

Sunday School Family Sheet: Love Your Parents

Sunday, November 15, 2020

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

For this lesson: You will need either:
1) a Bible, or
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers
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(Call the church office 9715-848-7286 for help getting one)

1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud either Genesis 18:17-22 or p. 30 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, ask the children to keep these questions in mind. **Then, after reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:**
 - a. Was God happy or angry with the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and why?? *(He was angry, because they were full of wicked people doing cruel things.)*
 - b. What does God do as a result?
(He promises to destroy those cities.)
 - c. How does Abraham respond?
(He asks God to save some of the people, like his nephew Lot and his family.)
 - d. What does God do in response to Abraham?
(He sends angels to save Lot and his family.)
2. **Teach.** After you've talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: This part of the Bible reminds us that God does not like sin, but it also reminds us that God is kind and merciful. Finally, it shows us how this kindness of God teaches us to live within a *family*. Remember the commandment from last week: "Honor your father and mother." Just as Abraham looked out for his nephew Lot and his family, so should parents look out for their children, and children for parents. Just as Abraham prayed for the members of his family, so should we—parents for children, children for parents. And when someone in our family is doing something dangerous, or something that angers God, we may speak up to warn them and show them a better way.
3. **Pray.** Continue to teach the children to remember their Baptism by crossing themselves and saying, "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Also, as God sent angels to help Lot and his family, it's a good time to teach the children to pray for the protection of angels in their family: "Dear God, King of the angels: since You love us as a father loves his children, all because your Son, Jesus died for us, please send Your angels to protect and watch out for my family; in Jesus' name. Amen"