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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

Read Together:

Mark 8:34 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Philippians 2:3-7 "3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus. 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."

Talk Together:

1. In Mark 8:34, what does it mean to "deny yourself and take up your cross"?
2. In Philippians 2:3-4, what are the examples of denying oneself?
3. In verse 5, whose attitude are we following when we surrender our rights?
4. In verses 6-7, how did Jesus model this for us?

* Read also the stories of Isaac (Genesis 26:18-25) and Naamaan (2 Kings 5:1-14) to see more examples of surrendering one's rights and entitlement.

Conviction:

I will surrender my rights and walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Application:

What rights do we have to surrender?

Pray Together:

Dear Lord, transform us more into the character and lifestyle of Jesus. Help us to overcome our tendency towards self-entitlement. In His name, we pray, Amen.



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