

The 10 Commandments

4TH – Honor your Father & Mother...

Memory Verse: 'Children, _____ your parents in the Lord, for this is right.' **Ephesians 6:1**

4th Commandment - '_____ your _____ and your _____, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.'

- Honor means to regard or treat with _____; showing of merited respect; _____
- _____ has ordained parents as your _____ figures and his _____
- Honor and respect should be shared both ways in the parent-child relationship, but children are called to honor and obey parents, _____ of their actions.
 - **Ephesians 6:1,4** - 'Children, _____ your parents in the Lord for this is right. Fathers, do not _____ your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the _____.'
 - This is the 1st & only Commandment with a _____.
- Honoring and respecting your parents shows _____ in life and faith
- God shows unconditional love by sacrificing His Son and we should show unconditional love to those around us, beginning with our _____!
- When a parent _____ you, they are showing you _____!
 - **Proverbs 13:24** - 'Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.'

We are allowed to _____ our parents when they tell us to act against _____ desires

- **1 Samuel 20** - Jonathan _____ his father, Saul, and spares David's life
- **Acts 5:29** - 'Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey _____ rather than man.'

How can we practically obey & honor our parents?

- Do what you are told the _____ time or do stuff without being asked!
- Don't _____! Sharing your perspective in a _____ (honoring) is different than arguing
- _____ to your parents and admit when you make a mistake.
- Seek your parents for _____ and _____ them in your life
- Thank them for the _____ they make, _____ they are, and _____ for them!
- _____ well of them around others (be honest---just don't destroy them!)

Regardless of how tough our _____ family is, we have a _____, Heavenly Father and are adopted into the _____ of God!

- **Romans 8:15** - 'You have received the Spirit of _____ as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Main Point: We _____ our parents through respect and obedience, because God has ordained them as _____ in our life!

Reflection Time

Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:

1) To me, honoring my parents means...

2) **Colossians 3:20** says, '*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*' Is this easy or hard for you to do and why?

3) One way to honor your parents is to see them as God's gift to you. List 3 ways your parents are a gift from God.

4) The hardest time for me to honor and obey my parents is...

5) What are 2 things you can try to do better to honor your parents?

Family Time

Confirmation Lesson B13

Your Name: _____
(please print your name so we can read it)

Parent Signature: _____
(DON'T turn it without a parent sig!!)

Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child's life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. A great time to do this is in the car, while eating a meal, or simply anytime you can enjoy together.

Memory Verse: 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.' *Ephesians 6:1*

1) Ask your parent(s): How was their relationship with their parents when they were your age?

2) Ask your parent(s): How did the relationship change over time?

3) Have each person get a piece of paper---now, have the student write 3 things they appreciate about the parent (if both parents are present, they get to write about each!!) and have the parent write 3 things they appreciate about the student. Write the results below. (If siblings or other family are present, include them too!)

Student about parent: _____

Parent about student: _____

Others: _____

Others: _____

4) Analyze the list---were the responses more task-oriented (i.e. works hard, does what's asked, etc.) or character-oriented (compassionate, caring, etc.)? Why is it important to appreciate the character and not just the task?

5) Have each person think of a favorite TV show (present or past) that includes a parent/child relationship. List the show and then, 1-10, how healthy is the parent/child relationship.

PARENT: _____

STUDENT: _____

OTHER: _____

6) Read Ephesians 6:1-4 and discuss the meaning. (*Feel free to look up unfamiliar words*)

Teens, what is your role according to these verses? _____

Parents, what is your role according to these verses? _____

7) Teen, ask your parent(s) for 3 ways you can be better at honoring and respecting them.

8) Parent(s), ask your teens for 3 ways you can be better at honoring and respecting them.

9) Pray together as a family---speak appreciation and gratefulness over each other. Use the things that you wrote down earlier and ask God to help you honor each other.