**Verse**

**Bible Drill Devotions**

***Green Cycle***

**6. Proverbs 15:1**

**KJV** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

**CSB** **A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath.**

**ESV** A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**Family preparation**: Gather two stuffed animals

**Family discussion**: What does it mean to be soft? Discuss various meanings (or if using CSB, to be gentle). Ask children to find something in your home that is soft (a blanket, a sweater, a stuffed animal). Talk about a soft and gentle tone of voice. What is the opposite of soft or gentle? Show the difference by giving the child a direction in a soft, gentle voice with a smile on your face. Then give the child the same direction in a harsh tone with a scowl on your face. Explain how soft and gentle words are peaceful and show love. Explain how harsh words make people angry and how harsh words are usually LOUD!

Read Proverbs 15:1. Ask the children to explain what that verse means or to give examples from their life.

Get 2 stuffed animals and act out a conversation with the animals that show how harsh words stir up anger. (If using KJV explain grievous: causes pain, suffering or sorrow). If time allows, let each child practice a soft vs harsh scenario with the stuffed animals.

Memorize Proverbs 15:1 this week. Use the verse this week in family interactions: Celebrate when soft and gentle words are used. If harsh words are used, model how to change the harsh words to gentle words. Let peace reign in your home.