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The Fifth Commandment

Children's Bible Study

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Goal: To learn about the Fifth Commandment of God's Law and why it is important to His people.

Objective: The children will be able to understand the meaning of the Fifth Commandment.

Relevant Scripture(s): Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3, Deuteronomy 5:16, Matthew 19:19 (Have older children look up and read during lesson)

Activity: To be chosen by instructor depending on the ages of the children.

Lesson: To understand the Fifth Commandment and why it is important for us to honor it.



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The Fifth Commandment is the first Commandment with a promise:

Exodus 20:12 Give honour to your father and to your mother, so that your life may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. (BBE)

What is the blessing promised by the Fifth Commandment?

That your life will be long in the land which God gives you.

Deuteronomy 5:16 Give honour to your father and your mother, as you have been ordered by the Lord your God; so that your life may be long and all may be well for you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. (BBE)

Matthew 19:19 Give honour to your father and your mother: and, Have love for your neighbour as for yourself. (BBE)

How do you honor your parents?

By listening to your parents when they provide you with instruction and knowledge about things.

Proverbs 23:12 Give your heart to teaching, and your ears to the words of knowledge. (BBE)

Proverbs 15:5 A foolish man puts no value on his father's training; but he who has respect for teaching has good sense. (BBE)

Proverbs 15:14 The heart of the man of good sense goes in search of knowledge, but foolish things are the food of the unwise. (BBE)

Proverbs 15:20 A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man has no respect for his mother. (BBE)

When your parents ask you to do something, do you do it, or do you argue with them about it?

You need to be obedient when your parents ask you to do or not to do something. You should not argue with your parents.

Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, do what is ordered by your fathers and mothers in the Lord: for this is right. (2) Give honour to your father and mother (which is the first rule having a reward), (3) So that all may be well for you, and your life may be long on the earth. (BBE)

Colossians 3:20 Children, do the orders of your fathers and mothers in all things, for this is pleasing to the Lord. (BBE)

Should you have a bad attitude when doing your chores?

You should have a good attitude when doing your chores. If you see something that needs to be done, do it without having to be asked to do it.

Proverbs 15:19 Thorns are round the way of the hater of work; but the road of the hard worker becomes a highway. (BBE)

Do you show honor to your parents by how you treat others?

You also show respect and honor to your parents by your actions towards others when you are away from home; by doing your very best at whatever you do, be it school work, helping others, by being honest with your words or actions, or by being trustworthy.

Proverbs 16:3 Put your works into the hands of the Lord, and your purposes will be made certain. (BBE)

Proverbs 17:17 A friend is loving at all times, and becomes a brother in times of trouble. (BBE)

Proverbs 16:32 He who is slow to be angry is better than a man of war, and he who has control over his spirit than he who takes a town. (BBE)

Proverbs 15:13 A glad heart makes a shining face, but by the sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. (BBE)

Proverbs 15:18 An angry man makes men come to blows, but he who is slow to get angry puts an end to fighting. (BBE)

Does the way we speak and the words we use toward others, honor our parents?

It is very important to always keep your word and protect your good name and reputation. The things you do, don't just affect you, but everyone around you. Always choose your words carefully.

Proverbs 17:20 Nothing good comes to him whose heart is fixed on evil purposes: and he who has an evil tongue will come to trouble. (BBE)

Proverbs 17:28 Even the foolish man, when he keeps quiet, is taken to be wise: when his lips are shut he is credited with good sense. (BBE)

Does your behavior around others show honor to your parents?

You honor your parents when you do what is right, no matter where you are, or what the situation may be.

Proverbs 23:15-16 My son, if your heart becomes wise, I, even I, will be glad in

heart; and my thoughts in me will be full of joy when your lips say right things. (BBE)

Proverbs 23:19 Give ear, my son, and be wise, guiding your heart in the right way. (BBE)

Proverbs 23:22-25 Give ear to your father whose child you are, and do not keep honour from your mother when she is old. (23) Get for yourself that which is true, and do not let it go for money; get wisdom and teaching and good sense. (24) The father of the upright man will be glad, and he who has a wise child will have joy because of him. (25) Let your father and your mother be glad, let her who gave you birth have joy. (BBE)

So we can see that the Fifth Commandment not only applies directly to how we treat our parents, but also the example we show to others around us.

We are done.