

# Resilience for the Family

## Recovering from adversity

To practice **Resilience**, I will:

- Learn from my mistakes and then let them go.
- Not compare my situation to others.
- Not let a failure in one area affect my attitude in other areas.
- Ask for help when I need it.
- Look for reasons to have hope.



## Family Activity:

### The Carrots, the Egg and the Coffee

For this activity you will need a whole, peeled, hard-boiled egg, cooked carrots and a cup of coffee. Gather the family and talk about resilience. You may need to define adversity and give examples of tough times as a family or as individuals. Discuss what it means to recover or bounce back from tough times. Compare tough times to boiling water. The three items in front of you were all hit with the adversity of boiling water but they each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The carrots are like people who give up too easily. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The egg is like people who get bitter and carry a grudge. The ground coffee was unique, however. After it was in the boiling water, it had changed the water. The coffee is like people who learn from their mistakes.

Process it with these or similar questions:

Did you think these things had anything in common?

Can you think of a time when a difficult time caused you to be weak, like cooked carrots, and do something you shouldn't have done? (No need to share out loud.)

Can you think of a time when a difficult time caused you to be hard, like a hardboiled egg and hold a grudge against someone? (No need to share out loud.)

Can you think of a time when a difficult time caused you to make a change, like the coffee and learn from your mistake? (No need to share out loud.)

The next time you are tempted to be like the carrots and egg, will you remember the coffee and look for something positive?

