

Lesson 9: Holding a Grudge



Vocabulary

Practice:

<p>Grudge - a strong feeling of anger and dislike for a person who treated you badly.</p>	<p><i>He wasn't one to hold a grudge, but he wasn't going to be friendly.</i></p>
<p>Forgiveness - to stop being angry with someone who has done something wrong.</p>	<p><i>To my family and friends, I beg your forgiveness for the lies I've told.</i></p>
<p>Nightmare - a very upsetting or frightening dream, or an extremely unpleasant event or experience.</p>	<p><i>I had a nightmare last night. A monster was trying to eat me.</i></p>

Dialogue Reading:

Why am I hated by my own child?

Mom: I really don't know why Chester's so cold towards me.

Granny: Did you talk to him?

Mom: No. Because every time I go to try talking with him, he runs away from me.

Granny: Why is that so? Children don't do that unless they feel upset towards someone and don't want to talk or play with them.

Mom: Is that so? Hmm, let me think. Oh! I remember! Maybe because I used to spank him every time he did something wrong.

Granny: Oh, now I know. You know Anne, it is not right to that to your son.

Mom: But he is very naughty at that time, mom. I don't know what to do with him. It's my first time being a mother.

Granny: But that's not the right thing to do. You will cause him to hold a grudge against you. And do you like that your son will hate you very much?

Mom: Of course not! I won't let that happen mom.

Granny: I think that Chester hates you because you did something bad to him. You know what? You should to talk him and ask for forgiveness.

Mom: Yes, I will. I don't want that my son will grow with hated for me. That would be my greatest nightmare ever.

Granny: It's a good thing that you realized that now. It's still not too late.

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is a grudge?
 - a. a long-lasting feeling of sadness or discontent
 - b. a strong feeling of gratefulness towards someone who treated you well
 - c. a strong feeling of anger towards someone who treated you badly
2. What is forgiveness?
 - a. to apologize for doing something bad
 - b. to stop being angry with someone
 - c. to help a person in return for their help
3. What is nightmare?
 - a. frightening dream
 - b. a feeling of loneliness
 - c. a pleasant dream
4. How would you feel if your child hated you?
5. What do you think is the right thing to do when your child does something wrong?