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PRAY: Dear God, please help me develop self-control. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 3 READ: Genesis 4:6-8 (KBC Study Bible, page 6)

THINK: Cain didn't have self-control or treat Abel with respect. Cain let his jealousy get so out of control that he killed his own brother. We need God's help to live with self-control and treat others with respect even when it's hard.

PRAY: God, forgive me when I act out in anger. I need Your help to have self-control and treat others with respect. In Jesus' name, amen.

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THINK: This week's memory link is sometimes called "The Golden Rule." How do you think it got that name? Maybe because these wise words have great value, like gold. But they're only words until you live them out. How will you use self-control and treat others with respect today?

PRAY: God, I want to treat others respectfully, the way I want to be treated. Please help me. In Jesus' name, amen.

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