



## Family Battle Plan

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

### **Week 7: Family**

#### High School

#### **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 the family involves one man and one woman, who have different but complementary roles, committing to one another in a lifetime covenant relationship as a reflection of God’s love for His people.

#### **Teach**

Read Exodus 20:12, *“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.”*

Have you ever noticed that mom and dad have different responsibilities around the house? Sometimes we help each other out with our chores, but typically, mom manages the *(Name a chore mom handles regularly.)* and dad manages the *(Name a chore dad handles regularly.)*. We like to help each other out too! Whether we do our own chores or help each other with chores, we do it because we love and want to help each other.

This is why God designed the family to have both a father and a mother. God designed men and women to be very different from each other, and to complement each other. Moms and dads have different roles in providing and caring for families, and we can appreciate how each of them is a blessing to the family.

#### **Discussion Questions**

*Let this be a time of discussion.*

1. Why is it important for us to have different roles in the family?
2. How can we show appreciation to each other in the family?

### **Play**

Cook dinner together! Everyone has to help and stay in the kitchen the whole time. No TV, no phones, and no leaving. Let the memories begin.

### **Live it Out**

When we recognize the value of each role in the family, we begin to appreciate them for what they do and who they are. Take a moment this week to show your appreciation to a family member (Write a card, send a text, or say it in person.)

### **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for creating my family. I know not every family is perfect, but please guide and protect my family. Help me to appreciate them and encourage them more often. Amen.