

LESSON 5: GOD'S COMMANDMENTS: HONOR YOUR PARENTS

Leader Guide for Grades 1 & 2

Classroom: Grades 1 & 2

📖 Exodus 20:12; John 19:25-27

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Loving Reminders

Supplies

- “Parent Instructions” handout (On our website as “May10 Handout-1”)
- “Loving Reminders” handout (On our website as “May10 Handout-2”)
- crayons
- stapler
- child-safe scissors



Make Loving Reminders

Have kids sit in groups of four. Give each group four “Loving Reminders” handouts and one “Parent Instructions” handout. Say: **God gives us lots of ways to show love to our parents, but sometimes we forget. Let’s make something we can give our parents to remind us of ways we show love to them.** Have kids cut apart the handouts so every child gets one “Parent Instructions” square and all four “Loving Reminders.”

Say: **One way we can show love to our parents is by doing the things they ask us to do. Let’s color the toy mess picture to remind us to pick up our toys when asked.** Give kids a few minutes to color the picture. As kids work, invite them to share what toys they play with and clean up at home.

Say: **Another way we show love to our parents is by listening to them when they’re helping us learn. Let’s color the ear picture to remind us to listen to our parents.** Encourage kids to color the picture of the ear. As kids work, invite them to share things their parents have taught them.

Say: **We can also show love to our parents by speaking kind words to them. Let’s color the picture of the talking child to remind us to speak kindly to our parents.** Encourage kids to color the picture. As kids work, encourage them to practice saying kind words to one another.

Talk About Showing Love

After kids finish coloring the child speaking, say: **Those aren't the *only* ways we can show love to our parents. Let's think about some other ways we can show our parents we love them.**

Share a way *you* can show love to your parents. It may be calling them on the phone, helping them with a project, or writing them a thank-you note.

Ask: • **What can *you* do to show love to your parents this week?** Kids may say give them a hug, help them clear the dishes, or sing a song for them.

Encourage kids to draw on the blank squares a picture of a way they can show love to their parents. Remind kids to label the pictures they draw. After they finish, staple each child's pictures together with a "Parent Instructions" square on top.

Say: **God gave us parents to take care of us and help us. They love us very much, and we love them, too. We can show love to our parents in lots of different ways.** Have kids give the coupon books to their parents at pick-up.



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Thank You!

Dig Deeper

You'll Be Teaching: *We show love to our parents.* This commandment may be the hardest one for your kids. Kids often don't understand why their parents have certain rules, and they may think their parents are wrong. Obeying anyway is tough stuff! Help kids see that whether or not we like their rules, God gave us parents to take care of us, and he calls us to obey and honor them.

Think About: Think back on your childhood. What were some rules your parents had that you didn't like? How do you view them differently now?

Dig Deeper Activity

Supplies

- Bible
- 5-foot piece of bulletin board paper
- markers
- heart stickers
- colorful adhesive bandages
- 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.

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.

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.

Dig Into Prayer

Lead kids to pray. Ask God to give you and your kids a spirit of rest and renewal in him. If your children have any prayer request, please submit them on our website under "Kids Resources." We would love to pray over them.

Memory Verse

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37