

Sunday School Family Sheet: Respect Your Parents

Sunday, November 22, 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 27 or pp. 34-35 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, explain the following: “Remember how God promised Abraham and that Sarah and he would have a baby? Well, God kept His promise! He gave them *Isaac*, a baby boy. That boy Isaac also grew up and had a family. He married Rebekah, and they had two, twin sons: Esau and Jacob. This next story is about how Jacob tricks his father!” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind. **Then, *after reading*, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:**
 - a. Of Jacob and Esau, one son was hairy, and one was smooth. Which was which? (*Esau was hairy, and Jacob was smooth.*)
 - b. One liked to hunt, and one liked to stay home. Which was which? (*Esau liked to hunt, and Jacob liked to stay home.*)
 - c. Why did Jacob want to trick Isaac? (*He wanted Isaac’s blessing.*)
 - d. Who helped him trick Isaac? (*Rebekah, his mother, helped him.*)
2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: Do you think that Jacob should have tricked Isaac? (*No!*) He definitely should not have! Jacob should have *honored* his father, and loved his brother, too! Just look at what his actions did: it divided and split up their family, forcing Jacob to go away. God does not want this for our families: he wants our families to live as one family, united. Remember our commandment: “Honor your father and mother?” Part of honoring our father and mother is also loving the brothers and sisters they give us. However, even when our families cannot live as one family, God works with our families, and He loves us all even better than we love each other.
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, lead them in a prayer for their families, besides parents: “Dear Father, You sent Jesus to be our brother, caring for us as a big brother cares for his brothers and sisters. Please bless our brothers and sisters, our cousins and aunts and uncles, our grandparents, and everyone whom we call family. Help us to love one another and to keep peace in our homes, and when we don’t, then come and help us, heal our arguments, and give us peace. In Jesus’ name. Amen”