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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for Elementary

FALL D
Lesson 2

Pray & Forgive

***“Call upon me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you.”***

Jeremiah 29:12

Sometimes as a parent it isn't easy to say, "I'm sorry." When I'm trying to control the situation or feel I have to be in charge, I don't want my kids to think that I'm "weak" by admitting I've blown it. But God wants me to be willing to admit my wrong, willing to ask forgiveness from him, then willing to forgive others. When I admit I to my kids that I was wrong, ask their forgiveness, then pray with them, they are usually much more gracious and forgiving of ME than what I ever expected. My honesty seems to make them respect me more, not less!

Try This:

The next time your child comes home with a story of a bully or a mean kid, repeat this verse together. God has promised that He will listen to us. And Jesus tells us to pray for people who might be our enemies. Make that child's name a regular one on your family's prayer list. Thank God for that kid just as he or she is. Invite God to change your attitudes, give you creative ideas and work His wonders in that child's life!