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- 4. Ask each child how they will apply what they have learned from the verses. (Even your young children) You, as a parent, also share what you will apply. Remember that Bible study is for application and transformation not just for information.)
- 5. Pray together as a family (You and your children can take turns praying)
- For each other's requests
- To ask for God's help to apply what you have learned

Read Together: Colossians 3:8-14

8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, 10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—11 a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Talk Together:

- 1. In verses 8-9, what sins and habits should we "put off"?
- 2. In verses 12-14, what character traits should we "put on"?
- 3. Which of these character traits do you need to be more like Christ?

Conviction:

I will clothe myself with the character of Christ.

Application:

How will you practice putting on the character of Christ in your daily life?

Pray Together:

Dear Father, empower with Your Holy Spirit to turn away from old sins and habits. Enable us to put on our new self and become more like Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.



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