

Appendix

Master Plan for the Family

When I Feel Unhappy with Someone, I Will...

Letter to Parents Introducing the "I Care" game

President's Challenge

The Master Plan for the Family

The Purpose of the Family

A happy home life increases the likelihood that children will experience wholesome emotional development, relate well to others, and make parents' values their own.

Children are a gift from God (Ps. 127:3). They are the "younger members of God's family" (*The Adventist Home*, pg. 161). To find Christ, to trust Him, to be reborn in Him, to grow in Him, and to follow Him is a journey that God has not left children to make alone. As God is a parent to us, so earthly parents are to

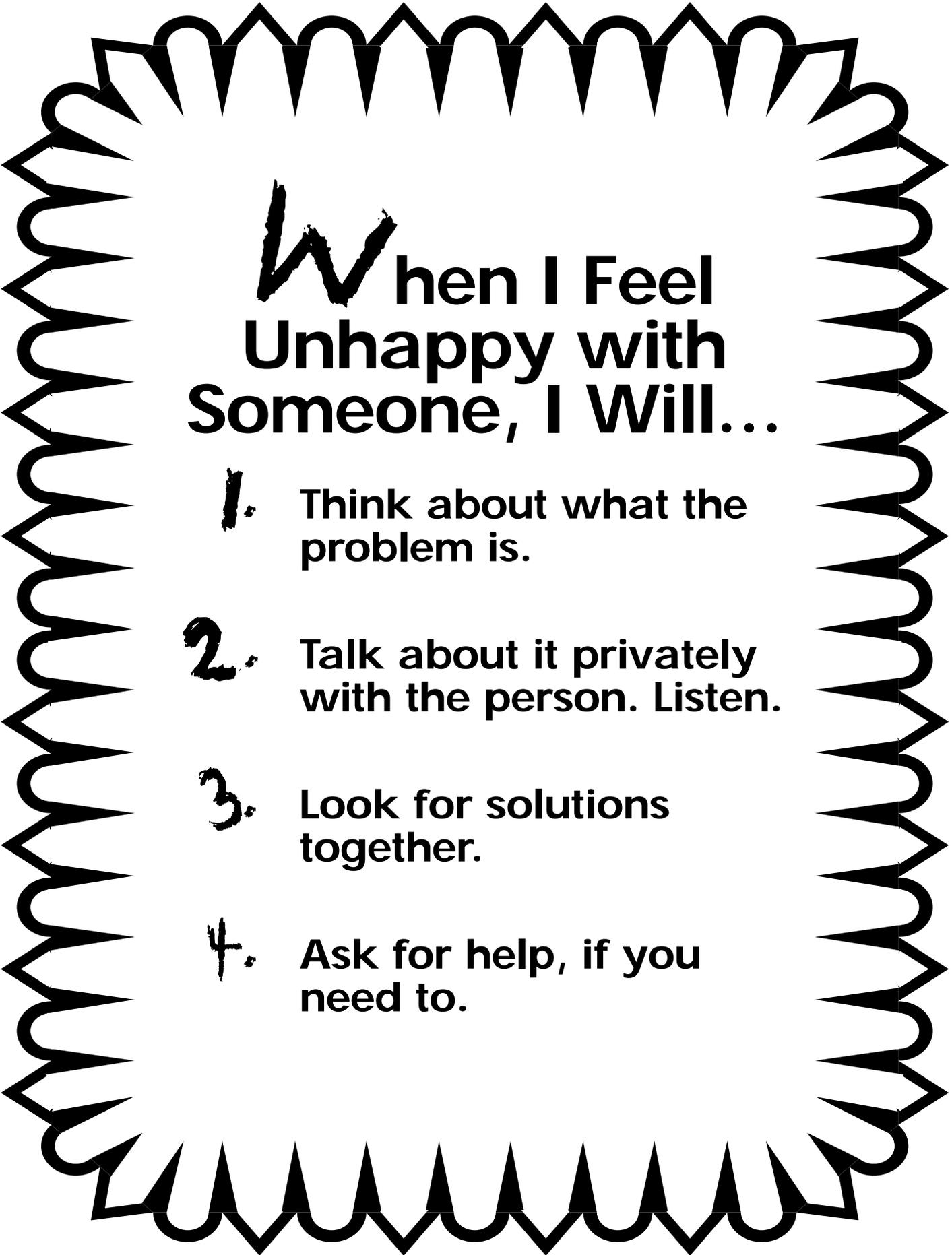
provide for, train, and correct their children. They, too, are to be adopted into the heavenly family.

"As workers for God, our work is to begin with those nearest. It is to begin in our own home. There is no more important missionary field than this" (*Child Guidance*, p. 476).

"It (the family) is a place where disciple-like relational skills are learned, and it is a primary group in which disciple-making takes place." *A New Design for Family Ministry*, Dennis Guernsey (David C. Cook, Publisher)

The Big Picture of the family

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Family	Objectives	To Reflect a Godly Image	To Conduct a Godly Government	To Multiply a Godly Heritage	To Nurture a Godly People
	Strategy	To Establish Identity	To Establish Harmony	To Establish Intmacy	To Establish Security
Gender Roles	Male	To Lead Your Family	To Bond Your Family	To Love Your Family	To Equip Your Family
	Female	To Report to Husband	To Complete Husband	To Respond to Husband	To Amplify Husband



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- 1.** Think about what the problem is.
- 2.** Talk about it privately with the person. Listen.
- 3.** Look for solutions together.
- 4.** Ask for help, if you need to.



Date

Dear Parent,

One of the requirements that your child must complete this year in order to earn the Builder pin in Adventurer Club involves participating in a special activity with the family. This activity is designed to help family members recognize and express their appreciation for each other.

The "I Care" Game works best when all the family members play it together. It can be played at family worship, family meeting, Sabbath afternoon, or as a special family night. Sit down together and list some of the special reasons for appreciating each of the members of your family. Then allow each family member to plan a special way to show his or her appreciation to each of the other members of the family. Some ways of showing appreciation to family members might include writing notes telling what you especially appreciate about each other or planning a special activity, favor, or gift for each member of the family. These may be given to each other in the form of a specially designed coupon that may be redeemed at a later date.

When all the notes or coupons are complete, it is fun to sit down with the entire family to read them. You will enjoy the feelings of pride and appreciation. You may want to discuss how each person's special attributes contribute to family happiness.

I hope you find the "I Care" Game a valuable experience for your family. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

"I Care" Letter

President's Challenge

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