

Obey your parents

Hey Mom and Dad,

Family forms the building blocks of society. In the words of Pastor Bert Pretorius, "Where the family goes, the nation goes." As a church we are studying the word of God to hear His heart concerning our families so we can adapt our lives to His standard of family.

The series on "Family Matters" engages each member of the family to consider how the love of God can be better expressed through the individual relationships. Love and honour are essential in these relationships. Children learn to honour God as they honour the parents God has given them. As we teach our children to obey parents, which is a sign of honour, they will learn to obey God with the same vigilance.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To value and honour the parents God has given us
- To obey our parents immediately, cheerfully, completely and without complaining

As you start your time together, it would be beneficial to allow each child to express their thanksgiving and praise to God by saying, "I thank God for...."

If you have the conveniences, use the selected songs to enter the presence of God through praise and worship. God is with you as you gather in His name.

May you and each member of your family grow in your ability to express God's love to each other so that the world may see God's goodness through you.

We love you and your family.

3CKids Team



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What to prepare:

- Read Ephesians :1-3

Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4 (**Send Your Rain**)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5txkvjH3Pk> (**Perfect Love**)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRkgWQnbnN0> (**To Know You**)

Memory verse:

Ephesians 6:1

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Declaration for the week:

I obey right away, all the way and in a happy way

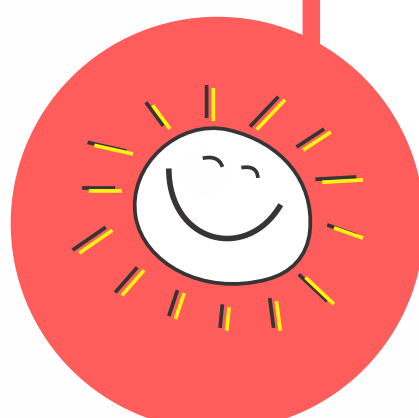
Activity Sheets

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity - Spot the difference
- Activity - Crossword
- Activity - Find the path
- Activity - Colour sheet

Fitness Fun

Join in the fitness fun and beat the winter blues.



Lesson Time

Opening activity: Red light, Green light.

Players all line up at a starting point. This could be played outside or indoors with some furniture moved out of the way. The goal is to be the first one to reach the end or finish line.

Say: "GREEN" – then every player runs.

Say: "RED" – then every player has to stop immediately

If anyone moves, they are out and cannot continue the race. (Go through a couple of runs)

Say: Today we are going to look at how we have been obeying our parents and learn to obey the right way, all the way and in a happy way.

Pray with me: *Father God, thank You for the parents you have given me. May your word today teach me how to love and obey my Mom or Dad they way you want me to. In Jesus name I pray. Amen*

Repeat the declaration: *I obey right away, all the way and in a happy way*

Lesson read: Ephesians 6:1-3

"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. Honour your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honour your father and mother, things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

Say: God gave us parents to raise us. He gave us Moms and Dads to teach us how to do everything from walking, eating to praising God. (Ask the kids what their Mom or Dad has taught them) Moms and Dads have a huge job to do and the best way to honour them is to obey them.

Ask: What does it mean to honour our parents? (let the kids answer)

Say: To honour our parents is to obey them (do what they tell us to do) and also show how important they are to us. When we obey our parents we do what they ask or tell us without being sad or irritated. It means doing what they say right away and doing it the right way.

"Obey your parents" is one of the ten commandments or special rules that God gave to Moses, a very long time ago, so His people could always be protected and happy.

Ask: Does anyone know any of the other commandments? (let them answer)

Say: When we obey God's special rules (the ten commandments) we can have God's special promise. God always keeps His promises when we follow His special rules.

The commandment "obey your parents" comes with a special promise that things will go well with us and that we live long in the land. That means God will help us live a really good life, way better than it would be if we did not listen to Him. To obey is more than just doing what we are told. We have to do what we are told quickly; do everything we are asked and be happy while doing it. When Mom and Dad call, God wants us to jump. He does not want us to leave them hanging and wondering if we are coming and He definitely does not want us to complain and sulk while we are doing what they asked.

Repeat the declaration: *I obey right away, all the way and in a happy way*

Say: Think back to the last time your Mom or Dad asked you to do something. Maybe it was this morning, or maybe last night. Did you listen? Did you hear them and do it the first time? Or did you ignore them? Maybe you thought you had a good reason...You were reading something or you were in the middle of a good tv program and just could not move quickly.



Those excuses do not work with God. God wants us to show our parents we love and respect them by doing what they tell us right away, all the way and in a happy way. We must not tell our Mom or Dad to wait and we must not ignore them. We must jump into action. (let the kids jump where they are as if their Mom or Dad is calling them – call their name and let them jump - do it a few times)

When we do what we are asked, we should not complain or be sad or say that it should be our brother/sister's turn to help. God wants us to listen and do what our parents say as if we were doing it for Him, with love and joy.

When we jump to do what our parents ask or say, it is an easy way to show that we love them and that they are important to us.

Repeat the declaration: *I obey right away, all the way and in a happy way*

Application questions:

- Why does Paul say we should honour/obey our parents?
- What are some of the reasons you do not always listen the first time to Mom or Dad?
- Why is it hard to pull away from the things you want to do to help your parents?
- What must you do right away when Mom or Dad call?

Say: We cannot change ourselves but the blood of Jesus helps us so we can be just like Jesus. Would you like God to help you to listen and obey your parents when they call? Would you like Him to help you to do what they ask quickly, and the right way with a smile on your face and joy in your heart? Let us pray for this.

Pray after me: "Father God, thank You for your word today. Please forgive me where I have not obeyed You and my Mom or Dad. Please help me to be like Jesus, a good son/daughter. Thank you that the blood of Jesus changes me now. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I will obey my parents right away, all the way and in a happy way. In Jesus name, Amen."

The five confessions of the blood:

When we speak about what the blood of Jesus has done for us, we are changed to be just like Him so we can love like Him. So, speak about what the blood of Jesus has done for you.

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose

Devotion plans:

The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate devotion.

Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

For any queries and/or suggestions email us: 3ckids@my3c.tv

