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Scripture Verse for the Week:

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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, please teach me to put myself last and to serve others first. Amen. (Mark 9:35)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, I come to you. Please come near to me and make me clean. Amen. (James 4:8)

A Blessing to Share:

May God come near to you and give you a pure heart. May he make you peace-loving, considerate, humble, kind and helpful. Amen. (James 3:17, 4:8)

Mealtime Refrain:

Let us come near to God:

And God will come near to us. (James 4:8)

Mealtime Prayer:

You nourish us with food, O God, for body and for soul. May love and kindness be our thanks, and service be our goal. Amen.

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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What does it mean to be “wise”? Whom would you describe as “wise”?
- In James 3:17, eight qualities of wisdom are listed. What quality do you wish you had more of? Why?

Devotional Practices:

In your household devotional times this week, pray together the well known “Prayer of St. Francis”. Discuss what it means.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Service:

Jesus said to his disciples “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.” Make a list of ways you can be servants to one another in your household this week. Decide together on particular things you will try to do for one another. As a household, monitor your progress during the week.

Rituals and Traditions:

September 21 is the United Nations International Day of Peace. Discuss how you can contribute to making the world a more peaceful place. Make a list of situations or places that are in need of peace. Light a candle for each one and say a short prayer: “Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, please bring your peace to ...”. Draw or paint symbols of peace and place these around your home.

Parent Toolbox: Promoting Peace at Home

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.” Reflect on this advice for promoting peace at home: **Model peaceful communication to your children.** Take responsibility for whatever part you may have played in starting or continuing an argument. Apologize for your wrongs. Speak without raising your voice. Listen carefully to others. **Seek peaceful solutions to conflict.** When conflict occurs, spend time clearly defining what the problem is. Explore alternatives to unacceptable behavior. Expect everyone to “own” the agreed solution. **Adopt a preventive approach to discipline.** Be sure expectations are age appropriate, clear, and understood ahead of time; and that consequences are related to the offense, clearly communicated, and as immediate and consistent as possible.

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