

# Honor Your Father and Mother

Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16

1. **What God** \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **What the Command** \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. **What** \_\_\_\_\_ **to this Command Looks Like**
  - a. For parents
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. For adult children with older parents
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. For children living at home

## Conclusion

The promise: *“that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”*  
(Deut. 5:16)

## **For Your Family:**

**Read together** Exodus 20:12—Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**Explain** that “honor” means to show respect. When we honor someone, we listen to them. We don’t interrupt or speak loudly or rudely to them. We do what they ask of us (unless it goes against God’s rules).

**Read or Tell the Story** of the boy Jesus in the Temple, from Luke 2:41–52

**Explain** how at age 12, Jesus would have been considered almost a man. When the people went to Jerusalem for one of the festivals, they would travel in large groups, with the women and children up front, and the men in the back. Jesus’ mother Mary probably thought he was with his father Joseph, and Joseph probably thought he was with Mary.

After they had traveled a full day (walking about 20 miles!) they realized he wasn’t with them. They returned the next day, and found him on the third day. He was in the Temple, asking questions of the many Rabbis there. He impressed everyone with how much he knew.

When his parents found him, Jesus told them that he had to be in “his Father’s house.” He meant God the Father. Jesus, even at age 12, understood that he was God’s Son. But he also knew that he was still Mary and Joseph’s son, and that he needed to honor them. He returned with them, and obeyed them.

If Jesus could honor his parents, then we should too!

**Talk Together** about practical ways to honor your parents.

**Review** the first six commandments:

Put God First

Worship Him Only

Keep God’s Name Holy

Keep the Lord’s Day Holy

Honor Your Parents

Do Not Murder

**Pray together** that you will be able to always honor your parents.