



Leader Devotion

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:

Dig In to the Bible

Read: Matthew 5:3-12

In This Passage: Jesus begins his most famous sermon, the Sermon on the Mount, with something known as the Beatitudes. In this section of his sermon, Jesus lists kinds of people who seem lowly or down and out and names the reward they are promised. Jesus flips everything upside down by demonstrating that those who seem to be struggling are actually blessed.

Bible Point: God blesses those who struggle.

Summary Verse: "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16).

Dig Deeper

You'll Be Teaching: God blesses those who struggle. Kids' moods are very contingent on their present circumstances. Didn't get the dinner they were hoping for? They don't want to eat it! Screen time got cut off early? It's not fair! Just got a \$20 bill from Grandma? Life is amazing! A day can be full of complaints, but one exciting event can turn it all around. Help kids see that regardless of whether their circumstances seem good or bad, God is blessing them!

Think About: Think about a time in your life that felt like a struggle. What blessings have you seen come out of it?

Dig In to Prayer

If you know of any specific struggles your kids are facing, ask God to show the kids his blessings.