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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for ages 10-12

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Lesson 5

Love and Respect at Home

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy,
it does not boast, it is not proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

With preteens in the home we have numerous opportunities to remind them to keep a rein on their attitudes. I let my kids know, **The tongue can burn and hurt people.** It's not too hard to find examples of this because it's easy for all of us to give in to sarcasm or verbal put-downs. When it occurs, I call them on it and ask them for a "do over." I try to model encouragement to family members by saying aloud qualities that I appreciate or something they are good at. I let my kids know, **When we respect each other and express our love, the home runs much more smoothly.**

Try This:

When I have one-on-one talks with my kids, I check to see how things are going between them and their siblings. I may ask, **When is it hard to keep on choosing to show God's love in our family? What helps you make the right choice?** I let them know I'm always available to listen and help.