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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for Elementary

FALL C
Lesson 4

Love Through Obedience

“I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.”

Psalm 119:60

One of our favorite verses for obeying God in everyday life at home is, “Love one another deeply from the heart” (1 Peter 1:22)—it covers just about anything that comes up in relationships! I tell my kids, We show we love God by obeying what He tells us. Then I ask, How does He want you to treat [sibling’s name]? The response we’ve trained them to say is, “Love [sibling’s name] deeply from the heart.” I give the kids a moment to figure out what that means in this situation. If they cannot come up with anything I ask, Do you want some suggestions on how to do that? Over the years as our children have grown up, we see how making these choices has become more natural—until eventually, we haven’t needed to intervene when they’ve had difficulties with each other, because they’ve learned the “love deeply” principle!

Try This:

We put the Ten Commandments from Deuteronomy 5 into language our kids could understand. We phrased them as positive commands, because we know kids often don’t hear “don’t”! We sometimes choose one to work on for the week (“This week, we’re all going to work on telling the truth, all of the time.”). Here are our “translations”: Worship only God, no one else. Make loving and obeying God the first thing in your life. When you say “God,” be sure you are talking to Him or about Him. Keep Sunday as a special day to meet with other believers, worship God, read His Word, think about Him, and talk to Him. Respect and obey your mom and dad. Instead of hurting others, respect them. Take only what belongs to you. Tell the truth about others. Say things that make others look good. Instead of wanting what others have, be grateful for what you have. Try your own translation—and check in with each other at the end of the week on how you did!