

# Family Battle Plan

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

# Week 6: People

# High School

# Theme Verse

*"For I know the plans I have for you'— this is the Lord's declaration—'plans for your wellbeing, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope'"* (Jeremiah 29:11 CSB).

### Objective

People are created as moral beings and are responsible for their choices and the consequences of their choices, including the ways we treat others.

#### Teach

God loves His people! He desires for all of us to know Him and to trust Him. He is not a cosmic cop waiting for us to mess up and to punish us. Read Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans that I have for you,' this is the Lord's declaration, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and hope."* 

His plans for us are good! He wants to give us a hope and a future. But none of us get it right all the time. We make mistakes and sin habits creep in. In these moments of weakness, we are responsible for the choices we make. God really does love His children, even though He does not love our disobedience.

Just as God first loved us, we need to treat others with that same kind of love. How we treat others matters. The way we treat others should lead them to experience how valuable they are to God. Our actions toward those around us will reflect the love of God if we choose to love first.

#### **Discussion Questions**

Answers may vary. Allow this to be a time of family discussion.

- 1. God loves you and has great plans for you, but how do we know what His plan for us is?
- 2. When you treat others with kindness and respect, how does that reflect God's love?
- 3. What are some of the worst consequences you've received from your parents? How does this compare to the consequences we receive when we disobey God?

# Play

Play a favorite board game. As you play, use this moment to affirm your kids publicly. Use phrases like, "You're so good!", "Wow that was a smart move.", or "I like playing with you!" (Consider: What if the result of affirmation is a closer relationship with your kids?)

# Sing

# <u>"I Refuse"</u>

# Live it Out

There are bad consequences, and there are good consequences. If we choose to do something sinful, there are bad consequences. Can you think of some of them? If we choose to do something godly, there are good consequences. Can you think of some of them? Honestly, if we choose godliness the consequences might look like a "future filled with hope!"

# **Closing Prayer**

Dear God. I want to know Your plan for my life. I know it starts with spending time with You and Your Word. Help me to stay focused on listening to Your voice. I know the consequences of doing these things are good and for my benefit. Amen.