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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for ages 10-12

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Lesson 5

Depending on God

*I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings
until the disaster has passed.*

Psalm 57:1

Preteens face hard situations. Because they may not share those situations with us, they need to know how to go to God themselves for help. When my kids let me know that they didn't need to be "tucked in" every night, I knew this was a step in their growing up and becoming more independent, but it was a little sad for me. I let them know, **I will still be praying for and with you.** Occasionally, they still call me back in for prayers and talks. But it made me realize all those years I had spent with them every night of their lives were special opportunities for modeling prayer for them and listening to their prayers. I knew relying on God had become a part of their lives when they would say how they had called on Him themselves: "Mom, I was afraid I wouldn't do good on my test today and I prayed that God would help me, and He did!" We rejoice together at God's presence and help.

Try This:

Consider yourself a partner with your child's school and make a positive impact. Pray for your child's teachers. Get to know your child's teachers by attending all the school events you can. Volunteer to help the teachers or the office workers or send in extra supplies for the teachers, and take part in teacher/staff appreciation days. You will be in a better position to help your child navigate successfully through these years as your child transitions into his teens.