

# Bickering Christians

Lesson 8

Biblical Limits of the Lawsuit

## The Teacher's Preparation

**Scripture Passages to Study:** I Corinthians 1 & 6

**Study Guide:** Read "Bickering Christians: Biblical Limits of the Lawsuit" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 1*.

**Lesson Objective:** No good can come from a born-again believer bringing a lawsuit against another believer in a court of law before an unsaved judge. On the contrary, lawsuits among church members are designed to cause damage to the church members, the church, and the cause of Christ.

**Lesson Application:** When I fight with another Christian, I hurt Jesus and make all Christians look bad.

**Memory Verse:** II Peter 1:5

## The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Peanut Butter and Jelly



"THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART..."

*And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.*

—II Peter 1:5

## Teacher Tips

Keep the application firmly in mind when teaching the lesson and creating activities. Make sure the lesson teaches it, the memory verse reinforces it, the activities review it, and the children know it.

## The Teacher's Lesson Plan

### **Materials:**

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich

If you are permitted by the pastor or the Sunday School Director to have food in your classroom, perhaps you could provide these sandwiches as a snack or treat for your students. It would be best to purchase pre-made, individually-wrapped sandwiches from your local grocer.

### **What You Could Say:**

When I was about your age, my mother would pack my lunch for me. Every morning, before I would leave for school, I would make sure that I had my school bag and my lunch bag. If I forgot my lunch, I would have to buy something from the cafeteria or, worse, have nothing to eat! Throughout the morning, I would wonder what my mother put in my lunch bag. She always packed something to drink and a snack—maybe fruit or cookies—and a sandwich. I still remember, as a young child, hoping that the sandwich inside was peanut butter and jelly—my favorite! Sometimes it would be ham and cheese, bologna, or something else entirely; but many times, it was peanut butter and jelly.

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are delicious! On one piece of bread, you have peanut butter; and on the other piece of bread, you have grape or strawberry jelly. You join the two pieces together to make one yummy sandwich. Imagine if you only had a peanut butter sandwich—no jelly—or just a jelly sandwich—no peanut butter. Wouldn't it be better if the peanut butter and jelly were put together?

Today, in our lesson, we will learn how people—and even kids!—should treat each other. Some kids in your class may have hobbies different from other kids in your class, but that does not mean that the class should play in two separate groups. Wouldn't it be better if everyone got along and played together? Just like peanut butter and jelly are good all by themselves but even better together, people can be even better when they join together to form one group instead of staying apart just because they are different from each other.

## Teacher's Notes

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Nothing  
great was ever  
achieved without  
enthusiasm.

—Ralph Waldo  
Emerson