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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:

Acts 15:4-10

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⁶They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; ⁷and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; ⁸and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. ⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶Rejoice always; ¹⁷pray without ceasing; ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Talk Together:

1. What were Paul and Silas doing in Acts 15:4? Whose orders were they following? What does that tell us about those in authority?
2. Do you think they were doing God's mission for them? Why or why not?
3. Who has been guiding Paul and Silas in their journey in v6-9? How does the Holy Spirit affect their decisions? What does that tell us when we make choices?
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Application:

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