

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Read Ephesians 6:1-3.

- ◆ In the 5th Commandment everyone is told to honor their parents. This instruction is for both children and adults.
- ◆ In Ephesians, Paul gives children another command: "obey your parents in the Lord."

What is the difference between honoring and obeying?

Why aren't adults instructed to "obey" their parents?

Do you think children have to do what their parents say no matter what?

Close in Prayer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Read Ephesians 6:1.

- ◆ In this verse children are told to obey their parents "in the Lord."
- ◆ This means that children do not have to comply to their parents commands if they directly oppose God's will.
- ◆ List things your parents tell you to do that you have a difficult time obeying:

Do any of the things you mentioned above "directly oppose God's will?" How should you respond when your parents ask you to do those things?

Close in Prayer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Read 1 Timothy 5:1-8.

What does this verse teach us about caring for our immediate family?

How well do you care for your immediate family?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Not well Very well

Read Proverbs 10:1.

According to this proverb are you wise or foolish?

Close in prayer

MUMC Youth Devotions

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Honor Your Father & Mother

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Read Exodus 20:1-21.

After reading over the 10 commandments, order them according to difficulty. 1 being the easiest to follow and 10 being the hardest to follow.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Read Matthew 5:17-30.

Considering Jesus' words, does the order of your list change?

Why do you think God gives us commandments?

Close in Prayer

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Read Matthew 22:34-40.

- ◆ Look back at the 10 commandments in Exodus. They can be divided into 2 sections: those that are about how we relate to God, and those that are about how we relate to other people.

Commandments ____ through ____ are about our relationship with God.

Commandments ____ through ____ are about our relationship with people.

Do you think it is significant that the first commandment about our relationship with people says to "honor your father and mother?"

- Yes No

Explain.

Close in Prayer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Read Exodus 20:12.

- ◆ If you look up the word honor (verb) in the thesaurus, synonyms include words like:

admire	appreciate	commemorate
adore	celebrate	exalt
be true	revere	value
prize	look up to	esteem

Do these words describe the way you think about and treat your parents? How so?

List practical ways that you can show your parents honor:

_____	_____
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Close in Prayer