

M&MS CLUB

Moms on a Mission

April 2018

Next Meeting!

Monday, April 9th

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fireside Room

What to know:

- Hospitality is serving a Specialty Salad Bar - from cucumber salad to pretzel salad and MORE!
- Mom Panel Discussion on: **Developing Sibling Relationships**
- Bring a friend!
- Please bring yearly dues of \$20 if you have not yet paid
- Childcare provided

April Birthdays:

Abby Donovan 8th

Crystal Rodriguez 13th

Josie Krueger 23rd

Simple Ideas to Nurture your Marriage:

1. Feed the kids early and let them watch a movie while you and your husband have a quiet dinner together.
2. Enjoy a cup of coffee together on the back porch after a hurried dinner.
3. After the kids are in bed, watch a movie together with your head on his shoulder.
4. Serve a plate of cheese and crackers before dinner.
5. Greet your husband at the door with a cold drink after a day at work.
6. Go to bed at the same time and talk for 10-15 minutes before the lights go out.
7. When riding in the car together, turn off the radio and talk.
8. Put love notes in his lunch or a text mid day.
9. Really listen when he talks.
10. When was the last time you kissed? I challenge you to a 20 second kiss!

*adapted from the fly lady.net

"I don't believe an accident of birth makes people sisters or brothers. It makes them siblings, gives them mutuality of parentage. Sisterhood and brotherhood is a condition people have to work at." - Maya Angelou

Siblings. Unless you grew up an only child, you have some experience with them. No matter the age span, they are a molding presence in youth and a friend or foe in adulthood. They can be the cohort of fun and memorable times or the source of painful scars.

Of course, raising siblings is an entirely different experience! I can't even fathom the infinite number of arguments I have mediated or fights I have refereed between the brothers and sisters in my home! Biting words, disrespect, squabbles over rights to an object; they fill so much of a momma's time! It's a wonder we get anything done some days!

And yet, we know it's work we must do. God says in 1 John 4:

"If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."

God is clear throughout His word that every relationship should be filled with love and should reflect the grace of our Savior. Unfortunately for our little munchkins, that starts with their siblings! And just as Maya Angelou says in her quote above, these relationships take work and it is up to us moms to foster them and put them on the road to friendship!

This month at M&M's we will hear from a panel of moms who have been in the thick of developing sibling relations and we will hear how they kept the peace (and their sanity)!

I know that Spring is in the air and the evenings are getting nicer to be outside and enjoy, but I hope you'll finish our M&M's year with us! We have just April and May left to encourage each and every one of you on your journey. I hope to see you there!

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