



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Family

**I will honor my family and
share with them God's love!**



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Leader Guide

Engage:

Play a game of Mother, May I? Here are the directions on how to play. Line up each player shoulder to shoulder about a foot apart. The player who is "Mother" stands in front of the other players. Mother then calls on a child by name and gives them instructions so they can move forward. For example, "Suzie, take two giant steps forward." The child who is called on must then say, "Mother, may I?" Mother then responds either with a "yes," and the child can take the steps forward, or "no," and the child must comply. If a child makes a move and forgets to ask, "Mother, may I?" they then must go back to the starting line. First child to reach Mother wins!

Discuss:

**Have the kids open their Bibles and read together
Ephesians 6:1-3**

The Bible shares the importance for children to obey their parents. In our Bible reading today we saw that honoring your parents is one of the Ten Commandments. Not only is it a commandment, but there is a blessing that comes from it!

- What does it mean to honor your father and mother?
- In what ways do you honor your father and mother?
- When is it the hardest to honor your mother and father?
- How can you show kindness to your family?

Response:

Have the kids create a family prayer tree using brown and green construction paper. They should cut a tree trunk from the brown paper and leaves from the green paper. On the trunk they can write out their last name and then attach the leaves, which represent each person in their family. Encourage the kids to pray daily for their family members. They can hang this up in a spot at home as a reminder.

Memorize:

**Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long,
full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
(Exodus 20:12, NLT)**

Write the memory verse on post-it notes, one word per note, and stick them to the kids' foreheads. Without talking, the kids should work together to put the memory verse back in order by lining up in the correct order. Talk to the kids about how they have to work together. Talk about how as a family, you have to work together and help each other out every day.

Create:

Suggested supplies: popsicle sticks, glue, stickers, markers, glitter, and other craft supplies.

Have the kids create a picture frame for their family. Encourage them to put a picture of their family inside and hang it in their room at home to remember to pray for their family every day.

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What was the Big Idea?

I will _____ my _____ and
_____ with them God's _____!

Do something this week to honor someone in your family! Write down your plans in the space below.

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