

Family Worship

*Parents-Children
Relationship*

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Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS

我要向高山舉目



我要向高山舉目
我的幫助從何來
我的幫助從造天地的耶和華而來

哈利路亞...

I lift up my eyes to the hills -
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhS0D7Gd-Ek>

Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 6

Q: What does the law of God require?

A: That we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbour as ourselves.

That means

1. We love God with everything we have, and do our best to make Him happy
2. We love others by treating them the same way we would like them to treat us

Bible verse (Matthew 22: 37-40)

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Parents and Children

Ephesians 6:1-4



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Children,

Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Fathers,

Do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.



Do You Know...

- ❑ When Paul wrote his letter to the Ephesians, many people lived under Roman rule.
- ❑ In a Roman family, the father had absolute power over his household, including children.

He could even decide whether a new born baby would live or die!

If his children angered him, he had the legal right to disown them, sell them into slavery or even kill them!



Hey, I am the Boss

Yeah...we know

Love your neighbor
as yourself



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But when Jesus appeared, things began to change...

As we learnt at Catechism today, Jesus commanded us to "Love your neighbor as yourself". He lived it out.

In God's design, the foundation of all human relationships is **love your neighbour.**

This is true even for parents-children relationships

Parents & Children: What Do You Learn from This?

The Lord
disciplines the
one He loves
(Heb 12:6)

....So we can all be
like Jesus!



You're my son,
you are also my
"neighbour"
whom I love !

Son, I discipline
you because I
love you. God
also disciplines
me because he
loves me!

Let's Learn Together

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³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

1. What are the two key verbs in these 3 verses?
2. Obey your parents... But what if parents tell their children to lie, is that ok?
 - Why not? (hint... look at the 3 words "in the Lord")
3. In the Ten Commandments, the 5th one says: "Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."
 - What is the promise?
 - If children do not honour their parents, will the society last long?
4. So children, how do you obey and honor your parents? Can you give examples?

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4. Fathers,

Do not provoke your children to anger,

but bring them up in the **discipline** and **instruction** of the Lord.

Here, Paul's letter addresses Fathers, but applies to both parents

When would your children be provoked to anger?

A. Are you unreasonable, humiliating, or abusive?

B. Do you show favoritism or indifference?



Please don't
say I am
useless

Do you know
how I feel ?

I am hurt

You are not
teaching me how
to control my
anger



**Is this father doing right?
Why or why not?**

I want to bring you up so you are able to discipline your time, your desires, your habits and your commitments.

These are the same things that God is teaching me. I am applying the same lessons to myself.



**Is this mother doing right?
Why or why not?**

Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Jesus.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

我的家要榮耀主 MY HOUSE WILL PRAISE YOU



我的家要榮耀主 遵守话语为生命
建立祷告的祭坛 充满赞美的声音
我的家要敬拜主 乐意事奉耶和華
活出基督的生命 充满感恩的声音

哈利路亚 天天赞美
主 必赐福必恩宠
赏赐健康喜乐

哈利路亚 天天得胜
主必赐福 必保守
我和我的全家 都要事奉耶和華

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjJ40YxGGAo>