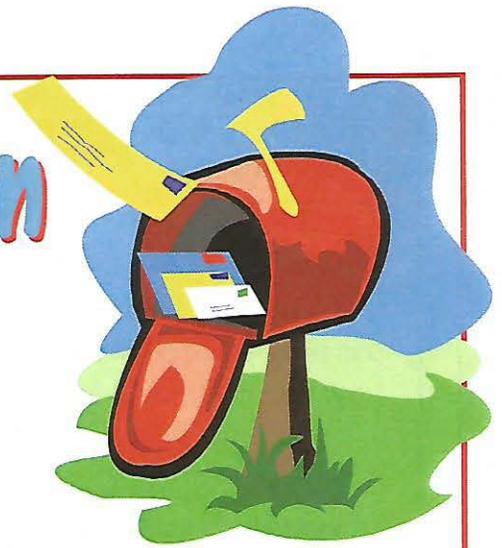


Letters From Heaven



Lesson 4

Pleasing God in Our Homes

Theme: Obedience—Obeying God in our family life

Memory Verse

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith.”

Romans 1:16-17

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Ephesians 5:22-33
- 2 Ephesians 6:1-9
- 3 Titus 2:1-8
- 4 1 Peter 3:1-12
- 5 Matthew 19:3-9

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Define “cleave.”
- Define the husband’s role in a marriage.
- Define the wife’s role in a marriage.
- Describe how each member of the family — husband, wife, and child — shows respect for the other members.

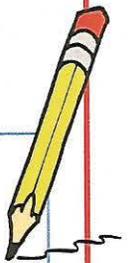
You know how glue works. You squeeze it out, spread it on, and stick things together. If it’s good glue and you stick the pieces together right, they will stay together. The glue holds the pieces together so that they form one object. A husband and wife are to “stick together” this way in their marriage.

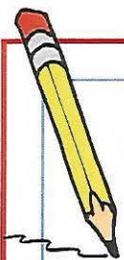
In the beginning, God made man and woman for each other. God had created a perfect world that was good in every way except one. It was “not good” for the man to be alone. He had all the animals and other things

Ephesians 5:22-33

The husband being the “head” of his wife in marriage means he a) loves and leads her, b) bosses her around, c) never asks what she thinks.

The wife being “subject” to her husband means she a) is scared of him, b) loves and respects him, c) never says what she thinks.





Ephesians 6:1-9

The “promise” that children received for obeying their parents is a) most things go wrong, b) everything will be perfect, c) it may go well with you.

Ask your parents to help you answer this one!

What does it mean for parents to bring up their children in the teaching and instruction of the Lord?

God created, but something was missing. God created Adam first so he could see that being all by himself was not good. And then God did something fantastic. He took a rib from man and created a woman. Eve was just what Adam needed, and he saw this immediately. God brought the first man and the first woman together in marriage as husband and wife.

God told Adam and Eve to cleave to each other. The word “cleave” means to stick together like objects glued to each other. God’s way for a husband and

wife is for them to stay together and love each other as long as they both live. When a husband and wife decide to do this, they begin what can be a happy home.

Men and Women

God wants a man to be the leader in his marriage and home. He is to love his wife and do what is best for her. He is also to love his children and teach them about God and lead them in God’s way. A woman is to respect and love her husband and help him. God made her in a special way to take care of the home and make it a wonderful place.

If a husband and wife have children, they create a family. The Bible says that children are God’s gifts to parents. God wants parents to teach and train their children how to live and especially how to live for God. God also says that children are to respect and obey their parents. When each person in a family does what God has given him or her to do, they will be a strong family and have a happy home.

Love and Respect

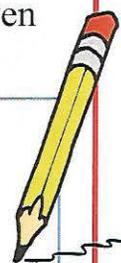
God wants members of a family to love one another. When we do, we want what is best for each other. We learn not to be selfish or unkind, but to be patient and helpful.

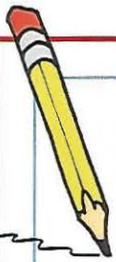
Respect is also important in our families. A husband is to respect his wife, take care of her, and lead her in the best way. A wife is to

Titus 2:1-8

List two things younger women are to learn from older women:

List two things Paul tells young men to do:





1 Peter 3:1-12

If a woman's husband is not a Christian, she may help him follow God by a) yelling at him, b) behaving in a good and respectful way, c) nagging him about going to worship.

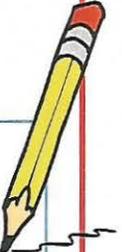
True or False? God wants women to be mostly concerned with what they wear and how they look.

respect her husband and help him. Children are to respect their parents and obey them.

We show respect by being kind and by doing what we're supposed to do. When we are selfish and disrespectful, we cause trouble for ourselves and for others. When every member of a family shows love and respect, this family will be strong and happy.

Include God

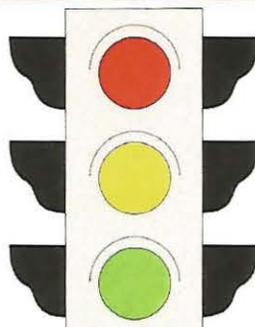
Don't forget that God is to be a part of every marriage and family. He created man and woman and brought them together in marriage. Children are a gift from God to parents, and He wants parents to lead children in God's way. Sometimes a husband and wife decide to separate and not stay together, and children cannot change this. Sometimes parents do not both try to obey God. Each of us must do the best we can to follow God's way in our own lives and in our homes. We can decide even as children that we will always try our best to have the kind of home that God wants us to have.



Matthew 19:3-9

Fill in the blanks. "What God has _____ together, let no one _____."

I show respect for my parents.

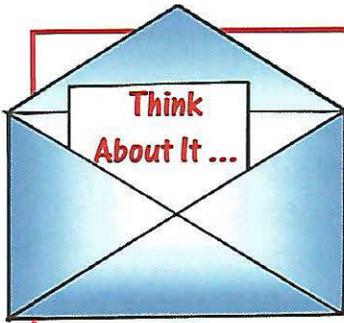


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — not very often

Yellow — sometimes

Green — always



Name one thing about your home that you learned in this lesson that makes it a good and happy home.

Name one thing YOU can do to help your home be what God wants it to be.

By writing numbers in the blanks, put the major stages of Bible history in the right order:

- ___ Living in the Promised Land
- ___ Law at Mount Sinai
- ___ Slavery in Egypt
- ___ Salvation in Jesus Christ
- ___ Wilderness Wanderings
- ___ Punished by Captivity
- ___ Promise to Abraham



Which book in the New Testament is about a runaway slave who becomes a Christian?

On a map inside the back cover, find the city of Damascus and mark it with an X.