



## Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

### **Week 7: Family**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

##### **Theme Verse**

*“Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12).*

##### **Objective**

God’s plan for family is for them to love, respect, and help one another.

##### **Teach**

Have you ever seen a racecar in person or on TV? They move really fast, don’t they? Sometimes, they are driven over 200 miles per hour! That’s almost five times as fast as we normally drive our cars.

When a racecar driver gets in the car, how do they get the car to go? They probably have to get the engine to turn on with a key or a switch. Once the car is started, and they put their foot on the gas pedal, it immediately starts driving. The car does not sit for a couple of minutes before driving. Just like a race car, when our parents ask or tell us to do something, we should respond immediately. This means when our parents tell us to clean our room or ask us for helping cleaning the dishes, we are not supposed to tell them to wait or ask if we can have five more minutes of playtime. We should immediately stop what we’re doing and help them.

God thought it was so important to listen to our parents that He made it one of the Ten Commandments. God made families so we could love, respect, and help each other. One of the ways we love and respect our parents is by obeying them. Obedience is very important. In fact, when we obey our parents, it also means we are obeying God! Families

are meant to be able to help one another. God loves seeing kids obey their parents, siblings love each other, and everyone working together.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Who else are we being obedient to when we obey our parents? (God)
2. Did God create families to argue and work alone all the time? (No, we are supposed to love, respect, and help each other.)

### **Play**

During your devotional time, sprinkle different commands for your kids to follow throughout. Commands like “Jump up and down 5 times,” or “Run to the front door and back, then give me a high five.” Remind your child the way we respond to these commands and listen is the same way we should respond and listen when we hear more serious and important instructions.

### **Live it Out**

During the week, help your child find ways to serve and help other family members. Maybe Dad can help your child put their dirty clothes in the washer before Mom ever asks. Maybe Mom can help the child take the trash out before Dad does. There are many ways we can help our family. Let's focus on doing that this week!

### **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, help us to honor our parents the first time they tell or ask us to do something. One of the ways we can honor and love You is by loving and respecting each other. Give us chances to help each other. Amen.