



## Older IK Groups- 2nd - 5th Grades

**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

- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

### Tap Shoulders Around the Circle

**Say:** We show love to our parents by paying attention to them. Let's play a game where we'll have to pay attention as we tap around a circle.

- Form groups of six to eight kids. Have groups form circles so each child is standing facing the back of another person.
- Choose one child in each circle to start. That child will tap once on the shoulder of the person in front of him or her. The person who gets tapped will then tap twice on the shoulder of the next person, and so on. Each person will add one more tap around the circle.
- Challenge kids to tap around the circle as fast as they can without messing up the count.
- If you'd like, mix things up by saying "Switch!" and having kids change direction.
- Pause the game after about three minutes to tell kids that you'll play again with a new instruction: kids need to do something else while they're tapping around the circle. You could have kids all sing a song, recite the alphabet, or say a rhyme together.
- Challenge kids to keep the taps moving as fast as they can while they recite together. If you'd like, have kids sing along to a song with a music player.

### Talk About It

**Ask:** How did doing something else impact our tapping?

How was paying attention in our game like paying attention to our parents? How was it different?

**Say:** We show love to our parents by paying attention to them instead of doing our own thing.

**Ask:** Tell about a time you struggled to pay attention to your parents or caregivers. Share an example from your own life to begin.

**Say:** We love and honor our parents when we turn our attention away from things we want to focus on, like TV shows or video games, so we can focus on them and listen to their advice. It's one super simple way we show love to our parents (cup your hands behind your ears)!

## 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

- Bibles
- soft supplies to build egg protectors with, such as resealable sandwich bags, cotton balls, balloons, tape, straws, crepe paper, and bubble wrap
- plastic Easter eggs (1 for every 2 kids) (see Tip)
- bowl or pitcher of water
- paper towels

**Tip:** You'll be using the plastic eggs to contain water. We found that eggs with 1 small pinprick hole don't leak water when sealed, but eggs with larger or multiple holes do leak.

### Set It Up

**Say:** We're learning that we show love to our parents. I don't know about you, but when I was a kid that wasn't always easy! Sometimes they had rules I just didn't understand. For example... Share a rule from your childhood that you didn't understand at the time.

**Ask:** What's your least favorite rule at home?

**Say:** So today let's dig in to this question: Why do my parents have so many rules?

### Make Egg Protectors

**Say:** One reason your parents have rules is to protect you, because you are precious to your parents. You're also breakable! Let's see how well you can protect an egg and keep it from breaking.

Have kids form pairs.

Give each pair a plastic egg.

Have kids fill their eggs with water. (The eggs will only be about half-full, but that's okay.) Make sure to fill an egg for yourself, too!

- Have kids use the supplies to make something they think will protect their eggs from cracking open and spilling water when tossed to their partners. For example, they could wrap an egg in bubble wrap, stuff a bag full of cotton balls around the egg, or inflate two balloons and use straws to create a frame that holds the balloons together so the egg can wedge between the balloons. Let kids be creative!
- After kids have made their egg protectors, hold your egg, without any protector, and toss it for an adult or teen helper to catch. Chances are it will break open; if not, keep tossing until it does.

**Say:** As you can see, an egg without protection doesn't fare so well.

Let's see if your protectors can do their job!

Have kids try out their egg protectors, playing catch several times. If any eggs do break open, let kids refill them, make adjustments, and try again.

**Ask:** What made your egg protectors work well...or not work?

How did your egg protectors remind you of your parents' rules?

**Say:** Let's explore what the Bible says about people in authority over us...which for you are your parents!

**Dig Deeper** Give each pair a Bible, and have kids open to Romans 13:1-5. Have partners read the verses together, pausing to think about things that remind them of their process of creating the egg protectors.

**Ask:** How did these verses remind you of what you did to protect your eggs? Kids might share that they placed each part specifically, just as God put specific people in authority, or that God gave us parents for our good, just as the parts of their egg protector were for the egg's good. After reading these verses, why do you think your parents have so many rules?

**Say:** We don't always understand our parents' rules. But we don't have to understand. We can obey first and ask why later—and keep obeying even if we never understand the “why”! God put our parents in authority over us, and when we do what is right, they will honor us. When we obey our parents, we show love to our parents (walk in place)

## Life Application:

### Pray

- Have kids form groups of three.
- Have kids share in their groups what prayer requests they have for their parents (or people who are like parents to them).
- Kids can pray together for each other's parents.

### Wrap Up

**Pray:** God, thank you for our parents. We pray that you'll make this coming week awesome for them and help us show your love to them. In Jesus' name, amen.

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.

## Activity Page with a Point:

### Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: One of God's commandments is that we show love to our parents. Let's color a kid like you helping clean up!

Allow time for kids to color.

### Older Kids: Do an Activity Page

**Say:** We're learning that we show love to our parents. Let's see what this picture can show us about how to do that.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will circle things they see that they could do to help a parent.

### Ask:

- Tell about what you found.
- Imagine looking over your day and finding ways to help your parents. What things come to mind?
- How much do you like doing those things?
- Why do we do things we don't even want to do for our parents?

**Say:** We show love to our parents, and one way to do that is to help with chores. We don't always like doing chores, but we do it because it's how we honor and love our parents.

Answer Key: Older Kids

