

FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

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DIGGING INTO



GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

Honor Your Parents

[Exodus 20:12](#)

[Proverbs 1:8-9; 20:20; 23:22-25](#)

[Ephesians 6:1](#)



THE LESSON

The Bible passages at left wonderfully express God's desire for children to love and honor their parents. Click the links and read the passages together as a family.

Perhaps the greatest Bible example of a child's obedience to his parents is that of the boy Jesus in the Temple. Watch the videos below and read the Bible text to review this story.

Jesus, when he was about 12 years old, goes to Jerusalem with his parents, Mary and Joseph, and many other relatives and friends. They all went to celebrate the Passover. After the celebration is over, Mary and Joseph leave for home. They assume Jesus is in the crowd returning home with them. When Mary and Joseph discover Jesus is not in the crowd, they head back to Jerusalem and find Jesus in the temple. He is there listening to and asking questions of the church leaders.

Mary and Joseph let their son know they have been anxiously searching for him. They ask Jesus why he is there. Jesus respectfully says, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Then Jesus shows his love for his heavenly Father and his earthly parents. He obediently returns with Mary and Joseph.

THE POINT

We show love to our parents by honoring and obeying them.



[Luke 2:41-52](#)

[The Boy Jesus in the Temple](#)

[Young Jesus Teaches in the Temple](#)

[Jesus As a Child](#)

Honor your father and your mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy a long life on the earth.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

Through the Week

- Parents, you'll love this one! Make a list of "challenges" your kids can do to help you out around the house. Include pictures if you have kids who can't read.
- Hang the challenge list somewhere your kids will see it.
- Explain that their goal for the week is to do as many things on the list as possible, crossing them off as they're completed.
- If your kids get through the whole list, celebrate together!



Sing to the Lord a New Song



[You Forgive Me](#)



[To God Be the Glory](#)



[Stand Together](#)

Watch [Viewpoints](#) and Discuss the Questions Below:



1. How does this video relate to today's lesson about honoring your parents?
2. Has your family ever had experiences like the ones shown in the video? Share.
3. Why are children supposed to obey their parents the first time they are told to do something?
4. Why is it better to obey your parents out of love rather than out of fear of punishment?
5. When you obey your parents out of love, to whom else are you showing love?
6. Put these words from God's commandment into your own words: "Honor your father and your mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy a long life on the earth."
7. Watch the video below for another take on this important commandment.



[Three Reasons to Obey](#)

