

## Unit 6

Give Me  
My Props

# THE PERFECT COMBINATION- OBEDIENCE & HONOR



### LESSON AIM:

To help your students understand that God will bless them if they incorporate the qualities of obedience and honor into their lives.



### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will learn the importance of obeying and honoring their parents.
2. Students will learn one of the secrets to living a long life.
3. Students will learn specific ways to obey and honor their parents.



### LESSON PREP:

1. Scripture Context:  
Ephesians 6:1-3

2. Scripture Supplements:

Deuteronomy 5:16, Psalm 75:6

3. Supplies Needed: none



### PRAYER PREP:

Pray that each of your students will understand that obeying and honoring their parents is a Biblical mandate. Ask God to change the hearts of those students who are in rebellion against their parents. Pray that God will restore the broken relationships that may exist between some of your students and their parents. Finally, ask God to put an obedient heart (spirit) in each student.



### CHECK IT OUT

1. The story of Craig's disappointing visit to the kitchen cabinet helps drive home the point of "The Perfect Combination." The account of his frantic search through the kitchen for peanut butter is one that many of your students can probably relate to.
2. This story will help your students to understand that obedience and honor go together just like peanut butter and jelly. After reading this story, your students will realize that they must have the "perfect combination" in their lives in order to have the blessing of God upon their lives.



### KEEP IT REAL

1. Read each sentence and ask your students to fill in the blanks with correct answers (make this exercise as fun as possible).
2. 1. French Fries    2. Ice Cream    3. Hotdog    4. Soda/Pop  
5. Meatballs    6. Pancakes    7. Fish    8. Salad
3. Explain to your students that just like certain foods make a good combination, obedience and honor make a perfect combination in the eyes of God.

# LESSON 3



1. The Apostle Paul thought it was important to remind the youth in Ephesus how to interact and relate to their parents. He emphasized that obedience to parents was necessary for youth to live a long and prosperous life.



**NOTE:** Help your students to understand that Deuteronomy 5:16 contained the first commandment that promised a blessing to all who would obey it (obedience to parents).

2. The Apostle Paul linked obedience and honor together in his charge to the “children.” Tell your students it is impossible to obey their parents unless they honor (highly esteem) them. It’s simple.... you obey who you honor and you honor who you obey.
3. Emphasize to students that God observes their level of obedience to their parents. Obedience is a choice; they must decide to obey their parents regardless of how tempted they may be to disobey them.
4. Remind your students that just like the “world” honors its stars, celebrities and politicians, you should also honor your parents.



**NOTE:** Remind your students that God used their parents to bring them into the world. Regardless of what their parents have done or haven’t done, they must always “honor the office” of their parents.

5. Share that obedience and honor will prolong our years upon the Earth. The reason why some youth are dead today is because they were disobedient and dishonored their parents.



**NOTE:** God will make life well (good) for those who obey and honor their parents. Tell your students that God will open up doors of opportunity later in life if they obey and honor their parents early in life.



1. **FOLLOWING THEIR INSTRUCTIONS:** Obedience is when you do exactly what your parents tell you to do. Obedience is not easy or convenient, but it is right according to Ephesians 6:1. Obedience is being able to follow the directions of your parents even when you don’t want to.
2. **SUGGESTION, COMMANDMENT:** Obedience to your parents is not optional, it is mandatory. God requires obedience in the Bible. Therefore, youth who disobey their parents are in direct rebellion against God’s law (the Bible).



**NOTE:** Remind your students that there are negative and painful consequences for those who disobey God’s Word.

3. **IMMEDIATELY:** True obedience is when you respond to the command of your parents without hesitation or delay.



**Immediately** - to occur at once, instantly



**NOTE:** Inform your students that delayed obedience is a form of disobedience. When their parents tell them to do something, they should move immediately out of respect for their parents.



**ROLE-PLAY** - Have two students role-play a parent asking his child to do housework.

1. The first role-play should show the child moving immediately out of obedience and honor for his parent.
2. The second role-play should show the child exhibiting "delayed obedience". The child puts off the housework and later gets into a confrontation with his parent after the parent returns home and realizes that the housework is incomplete.

4. **MISTAKES:** Even though your parents make mistakes, you are still required to honor (highly esteem) them. Ephesians 6:2 says, "honor your father and your mother." It doesn't say to honor them based upon what they do... they are to be honored because of who they are.



**NOTE:** Help your students to understand that even though their parents have made mistakes, they should pray for them. This statement may provoke emotional reactions in some of your students, particularly those who have "rocky" relationships with their parents or those who have irresponsible parents. Some of your students may desire to "vent" their anger at this point. Allow them to share but be sure to bring them back to the Biblical principle to "honor" their parents in spite of their shortcomings.

5. **ATTENTIVE:** Being attentive to your parents means you should take notice of them at all times. You should always look them in the eyes when they are talking to you.



**Attentive** - to observe or notice

6. **FAVOR:** God places his "stamp of approval" on those who honor their parents. This is called favor. When you honor your parents, God will open up doors of opportunity for you in various areas of your life (in ministry, in a career, academically, etc.). Refer to Psalm 75:6.



**Favor** - approval and support



1. Ask each student to identify one household responsibility he or she usually "puts off" when his or her parents ask him or her to do it. Ask them to make a commitment to complete the task in a timely manner from now on.
2. Also challenge your students to be "attentive" to their parents by looking them in the eyes when they talk. Encourage them to look away from the T.V. and remove their music headphones when talking to their parents as a sign of honoring them.