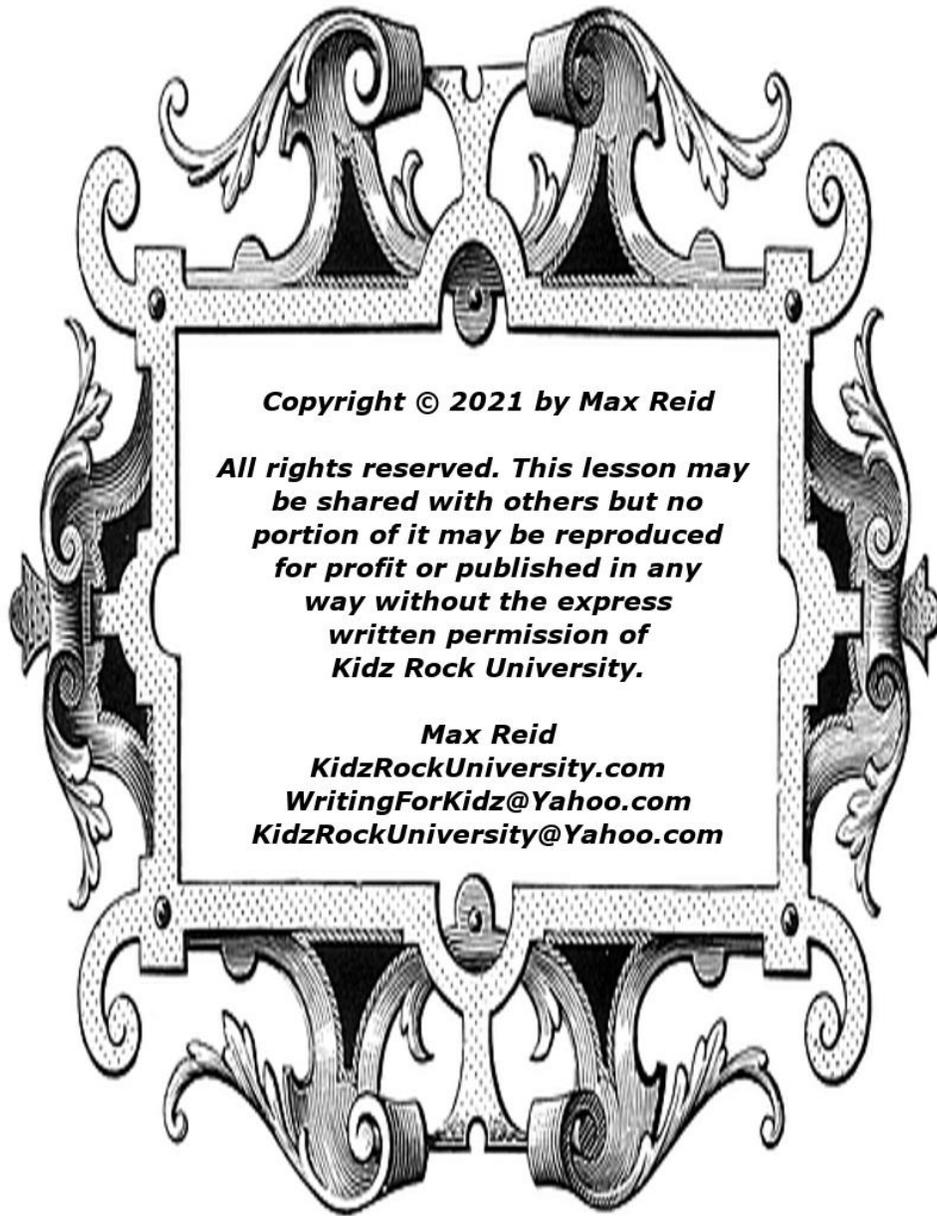


# Honor Your Father and Mother





## ***Introduction***

***Every one of us that comes into this world, does so through a father and a mother.***

***When Moses received the Ten Commandments, God decided that the fifth one would be, "Honor your father and your mother."***

***How do we honor our parents? This may seem like a simple question but there is much more to honoring them than you might think.***

***Fortunately, the Bible will help us to fully understand what God is commanding us to do.***

***Let's now dive into the Word of God and discover how to honor our father and mother in ways that are pleasing to the Lord.***

# ***How to Honor Your Father and Mother***

## **Obey and Respect Them**

### ***Ephesians 6: 1-3***

***"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."***

Honor means that we think highly of our parents. God felt that it was so important for us to honor and obey our parents that he made it the 5th of the Ten Commandments.

If you honor your father and mother, you may enjoy a long life on the earth that is filled with blessings. Here's a story to share with your family:

***Just before John's parents left for work one morning, his father said to him, "Son, I couldn't help noticing that the lawn really needs to be cut. Since you will be home all day, please take care of it. That's all I need you to do, just that one thing."***

***"Sure dad," he responded, knowing in his heart that he had no intention to obey his father's request. John then spent his entire day laying around and playing video games.***

***When his parents came home that evening, they were both exhausted and headed for the backyard to unwind. John just laughed to himself as he watched them go by.***

***As soon as they stepped outside, they notice that their lawn looked just as shabby as ever. John was then grounded. He screamed at them, "You are the worst parents in the world," then ran into his room and slammed the door.***

## **Obey and Respect Them – Discussion Questions**

1.) What assignment did John's father give him before heading off to work? **He was supposed to cut the lawn.**

2.) Did John ever have any intention to obey his father's request? **No, he knew in his heart that he wasn't going to do it as soon as his father gave him his only assignment for the day.**

3.) John didn't honor his parents because he didn't respect them. Can you name the ways that John didn't respect his parents?

**A.) He never had any intention to obey his father's request.**

**B.) He laughed at both of his parents as they went outside because he knew what they were about to discover.**

**C.) He screamed at them when they punished him for his disobedience.**

**D.) He insulted them by saying "You are the worst parents in the world."**

**E.) He slammed his door which further demonstrated his disrespect for them.**

4.) If John doesn't change his ways, do you think he is going to live a long life full of blessings? **No.**

5.) Which commandment did John break because of his disobedience and actions? **The fifth commandment – Honor your father and mother.**

6.) Not only were John's parents hurt by his disobedience and actions. Who else do you think he hurt? **God.**

## Listen to Them

### **James 1:19**

***My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.***

It's hard to learn if we are not listening! When we are speaking, we are not listening and may even say something we wish we hadn't to our father or mother. When we quickly become angry, we also are not listening and sometimes do things that we later regret.

### **Proverbs 13:1**

***A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not respond to rebukes. (A mocker is an unwise, disobedient son.)***

Here's another story to share with your family:

*I was the best hitter on my baseball team. My parents never missed an opportunity to see me play. They would jump up out of their seats each time I crushed another ball, sending it over the fence and into the parking lot.*

*Rounding the bases, I would always point and laugh at the pitcher and do this spin move I came up with, touching down on each base. The whole team would be waiting to greet me at home plate.*

*After each game, my father would tell me how talented I was, then quote Proverbs 16:18 which reads, "Pride goes before Destruction". I was so full of myself that I refused to listen to him. Surely God wasn't going to humble me.*

*That year, we went undefeated and were in the championship game. It was the 1st inning and I was up to bat. The pitcher threw the first pitch way outside so I couldn't hit it. I didn't like that, so when he did it again, I leaned out and hit that ball as hard as I could with the very tip of the bat. It sailed over the wall.*

*As always, I celebrated. Coming up on third base, I did my spin move, landed awkwardly and heard a pop. I dropped to the ground and grabbed my knee.*

*The game was over for me that day. My team lost and I didn't even get credit for the home run since I never touched home plate. I now laid in a hospital bed, awaiting surgery and thinking about how foolish I had been. From now on, things will be different. I will listen to my parents. After all, they are much wiser than me!*

## **Listen to Them – Discussion Questions**

- 1.) When we are too busy talking, what are we not doing? **Listening.**
- 2.) When we are too busy talking, what might we say? **Something we will regret later.**
- 3.) When we quickly become angry, what are we not doing? **Listening.**
- 4.) When we quickly become angry, what might we do? **Something we will regret later.**
- 5.) In the story you just heard, what problem did the boy struggle with? **Pride.**
- 6.) What did his father tell him after each game? **That he was very talented but full of pride. He would quote Proverbs 16:18 (Pride goes before Destruction.).**
- 7.) How did the boy receive his father's words for him? **He was so full of himself that he wouldn't listen.**
- 8.) What happened to the boy in the championship game? **He hurt his knee in the middle of his celebration.**
- 9.) What did the boy realize after he hurt his knee? **That he should have listened to his father.**
- 10.) What did the boy decide to do from that day forward while in the hospital? **To listen to his parents because they were much wiser than him.**

## Appreciate Them



Can you name some things that your parents do for you?

Examples: Feed you, do your laundry, help you with your homework...

What are some ways to show your parents that you appreciate them?

Examples: Thank them, hug them...

## Be Proud of Them

**Proverbs 17:6**

***Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.***

"Children's children" refers to the children that many of you will have someday when you start your own families.

Proverbs 17:6 tells us that your children will be a "crown to the aged." This means that your children will be like a precious jewel to your parents who will now be Grandpa and Grandma.

**Don't miss the last thing this verse says. "Parents are the pride of their children." You honor your father and mother by being proud of them.**

## Care for Them When they are Old



Someday, everyone will get old. That means your parents will too.

They may then need your help just as you now need theirs.

Isn't that amazing how our roles will then be reversed?

**Can you name some ways to care for your parents when they become old and need your assistance?**

Example: Visit them, take them to their doctor's appointments...

**Can you find 7 differences between these 2 pictures?**



## **The 7 Differences Between the 2 Pictures**

- 1.) The Airplane changed directions.**
- 2.) The woman's skirt changed colors.**
- 3.) The boy's t-shirt now has an emoji on it.**
- 4.) The cloud is spitting out rain.**
- 5.) The door on the kid's playhouse is a different style.**
- 6.) The sun is smaller.**
- 7.) A light is on in the kid's playhouse.**

## So Long for Now

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