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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

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**Philippians 2:3-7**  $_3$  Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;  $_4$  do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.  $_5$  Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,  $_6$  who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,  $_7$  but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. (NASB)

## Talk Together:

- 1. Recall a person who you regard as gentle. What is he or she like?
- 2. How can someone become gentle in Philippians 2:3-4?
- 3. Who is our model of gentleness in Philippians 2:5-7? Why?
- 4. Would you consider being gentle as a strength or a weakness? Why?
- 5. Matthew 5:5, what did Jesus promise to those who are gentle?

### **Conviction:**

I will draw on God's strength to be gentle.

**Application:** How will you apply being gentle in the following situations?

- -In your family...
- -In school...
- -In your work...
- -In church...

# **Pray Together:**

Dear Lord, forgive us when we depend on our own strength. Give us the power to live in gentleness and become more like Jesus. Amen.



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