

# DISCIPLINING THE KIDS

## Preparation

Proverbs 13:24, Ephesians 6:4

## Background

One major way a husband can show his leadership is disciplining the kids. That will take some of the burden off the wife and keep her from being overwhelmed.

Assign a class member to play the parts of Justin and Courtney in all three scenes and a third person to play a leader teaching a class in scene 2. Then have the class select a moderator to lead a wrap-up discussion at the end of the play. Give the “actors” a few minutes to prepare.

## Scene 1

### *The kids are playing one parent against the other*

Justin thinks Courtney is too lax about disciplining the kids and Courtney thinks he is too harsh. They have had words about it and now it is affecting the kids. Justin came from a controlling family and wants to make sure the children show proper respect. Courtney grew up in a quiet, stable home where no one was ever spanked. The kids are angry and unhappy but mostly side with Courtney. Courtney avoids conflict and just lets things go along.

## Scene 2

### *Justin and Courtney take the FIT Practical Parenting class*

They go to class for support and information about how to get past this impasse. They are more than halfway there because of their honesty with themselves and each other that this might be worth the time and effort.

Raising the kids is too major an issue in their relationship and family to just let things go on as they have been.

## Scene 3

### *They complete the class and apply the personal parenting plan*

The class has given them some new strategies to think about as well as new ways to look at them. They share each other’s personal parenting plans and work towards developing a joint approach. They acknowledge where the other was coming from based on their backgrounds and agree to draw the best elements out of both.