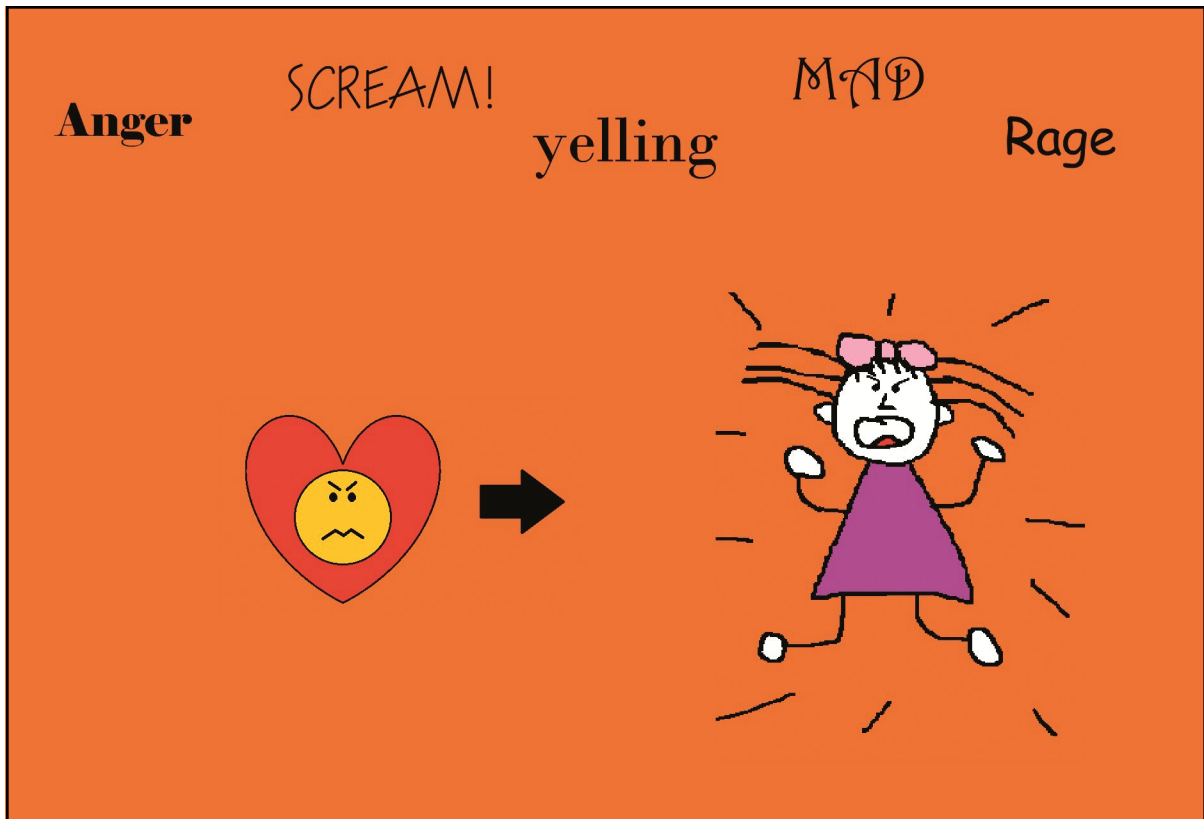
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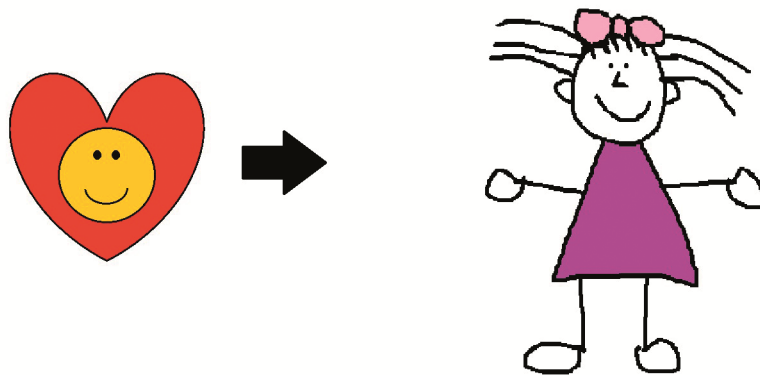
### METHOD

- 1) Provide many opportunities during the day for your child to learn about God's love, power and forgiveness when misbehavior is not an issue.
- 2) If a misbehavior occurs, provide an appropriate consequence.
- 3) After the consequence, when your child is calm, lay the cards out in front of him or her.
- 4) Use the following questions and statements as a guide: "What did you do wrong?" "Pick the card that shows that best." "Why do you think that was wrong?" "Let's see what you could do instead." (reverse card) "God has something to say about this. Let's read what it is." "What we have in our hearts, shows in how we act."
- 5) Add the salvation message: "We all make mistakes - but there is hope because God loves us and will forgive us." Seek and offer forgiveness. Remind your child that sorry is shown by what he does and not just by what he says.
- 6) Pray with your child over the specific area that was problematic. Hug him or her.
- 7) End by helping your child find a concrete way to make amends for the misbehavior.

Questions? Comments? Go to [www.cornerstonesforparents.com/contact](http://www.cornerstonesforparents.com/contact)



**"My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry. If you are angry, you cannot do any of the good things that God wants done." James 1:19-20**

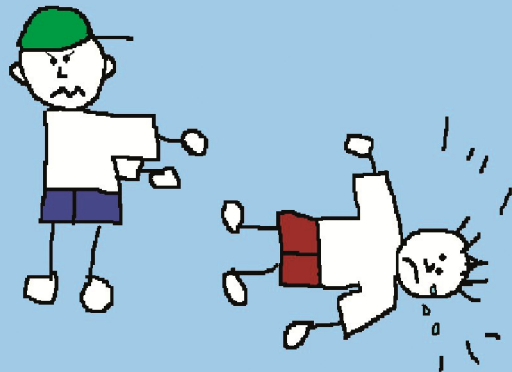
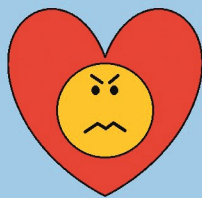


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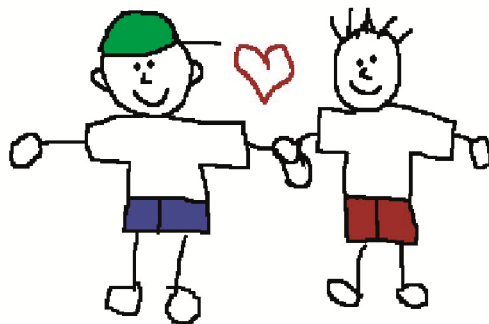
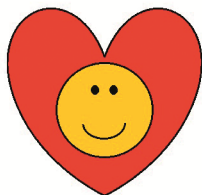
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LASH OUT

*pain*



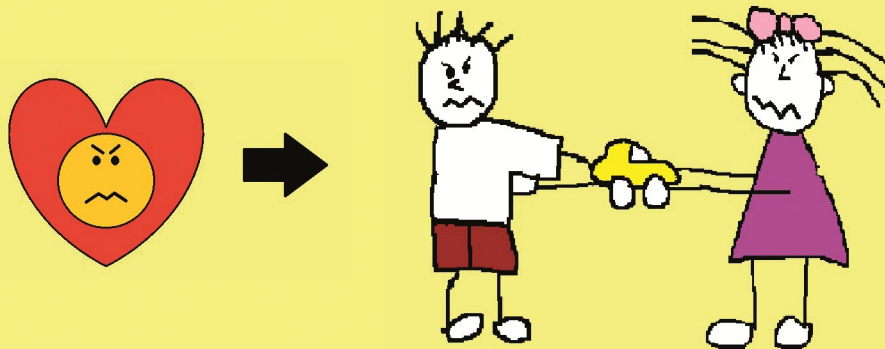
**"Always be gentle with others." Phil. 4:5a**



THAT'S MINE!

give me!!!!

**I WANT**

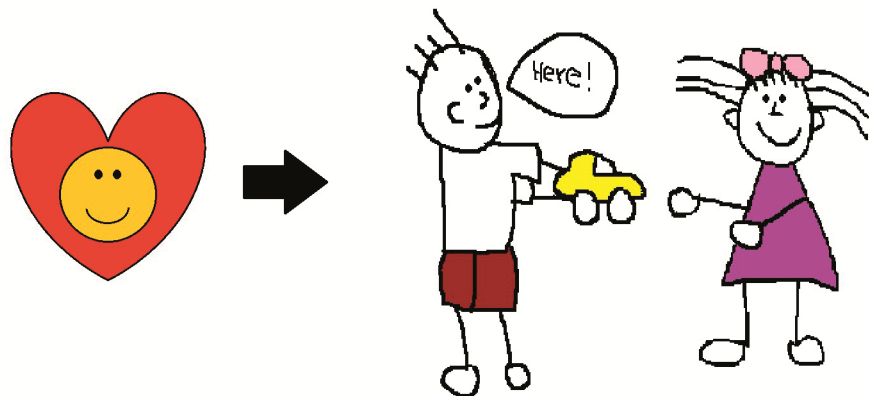


**"Do not want anything that belongs to someone else."**

**Deut 20:17a**

**"We have everything we need to live a life that pleases God."**

**2Peter 1:3a**



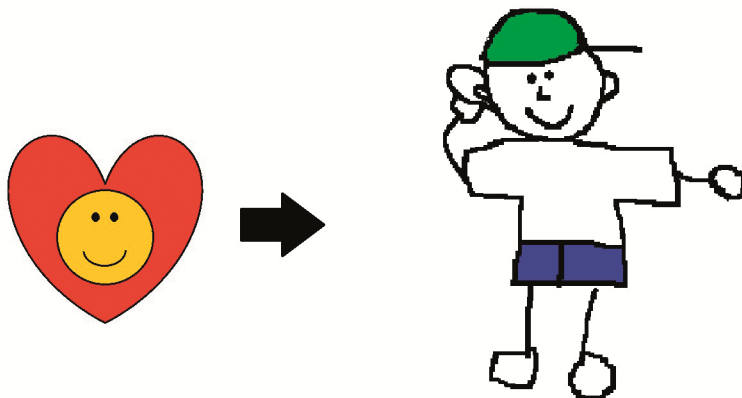
I WON'T LISTEN!

I want to do it my way!

I don't CARE!



**"God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget." James 1:25b**

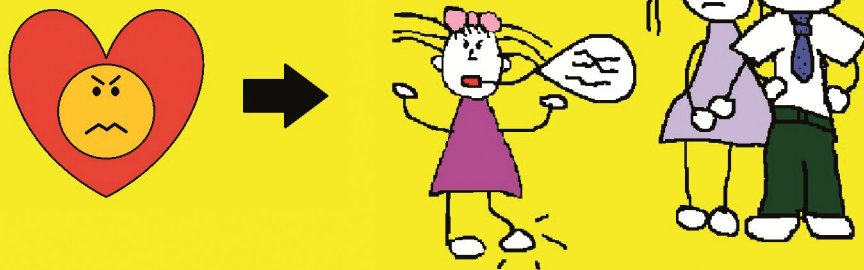


yell

back talk

I will do what I want!

**NO!!!!**



**"Children, you belong to the Lord, and you do the right thing when you obey your parents. The first commandment with a promise says, 'Obey your father and your mother, and you will have a long and happy life.' Eph. 6:1-3**

