



**SAY:**

There's a verse in our Blueprint for life, the Bible, that tells us what God says about dealing with how we're feeling. I want to teach it to you now. Just repeat after me:

**We know that (point to self with thumbs)**

**God is greater (point both hands up)**

**than our hearts , (hand over heart)**

**and He knows everything. (fingers to temples)**

**1 John 3:20 (make book with hands)**

**PRACTICE**

Say the verse with your family two times, having them repeat each line with the motions.

## *Discussion Scenarios*

- **Robbie is working so hard on building a Lego set, but as soon as he goes to put the last Lego on, the whole thing falls apart. He starts crying because he wants it to be perfect. What should Robbie do: give up on the Lego set or try his best to build it again?** *(Try his best to build it again) Yes! Robbie could take a break first, and he could ask for help, but he should definitely try building the Lego set again as best he can. It can be discouraging if we're working really hard on something and it falls apart. But, when we remember that Jesus only wants our best, we'll see that it's so important to keep trying.*
- **Casey's art class is working on self-portraits. A boy in Casey's class made fun of her because he thinks his self-portrait is better. What truth from God's Word can Casey remember to help her not get discouraged?** *(Jesus only wants her best) Yes! Casey can remember that as long as she gave the self-portrait her best shot, she is doing exactly what Jesus wants her to do!*
- **Justin is learning to play piano. He keeps getting some of the notes confused and is getting discouraged because he's not perfect. Does Jesus ever expect Justin to be perfect?** *(No) That's right, Jesus never expects any of us to be perfect. He only wants our very best!*
- **Callie's best friends are all really good at doing cartwheels. They do cartwheels every single day at recess. They keep encouraging her to give it a try, and she wants to, but she's kind of afraid of what might happen if she's not perfect on the first try. Should Callie try it, even if she may not do it perfectly on her first try?** *(Yes) Callie should show Jesus she loves Him by giving it her very best, and after practicing, she will get better!*

## *Discussion Scenarios Continued...*

- Jenna has a bracelet-making set, and she's really good at making bracelets. She loves giving them as gifts to her friends and family. One day, Jenna's little sister asks if she can play, too. Jenna knows that her sister hasn't ever done this before, and Jenna doesn't want to share because she doesn't want her sister to make a bracelet that isn't perfect. Is Jenna ever going to make a perfect bracelet either? (No) None of us are perfect. And, even though Jenna may be better at making bracelets than her sister, should she still share? (Yes) *Yes, because it's the loving thing to do.*
- In our story, Martha wanted everything to be perfect for Jesus. When she was working so hard, she noticed that Mary wasn't helping. How did that make Martha feel? (Mad) *Yeah, Martha got mad at Mary for not helping clean and cook.*
- When Martha asked Jesus who was doing the right thing, who did Jesus say was doing the right thing: Martha or Mary? (Mary) *Jesus showed Martha that she was so focused on trying to be perfect that she was missing out on visiting with Him. He told her that her very best was good enough for Him, and He just wanted to spend time with her!*
- What is a time that you felt you needed to be perfect?