

# IDENTITY APPLIED

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## **PARENTING**

Ephesians 6:1-4

1. Kids/students: \_\_\_\_\_ your parents in the Lord.

a. So, parents, \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.

2. Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ your kids/students in the Lord.

a. So, kids/students, be \_\_\_\_\_ to follow.

3. Everyone: \_\_\_\_\_ your parents for your good.



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*Discussion Guide*

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### **Questions for adults to discuss:**

1. In verses 1-2, the command is simple for children to obey their parents. Because all of mankind has inherited the desire to sin, teaching children obedience must be done. What are some ways we can teach children (this may be your own children, or children God has placed in your life) how to be obedient?
2. Why is it important to teach children to obey?
3. Paul reinforces the idea of honoring our parents by referencing Deuteronomy 5:16 and the promise God gives us. Read Deuteronomy 5:16 and discuss the significance of honoring your parents and why we should.
4. In verse 4, Paul says parents have the ability to provoke their children to wrath. How does this look in our society today? Instead, what should parents be doing? What does discipline and instruction look like Biblically?

### **Questions to discuss with 6th-12th grade students:**

1. Parents - What are some things you love and are proud of about your student?
2. Students - What are some truths you can remind yourself of when it's hard to obey your parents?
3. Students - How is your obedience to your parents related to your obedience to the Lord?
4. How are we pointed to the Gospel from this passage?



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### Questions/Activities for 2nd-5th graders:

Ephesians 6:2-3 tells of a promise connected to a command given to the children of Israel.

1. What is the command? (Honor your parents.) What is the promise? (long life)
2. According to Ephesians 6:4, parents are to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ask, 'What do you think is the most important thing parents do to obey that verse?' (Let them guess until they say teach children the gospel).

**Activity:** Supplies needed: water gun, spray bottle, or a small cup of water, and something to create a circle big enough for the child to stand in the center of while playing the game (could be a rope, a belt, or a chalk line)

1. Ask for examples of ways they can honor and obey. Talk about how our attitudes are one way we show our honor for others.
2. Take turns acting out scenarios of having a good attitude. Then play a game of acting out good and bad attitudes. Whoever is acting out the attitude does not share whether their example will be a good attitude or a bad attitude.
3. Having "it" stand inside the circle, have them act out the attitude while another "second it" guesses if it's good or bad. If the attitude is bad, the "second it" sprays "it" with water. If the attitude is good, "it" gets to go again. Once "it" is sprayed, they must step out of the circle. Take turns—even grown-ups.

### Questions/Activities for birth-1st graders:

Ephesians 6:2 tells us we are to honor our parents. What does "honor" mean? (treating someone like they are special) God's Word also tells us we are to outdo one another in showing honor to one another.

**Activity:** Play a game of Whoops and Aaahhh to help your young child know if saying certain things are honorable or not honorable.

- Whoops is what you say when you disagree, and you sit down fast!
- Aaahhh is what you say when you do agree, and you stand up with your hands on your hips!

Think of examples of each, stating them as quickly as your children can process the statement—the faster, the more fun it will be. Some examples: Your shirt is ugly! I love you. Go away; I don't want to play with you. Do you want to play Legos with me? You can't have any of my candy. I'm first. Thank you for sharing! You never do it right. Play for several minutes, getting everyone up and down again. Have fun together!

