

The Parent/Child Relationship

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Ephesians 6:1-4 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "The Parent/Child Relationship," in our occasional preaching series, "Truth 4 Today." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions in the week ending Saturday, May 9.

Monday

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1

Questions for Reflection

- What command does Paul give to children in this verse?
- Why is obedience described as being "in the Lord"?
- How does obeying parents honor God in your life?
- What practical step can you take to show respect and obedience to your parents today?

Questions for Children

- What does God say children should do?
- Who should you listen to and obey?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us obey and honor our parents as an act of love for You. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Ephesians 6:2

Questions for Reflection

- What is the first commandment with a promise?
- Why do you think God attaches a promise to honoring parents?
- How can you show honor to your parents in words and actions?
- What does honoring parents teach us about honoring God?

Questions for Children

- What special commandment does God give about parents?
- Why is it good to honor your parents?

Prayer Prompt

Father, teach us to honor our parents and reflect Your love in our homes at every stage of life. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Ephesians 6:3

Questions for Reflection

- What promise is given to those who honor their parents?
- How does this promise show God's care for family relationships?
- What blessings have you experienced through honoring your parents?
- How can you encourage others to value God's design for family?

Questions for Children

- What does God promise if you honor your parents?
- Does God want good things for you?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for Your promises. Help us live in a way that experiences the blessing and peace of your promises to us. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Ephesians 6:4

Questions for Reflection

- What instruction does Paul give to fathers (parents)?
- What does it mean not to provoke children to anger?
- How can parents bring up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord?
- What steps can you take to create a Christ-centered atmosphere in your home?

Questions for Children

- What should parents do for their children?
- Who helps parents teach about God?

Prayer Prompt

Gracious God, help us [parents in our church] to lead and serve our homes with love and wisdom, and help our children to respond with respect and obedience. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-4 (Review)

Questions for Reflection

- What stands out to you most from this week's passage?
- How do these verses show God's plan for healthy family relationships?
- What changes can you make to better live out these truths?
- How can your family reflect Christ's love to others?

Questions for Children

- What did you learn about obeying and honoring parents?
- What did you learn about how parents should treat children?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for Your design for families. Help us live in harmony and show Your love to one another. Amen.