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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:

Matthew 5:38-42 ³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰ If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. ⁴¹ Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

1 Peter 3:9 ⁹ not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

Talk Together:

1. In Matt 5:38, what does “an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth” mean?
2. In verses 39-42, how is this principle elaborated? How are we expected to deal with other people even those who hurt us?
3. Based on 1 Peter 3:9, what should our response be as Christians when we are hurt/insulted by others?

Conviction:

Through the help of the Holy Spirit, I will be more like Christ in dealing with others even to those who hurt me. I will give more than what is expected of me.

Application:

How will you exercise going the extra mile for your family, work, and friends? How about those who hurt you?

Pray Together:

Heavenly Father, thank You for setting the example that when somebody attacks or insults us, we can respond in love and not retaliate. Help us to live a radically Christ-like life so that many will come to know You. In Jesus Name, Amen.



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