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Catch yourself before you say something to a sibling that might hurt their feelings.

Pray for your parents one at a time during your personal prayers.

Pick a family rule that is hard for you to remember, and practice keeping it for a week.

Spend time doing some of your parents’ favorite activities with them. (If you don’t know what those are yet, just ask!)

Tell your parents about your last date or about something fun you did with your friends recently.

Research your family history with your parents, and take family names to the temple with them.

Tell your parents how their day went. Bonus points if you ask about a specific thing you know was making them stressed.

Tell your parents you love them.

Make a goal to tell your friends only positive things about your parents.