

The image features a vibrant orange background at the top, which transitions into a teal background at the bottom. A thick, glossy orange liquid is shown dripping down from the top edge, creating a jagged, wavy border between the two colors. The text 'WHEN LIFE' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters across the orange section, while 'GETS MESSY' is written in the same style across the teal section. The overall composition is clean and modern, with a strong visual contrast between the colors and the liquid effect.

WHEN LIFE

GETS MESSY



Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: White Board and a Marker.

1. Time to Talk

Look Up and Read: Matthew 7:12. This verse is about treating others the way we want to be treated.

- What is the best thing that someone has ever done for you? (It could be a gift, an opportunity to do something, a kind word, etc.)
- Have you ever done something really special for someone else? What was it and how did they feel?
- How do you think you'd answer Josh and Beka's big question- what should we do for someone who is hurt or embarrassed?

Pray: Ask kids about the best part of their week or something they want God's help on. Pray for those things as a group.

2. Hands-On Option

Say This: Let's imagine that you are in charge and you get to make all the rules in your family. They can be any rules you want. Think about what you would want your family members to do for you or how you would want them to treat you. I'll list some of the rules on this whiteboard.

Do This: Call on kids and write their rules on the whiteboard. After a few minutes, stop and talk about some of the rules they came up with.

Discuss: Now, what if these rules were not for the people in your family to follow, but they were things *you* had to do? Would it be easy or hard to do the things we listed?

Discuss: Treating others the way we would want to be treated often isn't easy. It might take extra time or effort. How would your relationships get better if we treated other people the way we wanted to be treated?

The Point: Treating people the way we want to be treated isn't easy, but it can make a big difference in our relationships. If we don't know what to do in a situation with a friend or family member, we can think about how we would want to be treated and can do that for someone else.