

Session #5— May 31, 2026

Title: Godly Discipline and Respect

Theme: Parents Just Don't Understand, Pt. 2

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)

Objective: During this session, the learner will gain a better understanding of why God places the responsibility on parents to teach children the importance of discipline, obedience and respect.

Outreach from Previous Week:

In what ways can we demonstrate the qualities of kindness patience, self-control and self-respect in our day-to-day lives?

Training Text: Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Scripture Discussion | Ephesians 6:1

- This first verse is being addressed to whom?
- What advice is being given and why?

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Scripture Discussion | Ephesians 6:2-3

- What is “the first commandment with a promise?”
- Explain what this commandment will do for those who follow it.

Scripture Discussion | Ephesians 6:4

- What are fathers advised *not* to do in this verse? What do you think this means and why is it important?
- What are fathers directed to do instead?

Discussion Questions:

- Children born into the same family often have different dispositions. Is it important for parents to pay attention to their child’s natural pre-disposition when it comes to discipline? Why or why not?

- Why is it easier for children to obey fair and loving parents than unreasonable and demanding parents?

- How should being a Christian impact the child-parent relationship?

Next Week’s Scripture: Exodus 6:1-9 (NIV)

Outreach:

Ask two people the following question: Is it important for parents to pay attention to their child’s natural predisposition when it comes to discipline? Why or why not?

Report your results in the group next week.