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- 2. Read the Scripture passage together with each person reading a verse
- 3. Ask questions about each verse
- 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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## 2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

## John 14:15

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## Talk Together:

- 1. In Matthew 5:20, what does the passage say about righteousness? What do you think this means?
- 2. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, how do we become righteous in the sight of God?
- 3. Since Jesus became our righteousness when He died on the cross for our sins, what should be our response to Him as stated in John 14:15?

### Conviction:

Because I was made righteous because of Jesus Christ, I will live righteously by obeying His commands. My love for Jesus will be my highest motivation in obeying Him.

# **Application:**

In what ways will you express your loving obedience to Christ's commandments?

## Pray Together:

Heavenly Father, thank You that through Jesus we are made righteous. As our response, we will obey and keep His commands because we love and follow Him. Empower us with the Holy Spirit as we do this. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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