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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for ages 10-12

FALL A
Lesson 1

The Power of Good Friends

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Romans 12:9

Your child may be involved with or witness to bullying and you might not even be aware of it. If not now, they will be involved at some point. Here are some skills to teach your child so he knows how to respond: **First develop good friends who treat you well. Hang out with good friends when you're on the playground or after school. Make a pact with your good friend to stick up for each other when someone picks on either of you. Be kind to everyone and never join in when someone else is picking on another student. Remember that every person you know has been created by God, and He loves them very much.**

Try This:

At our bedtime talks, when my kids open up more, I ask pointed questions and then do a lot of listening. I monitor how their relationships with others are going to help them learn how to deal with the tricky parts of dealing with difficult people. I might ask, **Of all the kids you know, who would you say is the hardest person to get along with? How does that make you feel? After they share, I restate it, I hear you saying . . .** Then I offer to pray and ask if there's anything else I can do to help with the situation.