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Parenting: Stop the Argument Insanity

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Ron: Alright kids, stop listening. I'm going to tell your parents how to get you to stop arguing.

Announcer: For FamilyLife Blended[™], here's Ron Deal.

Ron: Arguing is an act of cooperation. A parent who can't get their child to stop arguing is a parent who is arguing with their child. Come on. Be the parent. Stop entertaining the argument by standing there and listening to it.

Yes, kids need to know the reason for your rule or decision—the values behind your rules are what you want to move them toward, right? But once an explanation has been given, stop standing there and empowering them to argue with you. Just turn and walk away. And then pick up the clothes they refused to wash themselves and put the clothes in time-out for two weeks. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

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