

# Family Battle Plan

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

# Week 7: Family

## Older Preschool

#### 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 wants family members to love and help one another.

#### Teach

Did you know our family is special to God? It's true! In God's eyes, the family is the most important group of people in the world! In Ephesians 5 and 6, Paul tells us we should learn the most about God through family. God designed our family to love and help each other, and by doing that, we learn more about Him and what He is like.

Has it ever been hard to love or help a member of our family? Of course! Loving each other is not always easy. (Parents, if you have a good example, tell it!) Sometimes, we annoy each other or make each other mad, but we're a family. Those little things won't matter in a few years. God tells every one of us to show a special, gigantic amount of love to our family! God tells us in Exodus 20 one way to show our parents love is to honor and obey them. Remember, when we show others love, we show them God.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Is our family important to God? (Yes)
- 2. What does God want us to do for our family? (Love and help each other!)

#### **Play**

Love on Purpose!

Items needed:

Pen or pencil and paper

Description: Get a piece of paper and write down each immediate member of the family's names (Include grandparents or other close family members if you'd like). Go through the list of different ways you can show each person love or help them this week. Have each person try to do one thing on the list for another family member. You can continue this during other weeks by switching family members!

#### Live it Out

We learned about what God thinks of our family! He wants each of us to love and help each other. How can you show the members of your family love or help them this week?

## **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for our family! Thank You for our group of people made to love and help each other! Help us to show Your love by loving each other. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.