

# Lesson 5

## Honor Thy Father and Mother

Print out your worksheet and add to the Number 5 by drawing a lady's face up top and a man's face below. Copy down the fifth commandment onto the blank.



### Opening Activity

#### Memory Verse Scramble –

Print out the following commandments. Cut them into strips and scramble them. Then, put the strips of paper in their correct order. You can either race another person or try to beat your own record by using a stopwatch or timer.

#### Round 1 – the 10 commandments

<b>No Other Gods</b>
<b>No idols</b>
<b>Do not take the Lord's name in vain.</b>
<b>Remember the Sabbath to keep it Holy</b>
<b>Honor thy Father and Mother</b>
<b>Do not kill</b>
<b>Do not commit adultery</b>
<b>Do not steal</b>
<b>Do not bear false witness</b>
<b>Do not covet</b>

Round 2 – Exodus 20:12 Memory Verse

<b>HONOR</b>
<b>YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER</b>
<b>SO</b>
<b>THAT YOU</b>
<b>MAY</b>
<b>LIVE</b>
<b>LONG</b>
<b>IN THE LAND</b>
<b>THE</b>
<b>LORD YOUR GOD</b>
<b>IS</b>
<b>GIVING</b>
<b>YOU</b>

*Bible Lesson*

Today, we are going to learn about one word that God has given to us. Sometimes you might think that only grown ups need to listen to God. What does it mean to listen to someone? It means to *pay special attention* to what the person says and what that person does. The Bible says, “Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes.” – Exodus 15:26. Listening to God’s voice helps us know how to love and obey Him. We can listen to God’s voice as we read and hear Bible stories and when we pray to Him.

The word you are going to learn today is: “Honor.” In the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment, it says, “Honor your Father and Mother.” Honor means **showing** that someone else is important.

**What are some ways to Honor Our Parents?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your Parents, even when they are not looking.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ politely to your Parents.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to what your Parents say.
4. Say \_\_\_\_\_ things about your Parents to others.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ from your Parents.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ your Parents cheerfully
7. \_\_\_\_\_ for your Parents.
8. Do \_\_\_\_\_ things for your Parents.
9. Tell your Parents that you \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Answers: 1. Obey, 2. Speak, 3. Listen, 4. Good, 5. Learn, 6. Help, 7. Pray, 8. Kind, 9. Love

These are all ways that we can honor our parents. We honor God by honoring our parents. Did you know that this commandment is the only one with a promise? Let's all turn to *Ephesians 6:1-3*.

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."*

Let's examine what it says in this verse in a little more detail.

**Honor Your Father and Mother.** What does that mean? It's more than just obeying them, but treating them like they are important, with love and respect. It's an attitude. Not just actions.

**Commandment with a Promise.** What does this mean? It is the first of the 10 commandments that comes with a specific promise, or a specific reward from God.

**It may go well with you.** What does that mean? It means that God will help your life work out better. It doesn't mean your life will be perfect, but it will definitely be a lot better than if you chose to disobey God.


**Live long in the land.** – God is talking about not only our life here on earth, but eternal life in Heaven.

Sometimes parents may not always do the right things. In fact, sometimes parents may ask their own children to do something that is not honest, like lie to someone else. For example, a father may tell his child to lie about her age to get a discounted price at a buffet! Is it ok to lie if our parents tell us to? After all, didn't God command us to honor our parents? Our first priority is to obey God. God tells us not to lie. It is a very difficult thing to stand up to a parent, so if you need help, seek out another adult who you trust, like your Sunday School teacher, or your Pastor.

# Closing Activity

## Notes to Father and Mother

Fill out one card for each parent/caregiver or loved one:



I love you because...

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Thank you for ...

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“Honor your father and your mother,  
so that you may live on in the land  
the Lord your God is giving you.”  
-Exodus 20:12

Love,

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I love you because...

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Thank you for ...

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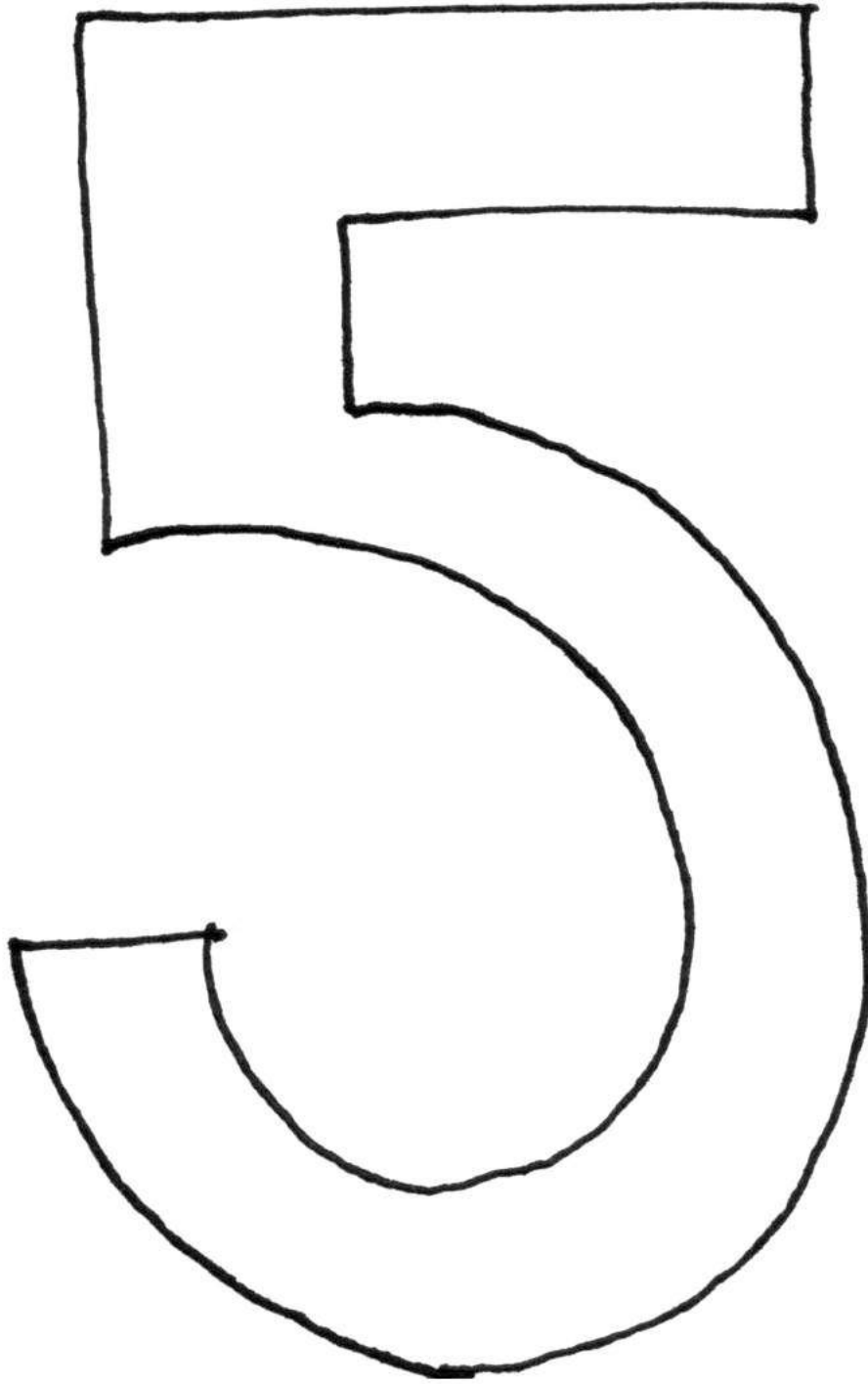
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Love,

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The more we obey God, the better we become at hearing His voice. We must listen to God’s voice if we want a successful and joyful life.



**Commandment 5:** \_\_\_\_\_

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