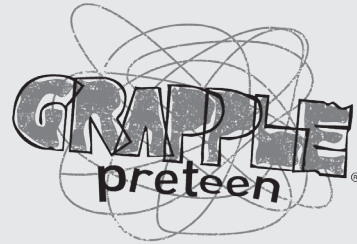


Grapple Parent Page

Grapple Question:

Is Being Liked What Matters?



Kids Learn:

Focusing on God's Opinion

Dig Into the Bible:

Psalms 139:17-18; Matthew 10:29-32; John 5:16-18, 36-44; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18;
Galatians 1:10

Fitting in—wanting to have the right clothes, watch the right TV shows, and hang out with the right people—is growing increasingly important to your preteen. And the media your child sees (magazines, TV shows, commercials, and movies) just reinforces this message of the need to be liked and accepted.

Take a minute with your son or daughter to thumb through some magazines targeted at preteens and teens (companies are starting to target these age groups together). Check out *Teen People*, *Teen Vogue*, *J-14*, or other magazines your preteen might subscribe to or be interested in. Count how many references to popularity or fitting in you can find. Then read Romans 12:2 together. Remind your child that fitting in with God's plan is more important than being liked.