

Sunday School Family Sheet: Honor Your Parents

Sunday, November 8, 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 13:14-18 and 15:1-6 or p. 27 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. What does God promise Abraham about the land?
(He promises to give him all the land he sees.)
- b. What does God promise Abraham about his family?
(God promises that Abraham and his wife, Sarah, will have a baby and their family will grow large.)
- c. Why does the promise about his family surprise Abraham?
(He is surprised because he and Sarah are very old.)
- d. Do you think that God will keep His promises to Abraham?
(Yes! God always keeps His promises.)

2. **Teach.** After you've talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: Learning how God deals with Abraham teaches us about how important family is to God. When God created the earth, He made Adam and Eve as the first father and mother and told them to have a big family. He also sent Jesus to become a child, the son of Mary, raised by Joseph as His father. Now He promises Abraham that He will give Him a big family, and that this family will bless the world—that is, Abraham's family will be good to the world.

Because family is so important to God, He has a commandment about families: "Honor your father and your mother." In that commandment, God tells us that we are so to love and believe in Him that we love and serve our parents without angering or thinking bad things about them. By loving and serving them without making them angry, we are *honoring* them. Can you think of ways to do this? *(Receive and encourage their answers on how children may love and serve their parents.)*

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." Then teach them a prayer like this one: "Dear God, our Father in heaven, we thank you for our parents. Bless our mothers and fathers, and help us to love and serve them, so that both they and You may be honored; in Jesus' name. Amen"