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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for Elementary

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Lesson 5

Developing Respect

***“Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.”***

Proverbs 3:7

Sometimes I notice my kids are grumpy or have a bad attitude. They may respond in ways that are not respectful to a sibling or parent. Every parent has “The Look” they give their kids when they are out of line. I have an agreed-upon nonverbal signal I give my kids to let them know they need an attitude change quickly or I will have to intervene. Later, often at bedtime, we have a quiet talk about what happened. I let my child talk about how he felt and listen to his process of how he changed his attitude. I thank him for choosing to change his attitude and let him know that respecting parents and others is one way we show respect for God.

Try This:

We have a space on one wall where school artwork gets posted. I have several large frames hanging on the wall, and I insert the art pieces, rotating them out when new ones come home. Each family member is asked to comment about something specific they like about the new piece to the person who created it. This has created a positive atmosphere in our home, not only for appreciating the hard work and creativity of family members, but also a respect for each other that spills out into other areas of family life. I have caught my kids spontaneously saying positive things to each other about how nice their room looks, what delicious cookies they made, or how well they played in their basketball game—without my having to direct them!