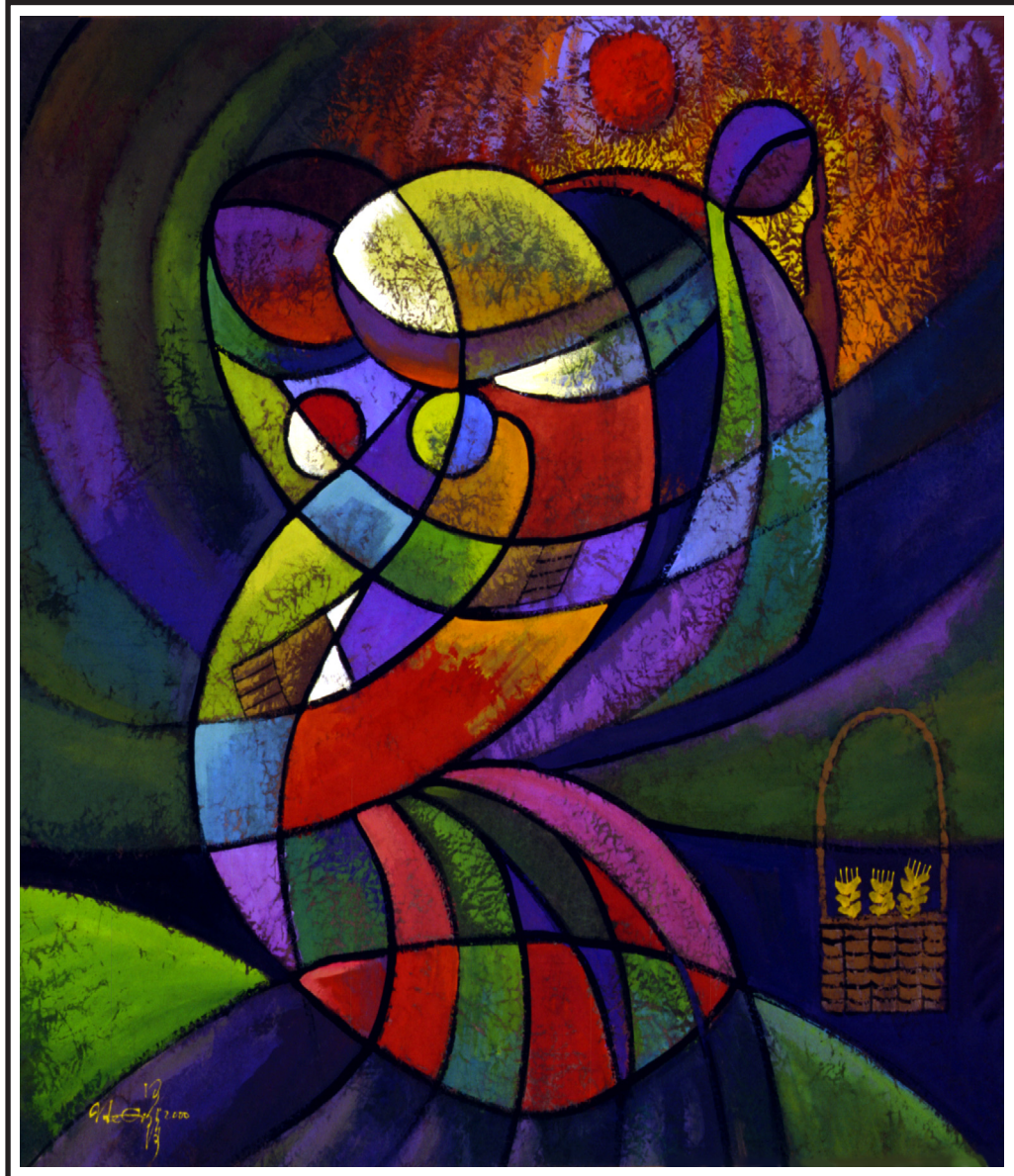


✦ HONOR YOUR PARENTS ✦



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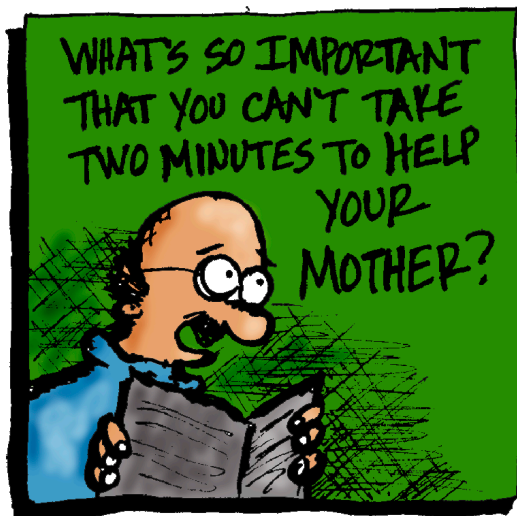
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– EXODUS 20:12

TEN COMMANDMENTS 4



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SHARE, READ, TALK, PRAY, BLESS



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FAITH 5™ TIME

Model this five-step process at church today, then bring it on home!



SHARE your highs and lows of the week one-on-one with another person. Listen carefully and record their thoughts in the space below. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows with the group.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ and highlight the theme verse in your Bible.



TALK *about how today's verse relates to your highs and lows. Then choose from the options below and have some fun digging deeper into the theme together. Take turns leading this.*

✦ ART ATTACK & MINDZEYE GALLERY

*What do you see in today's theme art or your own drawings?
How do the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
How do they relate to your highs and lows?*

✦ ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. You are two hours past curfew and return home, meeting your parents at the door. What do you do?
2. You believe your parents are abusing alcohol. What do you say? How do you honor them?

✦ QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Share your thoughts on the questions below:

1. List five common ways people dishonor their parents. Imagine yourself as a parent of a teenager. Which of these "dis-honoring" ways would bother you most? Why?
2. List five common ways people honor their parents. Imagine yourself as a parent of a teenager. Which of these honoring ways would mean the most to you? Why?
3. Does God expect you to honor a parent who is involved in something illegal, immoral or abusive? How can you?

✦ QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation on the right and share why you chose it.

QUOTATIONS TO CHEW ON

NONE BUT A MULE DENIES HIS FAMILY.

MOROCCAN PROVERB

I WILL BE WATCHING YOU AND IF I FIND THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO CORRUPT MY FIRST BORN CHILD, I WILL BRING YOU DOWN, BABY. I WILL BRING YOU DOWN TO CHINATOWN.

JACK BYRNES (ROBERT DE NIRO) in "MEET THE PARENTS"

PARENTS WERE INVENTED TO MAKE CHILDREN HAPPY BY GIVING THEM SOMETHING TO IGNORE.

OGDEN NASH

WHEN I WAS A KID MY PARENTS MOVED A LOT, BUT I ALWAYS FOUND THEM.

RODNEY DANGERFIELD



Play this online game using FINKlink

LFO4 @ www.faithink.com



CATECHISM CONNECTION

Go over Questions 48-51 (pg 74-76) in the Small Catechism and discuss.

Use your catechism to help answer the following questions.

1. What does it mean to “obey your parents in the Lord”?
2. How do we as God’s redeemed people in Christ Jesus honor Him with respect at those times when we find it difficult to honor those in authority over us at work, in government, or at church?
3. Watch your favorite television shows and evaluate parent-child relationships. Are there positive role models? Negative models? How does each show demonstrate—or fail to demonstrate—God’s will as revealed in the Fourth Commandment?
4. Is there ever a time when we must disobey our parents or others in authority?
5. When especially do our parents need our love?



CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Excerpt from the Large Catechism

To fatherhood and motherhood God has given the special distinction, above all estates that are beneath it, that he commands us not simply to love our parents but also to honor them. With respect to brothers, sisters, and neighbors in general he command nothing higher than that we love them. Thus he distinguishes father and mother above all other person on earth, and placed them next to himself. For it is a much greater thing to honor than to love. Honor includes not only love but also deference, humility, and modesty, directed (so to speak) toward a majesty hidden within them. It requires us not only to address them affectionately, and reverently, but above all to show by actions, both of heart and of body, that we respect them very highly and that next to God we give them the very highest place (379:105-107)





† TERMS Write a group definition of these words:

AUTHORITY _____

CHILDREN _____

HONOR _____

PARENTS _____

RESPECT _____



PRAY for one another. Gather in a circle and lock arms. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask God to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

A PRAISING PRAYER _____

A THANKING PRAYER _____

AN ASKING PRAYER _____

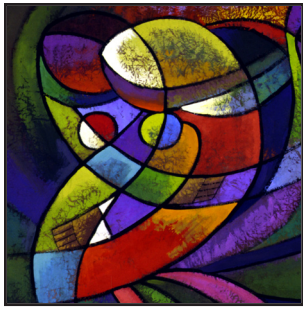


BLESS one another by name. Trace the sign of the cross on a forehead or palm as you share these words or another favorite blessing:

“(NAME), MAY YOU BE A BLESSING TO YOUR PARENTS, AND MAY ALL THE CHILDREN WHO KNOW YOU RISE UP AND CALL YOU BLESSED. IN JESUS’ NAME. AMEN.”

**† REMEMBER
1 THING**

The Almighty God who created us placed us in families. God commands us to honor our parents and others in authority by our words and deeds.



HONOR YOUR PARENTS

Keep your family communicating every night and grow together in insight, love and your understanding of one another and God. Try this simple five-step process just before bed for maximum impact. New to the process? Focus on step 1 initially, and grow from there. Check out www.faithink.com, FINKlink LFO4 for additional games, songs, and devotions on this theme.



SHARE your highs and lows of the day.



READ and highlight these verses—one a day—in your Bible.

WEEK 1

- Day 1 Exodus 20:12
- Day 2 Matthew 20:26b
- Day 3 Leviticus 26:12
- Day 4 Psalm 127:3a
- Day 5 Ephesians 4:26b
- Day 6 John 15:13
- Day 7 Review - Exodus 20:12

WEEK 2

- Day 1 Ephesians 6:1
- Day 2 Ephesians 6:2-3
- Day 3 Ephesians 6:4
- Day 4 Hebrews 13:17a
- Day 5 Proverbs 6:20
- Day 6 Proverbs 1:8-9
- Day 7 Review - Exodus 20:12



TALK about your highs and lows in relation to the verse for the day. Ask “How does this verse relate to our highs and lows?” and “What might God be saying to us today?”



PRAY for one another. Praise and thank God for today’s highs. Ask for help with today’s lows. Include highs and lows of your family, friends and world in this prayer. Close in Jesus’ name.



BLESS one another using the following blessing, marking one another with the sign of the cross:

“(NAME), MAY YOU BE A BLESSING TO YOUR PARENTS, AND MAY ALL THE CHILDREN WHO KNOW YOU RISE UP AND CALL YOU BLESSED. IN JESUS’ NAME. AMEN.”

FAMILY COVENANT: *We have shared the FAITH 5™ together as a family this week.*

Parent’s Signature

Teen’s Signature

Date