



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 7: Family

3rd Grade

Theme Verse

“Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12).

Objective

God’s plan is for all family members to work together so that God is honored by their family.

Teach

Ask your child to tell you about the people who help them and keep them safe. Prompt them to think about the people in your home like parents, siblings, and grandparents. Also, ask them about how their teachers, coaches, and after-school caregivers protect them and help them grow.

Teach: Some of these people that care for you have rules for you to obey. Obeying rules is not always fun. God gives us rules to help us live because he loves us. God gives children families for protection and guidance, and parents and grandparents are the best ones to provide that. God knows children need protection. Families help take care of children, give them food and clothing, and teach them about right and wrong.

Take a look at God’s plan for families. We try to live God’s way by listening to Him through prayer and reading the Bible. We obey Him and do what He says, and for kids, that includes obeying Mom and Dad. Obeying your parents is one way to do what our Scripture says today: “honor your father and mother.” This is the best way for you to learn and grow.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do we need to obey our parents? (This is one of the ways God keeps you safe. When you obey your parents, you are also obeying God.)
2. What are some of the rules in our house that keep you safe? (Answers may vary.)
3. What are some of the things we do as a family to serve God together? (Answers may vary.)

Play

Share your experiences growing up and learning to be obedient to your parents and grandparents. Start a family tree showing your child how you had parents and your parents had parents. Include as many siblings, aunts/uncles, and generations as you can. God's plan for the family works, and we should trust His plan.

Live it Out

Ask your child if they have observed a baby animal in your neighborhood. Help them with some ideas: a bird's nest with baby birds or a duck family in a nearby pond. Have your child look for animal families as you go about your week. If you see a family of ducks or a squirrel out collecting food, help your child imagine how those animals take care of their young. The baby ducks follow closely behind the mother duck. The squirrel might be taking the nut treasures back to a baby squirrel. Throughout creation, we see God's great plan for families and parents that care for their young.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for our family. You invented the idea of a family. Help us to love each other and work together to serve and honor You. Amen.