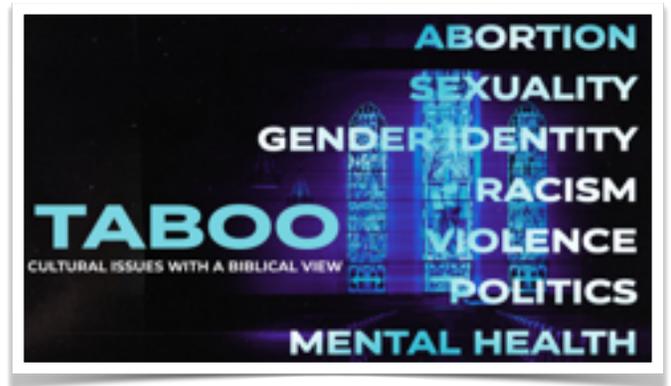


# Family Guide

Use this to guide your family discussion around these cultural issues. On the left are questions for understanding your students current point of view and the culture around them. On the right are questions to discuss from Scripture. Please use this as a “jumping off” point, it is not all-inclusive of everything you can/should talk to your students about.



## VIOLENCE

**Jesus Followers are peace seekers in a world of violence.**

### The Culture

What do you think of when you hear people talk about violence?

What are some acts of violence you've witnessed?

How do you feel about things like bullying, cyberbullying, fighting, cussing, etc?

Would you consider those things violence?  
Why/why not?

What kinds of violence do you hear on the news and social media that really bother you?

Why do you think all these violent things are happening?

How does bullying, shootings, violent protests, etc make you feel?

How do you view the world?

### Articles to read:

[Axis Ministries - Violence](#)

[Cultures Belief in Why School Violence Happens](#)

[Cyberbullying For Parents](#)

### The Bible

**Read Genesis 4:1-15**

What are your thoughts on Cain?  
Why do you think he was so angry?

Can you identify with Cain being angry or jealous?

How do you deal with people when you get upset?

What led to Cain murdering his brother? Where did he learn to that?

**Read Matthew 15:10-11, 16-20**

What is the root of sin leading to violence in these verses?

What is Jesus talking about when says the “heart”?

**Read Galatians 5:22**

Reading of this list of attributes, how is the fruit of the spirit that a Jesus Follower has a deterrent to violence?

How can a Jesus Follower be sure that they are not “violent” or prone to violence?

**Read Matthew 5:38-48**

How can a Jesus Follower be a difference maker in a world of violence?

Who do you know that needs the peace of Jesus in their lives? Would you pray for them now?