

God's Plan for Children & Parents Week #2

OBJECTIVE: To read and discuss what God says about the relationship between parents and children.

Feasting on the Word:

Deuteronomy 5:16

Ephesians 6:1-4

Family Discussion:

Children, who are you to obey? (Eph. 6:1)

Why are you to obey your parents? (6:1)

In verse 2, Paul writes to “Honor” your father and mother. What does honor mean? *Special esteem or respect – The American Heritage Dictionary*

This was the first commandment with what? (6:2)

What was the promise? (6:3)

Fathers, to what should you not provoke your children? (6:4)

How should parents bring up their children? (6:4)

In training a child there must be teaching. What are ways a parent can teach their children?

Concluding thoughts: This passage has beautiful balance. Children are to obey their parents, and parents are to treat their children in such a way that the children will want to obey.

Challenge: Take time to have the children list some things that demonstrate their parents' love for them. Parents take some time to share some things that you feel are admirable qualities in your children. What are some areas that the family needs to improve in? Conclude with a prayer asking God to help your family grow in respecting and loving each other more.

Family Project: Take time to work on your family project. (Refer to list.)