



Younger IK Groups- PreK- 1st grade

January 15, 2025

Bible Story: Honor Your Parents- Exodus 20:12, John 19:25-27

Big Idea: We show love to our parents.

The Win: Kids who can identify and take their next step of discipleship by embracing a preschooler's physical needs or engaging an elementary kid in things that interest them.

Wednesday Share:

Tonight during Impact Kids, we looked at Exodus 20:12 and John 19:25-27. God says to honor our parents, and he promises a long life for those who do. We can honor our parents by listening to them, not saying mean things to them, bringing them joy, and obeying them. Think back on your childhood. What were some rules your parents had that you didn't like? How do you view them differently now? Talk about this with your kids and get their feedback on your house rules.

Leader Devo:

<https://parkwaychurch.tv/blog/2025/01/06/jan-15>

Dig In to Prayer:

Ask God to bring peace to the families in your ministry.

Quick Tip:

Be sensitive to kids with one or both parents missing from their lives. There may be foster kids who are struggling with being separated from their parents, kids from blended families who are navigating the waters of being stepchildren, kids who have lost one or both parents tragically, or kids whose parents are abusive. While honoring parents is an important lesson for children, keep these sensitive situations in mind and tread lightly as you lead.

This may be a great lesson to give your parents a heads-up about. Send an email or post on your church's social media page to let parents know their kids will be learning all about how to show love to them!

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM

Low Energy Game:

Supplies

- small stuffed animal

Easy Prep

- Hide the stuffed animal in your room where kids won't be able to see it.

Listen to Directions

Say: Today we're learning ways to show love to our parents. One way we show love to our parents is by listening to them. Let's practice listening with a game. I hid a special surprise somewhere in our room. Listen carefully, and I'll tell you how to find it. Very quietly, give kids a series of instructions, sending them to various places in the room. You might tell kids to:

- hop to the window
- crawl to the door
- walk backward to the toy kitchen
- tiptoe to the sink

Continue quietly giving instructions as time allows, directing kids to where the stuffed animal is hidden on the final instruction. Play again as time allows.

Talk About Listening

Say: In our game, you needed my directions to find the special surprise. You had to listen very carefully so you didn't miss them. If you did miss some of my directions, it was okay in our game. But sometimes not listening to directions is a problem.

Share about a time you didn't listen to directions and it caused a problem. You may have gotten a ticket for driving too fast or lost points on an assignment in school because you didn't do it correctly.

Ask: • Tell me about something that happened because you didn't listen to directions. Kids may say they got lost when they didn't stay with Mom at the store, broke a new toy because they didn't play with it correctly, or didn't get dessert because they didn't eat their vegetables.

Say: We don't always know how to do things. Sometimes we need help. God gave us parents to help us learn things we need to know, like how to stay safe at the park or eat foods that keep our bodies healthy. We show love to our parents when we listen to them. But we also learn things that help us and make our lives better.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch "Viewpoints"

Say: God says that we obey our parents. But that can be hard to do! Sometimes we don't see eye to eye with our parents. Let's hear a few different viewpoints.

Watch "Viewpoints."

Ask: • Tell about a time you disagreed with what a parent asked you to do. Share your own childhood story first.

- How did this video help you understand things from your parents' point of view?
- How would it help you to think about things from your parents' point of view the next time you disagree?

Say: We obey our parents. Sometimes we don't want to, but we trust that they're trying to do what's best for us and help us grow into people who love and follow God. When we think about it from that point of view, it makes it a little easier to follow God's Commandment.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bible
- 5-foot pieces of bulletin board paper (1 for every 10 kids)
- markers (1 per child)
- heart stickers (1 per child)
- colorful adhesive bandages (1 per child)
- painter's tape

Easy Prep

Lay out the papers, and tape them to tables or the floor. Write "Thank you!" in large letters in the center of each piece of paper.

Thank Parents for Help

Say: God gave us special people to help us and take care of us—our parents! And God wants us to show love to our parents. Let's make a special banner to say "thank you" for taking such good care of us. Have kids divide into groups of 10 and gather around a banner. Read aloud Ephesians 6:1-3.

Say: There are lots of ways our parents take care of us. Share about a time you were hurt and one of your parents helped you.

Ask: Tell me about a time you were hurt and your mom or dad helped you. Kids may share about falling off their bikes, tripping and scraping their knees, or bumping their heads.

Say: Our parents take care of us when we're hurt. Sometimes they give us one of these (hold up an adhesive bandage). Let's put these on our banners to remind us to show love to our parents and say "thank you" for taking care of us. Give each child an adhesive bandage, and help kids place them on the banners. Invite kids to decorate around the bandages or write messages.

Thank Parents for Providing

Say: Our parents help us have the things we need like food, clothes, and a safe place to sleep. Share about your favorite meal your parents make for you.

Ask: What's the best food your parents make? Kids may say mom's lasagna, dad's pancakes, or mom's tacos.

Say: Let's draw pictures of the things our parents give us. Maybe it's food, clothes, a house, or anything else you need. Encourage kids to use markers to draw on the banners some things their parents provide.

Thank Parents for Loving Us

Say: God gave our parents a special job: taking care of us! Our parents help us when we're hurt or sad. They make sure we have the things we need. Best of all, our parents love us. Let's put heart stickers on our banners to remind us to thank our parents for loving us. Give a heart sticker to each child to add to the banners. Invite kids to decorate around the hearts or write messages.

Say: Our banners remind us of the wonderful ways our parents take care of us. We'll hang the banners where our parents can see them when they come to pick us up today. We can show them our banners and tell them "thank you" for all they do. That's a great way we can show love to our parents!

Use painter's tape to hang the banners somewhere kids can show their parents.

