

■ KICKING AND SCREAMING

Patti and her friends are eating lunch at the mall. A mother and her three-year-old daughter are seated at a table near them. The little girl spills her milk on purpose, giggling as she watches her mother clean up the mess with several napkins. The girls watch as the mother slaps her daughter several times. The little girl begins to cry. The mother grabs her, pulls her from her seat, and drags her out of the restaurant. The young child is kicking and screaming through the whole incident.

- ▶ What would you do if you were Patti?
- ▶ What would you do if the girl were eleven years old?
- ▶ What if the little girl spilled the milk by accident?
- ▶ What if Patti knows the little girl and the woman from church?
- ▶ What if, the next day, Patti sees the little girl coming out of a house down the street with two black eyes?

● Scripture Guide:

Proverbs 24:11
Matthew 19:13–15

Ephesians 6:4
Colossians 3:21