

Letters From Heaven



Parents' Page

Lesson 4

Pleasing God in Our Homes

Your child should understand...

Obedience—Obeying God in our family life

Your child should be able to...

1. Tell how long God expects a husband and wife to stay married.
2. Describe how a husband shows his wife he loves her.
3. Describe how a wife shows her husband she loves him.
4. Identify some responsibilities children have to their parents.
5. Identify some responsibilities parents have to their children.

Your child should be able to say...

Romans 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”
(NIV)

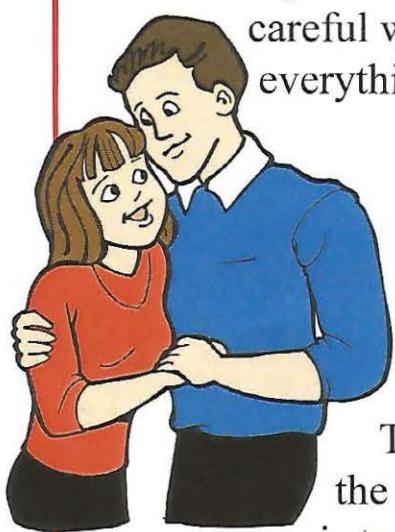
Please help your child read...

- 1 Ephesians 5:23-30, 33
- 2 Ephesians 6:1-5, 7, 9
- 3 Titus 2:2-7
- 4 1 Peter 3:1-4, 7-9
- 5 Matthew 19:3-6, 9

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The apostles Peter and Paul wrote letters to Christians to teach them about the way God wants husbands, wives, and their children to treat one another. When we are kind and unselfish with our families, we help make our homes peaceful and happy. This pleases God.

Jesus said that from the beginning of time, God has wanted a man and his wife to stay married to each other all their lives. So it is important to be careful when we choose the person we marry. God expects us to do everything we can to stay married to that person.



How long does God expect a husband and his wife to stay married?

The Bible tells us that the husband is the head of his wife in the same way that Christ is the head of His church. A husband is to love his wife in the same way that Christ loves His church. A husband is the head of his wife, but that doesn't mean he bosses her around. He shows her how much he loves her by talking to her in a kind, respectful way. He isn't selfish. He shows his love for her by the way he acts. He protects her and helps her with their children. He comforts her when she is sad or doesn't feel well or is tired. He tries to help her to love and obey God. A husband is to love his wife so much that he would be willing to give up his own life for her, just as Jesus gave His life for His church.

A wife is to love her husband and follow his lead. She shows her love for him by the way she acts. She can do her best to make sure their home is peaceful. She can teach their children to respect and obey her



and her husband. She can show respect for her husband by talking to him in a kind way. She can do things that will make him happy. She will also try to help him to love and obey God.

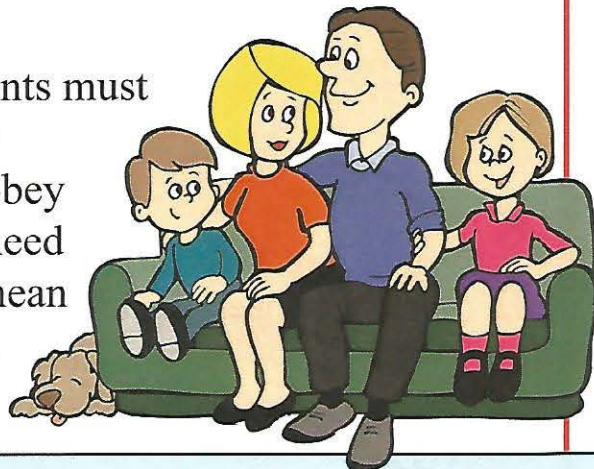
What are some things a husband does to show his love for his wife?

What are some things a wife does to show her love for her husband?

The Bible tells us that children must obey and honor their parents. In fact, Paul wrote that this is the first commandment that has a promise! And the promise is this: “Then things will go well with you. You will live a long time on the earth.”

God also has commandments for parents. Parents must be kind to their children. They must train their children and teach them to love, respect, and obey the Lord. This means that sometimes parents need to punish their children. Punishment doesn’t mean that parents don’t love their children. It means that parents are helping their children learn to do what is right.

Everyone in a family—mothers and daddies, sisters and brothers—



True or False? God expects children to obey their parents.

True or False? The Bible says that it is okay for children to talk back to their parents.

True or False? Parents are commanded by God to train and teach their children to do right.

must work together to be the kind of family God wants. Everyone in a family makes mistakes, and we may hurt someone’s feelings. But everyone in a family must be willing to say, “I’m sorry. Can you please forgive me?” And, we must be willing to forgive one another, just as God forgives us.

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Memory Verse:

Be ready to say your memory verse in Bible class without any help. Practice it over and over again!

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What are **1 and 2 Corinthians** about?
(A church with questions and problems)

Close your eyes, and say all the books of the **whole Bible**. No peeking!

On your **Bible map**, point to the city of **Bethany**.

