

HONOR YOUR PARENTS

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Bible Lesson:
Luke 2:40-52

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Are there certain people in your life who help take care of you? They are a special gift from God! **Parents** are one special gift God has given. God tells us in the Fourth Commandment to honor and respect our parents always. We honor and respect our parents when we are kind to them, when we listen to them and obey them, and when we do not talk back to them. Even when our parents or those who care for us are not around, we honor them by **behaving** appropriately.

In the Bible we learn about Jesus and His parents, Joseph



CATECHISM

The Fourth Commandment

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise our parents and superiors, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love, and respect them.



and Mary. Every year, Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for the **Feast of the Passover**. When Jesus was twelve years old, He went with them to this Feast. After the Feast, everyone started the trip home. Joseph and Mary thought Jesus was walking home with their **relatives** and friends, but when they looked for Jesus they could not find Him! Joseph and Mary went back to Jerusalem to search for Him.

After three days, they found Him in the temple, listening to the teachers and asking questions. All who heard Jesus were **amazed** at His understanding and His answers. When Mary asked Jesus why He was there, He answered, “Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?” Jesus went home with His parents and was **obedient** to them. Jesus obeyed the Fourth Commandment and all the Commandments perfectly. He is the only one who has obeyed **perfectly**.

God has given you people to care for you. He commands you and me to honor our parents and to remember they are important. Even though we want to keep this commandment, we do not keep it perfectly. We sin. But God wants to forgive our sin, and that is great news! Confess your sin to God. He will forgive you and help you love and honor your parents all of your life.

MEMORY VERSE

Children, be obedient to your parents in all things,
for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. Colossians 3:20

ENRICHMENT MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 40:8

Activity 1

WHO IS IT?

Draw a line from each question to the correct answer.
Some may have more than one answer.

1. Who went to the Feast of the Passover?
2. Who was missing?
3. Who went to look for Jesus?
4. Who asked Jesus why He was in the temple?
5. Who were amazed at Jesus' understanding?
6. Who went home with His parents and obeyed them?
7. Who does not obey God perfectly?
8. Who wants to forgive our sin?
9. Who will help us to love and honor our parents and others who care for us?
10. Who alone has obeyed perfectly?

Joseph

Mary

Jesus

teachers

me

God

ACTIVITY CENTER

Activity 2

HONOR OR DISHONOR?

Read the following statements that show ways we honor or dishonor our parents and others who care for us. Write the letter H for honor or D for dishonor. Then circle the verbs that show ways we honor them.

- _____ 1. Obey when my parents ask me to clean my room.
- _____ 2. Do not listen when they are talking to me.
- _____ 3. Thank them for giving me food to eat and clothes to wear.
- _____ 4. Disobey when grandparents want me to pick up my toys.
- _____ 5. Talk back to my teacher when I feel mad or hurt.
- _____ 6. Behave when I know the right thing to do.
- _____ 7. Complain about doing chores around the house.
- _____ 8. Start to play a game when I am called to come for dinner.

When we dishonor our parents and others who care for us, we can ask them to forgive us. We can ask God to forgive us too. He promises to forgive our sin.

Fill in the missing words from our memory verse.

Children, be _____ to your _____ in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the _____.

_____ 3:20