

## Lesson 2: Hitting Devalues the Child



### Vocabulary Practice:

<p><b>Devalue</b> - to make someone or something seem to be of less value or importance.</p>	<p><i>Let us not devalue the work that he has done.</i></p>
<p><b>Bully</b> - to threaten to hurt someone, often frightening that person into doing something.</p>	<p><i>He managed to bully her into giving him her car.</i></p>
<p><b>Hurt</b> - to hurt someone can also mean to make someone upset or unhappy.</p>	<p><i>I didn't mean to hurt your feelings.</i></p>

**Dialogue Reading:**

*I don't care anymore!*

**Mom:** What's wrong with you Ted?

**Ted:** I don't love daddy anymore!

**Mom:** Why? What happened?

**Ted:** Daddy always hits me! It hurts a lot mom! He doesn't know how I feel after he hits me.

**Mom:** I am sorry for that, Ted. I know that daddy did that to let you know that misbehaving is bad.

**Ted:** But I'm not misbehaving, mom. Even at school my teachers always scold me because I sometimes hit myself or my classmates when I get mad.

**Mom:** Oh my! Dear, why do you do that? You know that it's bad.

**Ted:** It's because I want someone to feel how I feel when daddy hurts me!

**Mom:** Ted, that's terrible. You shouldn't do that, it's very bad to hurt others.

**Ted:** Why does daddy always hurt me? Tell him that is very bad to hurt people especially me, his son. I feel very bad mom.

**Mom:** I know, Ted. Don't worry, I will talk to your dad about your feelings so that he will know how bad you feel.

**Ted:** My classmates always tell me that I am a mean because I don't want to talk or play with them. They say I'm a bully.

**Mom:** Oh, Ted! I am very sorry, dear. Daddy and I did not mean to hurt you so much.

**Ted:** My teacher wants to talk to you on Monday at 3PM after class.

**Mom:** Why, dear?

**Ted:** Because of my behavior in school.

**Mom:** Ok, dad and I will go your school and talk to your teacher.

**Exercise:**

*Answer the following:*

1. What does it mean to devalue?
  - a. to reduce something in size or scope
  - b. to make someone or something seem to be of less value or importance
  - c. to ignore another's desires in favor of one's own
2. What does it mean to bully?
  - a. to threaten to hurt someone,
  - b. to cause oneself to become the focus of attention by evoking laughter
  - c. to greatly damage someone or something
3. Why does it devalue your children when you hurt them?
4. What are some ways to punish your child without hitting him/her?