

Who Should Do That?

God's plan for families is for them to love, respect, and help one another. Decide if the actions below are for certain family members or every family member. Then circle your answer. Use Paul's instructions in Ephesians 5:22-33 and Ephesians 6:1-4 to help you decide.

| | Only Adults | Only Kids | Everyone! |
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| ① Teach your children God's truth. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ② Honor your father and your mother. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ③ Respect your husbands. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ④ Help your family members. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ⑤ Be kind to one another. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ⑥ Love your family members. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ⑦ Obey your parents. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ⑧ Respect your family members. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ⑨ Love your wives. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ⑩ Do not frustrate your children. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

UNIT VERSE

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
ROMANS 12:10 (ESV)



What is a family? Your family is made of the people with whom you live and the people to whom you are related, either by marriage, blood, or adoption. Your family includes the people who take care of you. Families come in all different shapes and sizes and, because of sin, there are no perfect families.

No Perfect Families

From the very beginning, the Bible tells about families. And not one of those families was perfect. Look up the following verses in Genesis to find out what went wrong with these Bible families.

CAIN and ABEL: Genesis 4:1-16

What went wrong?

JOSEPH and HIS BROTHERS: Genesis 37:1-28

What went wrong?

JACOB and ESAU: Genesis 27:1-45

What went wrong?

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CONVERSATION

Paul Wrote About Families

EPHESIANS 5:22-33; 6:1-4

While Paul was in prison in Rome, he wrote a letter to the Christians who lived in the city of Ephesus. Paul wanted to encourage them to love others like Jesus did.

In Paul's letter he wrote specific instructions about God's plan for families. He challenged families to honor Jesus by treating each other respectfully.

Paul explained that marriage is a picture of Jesus and the church. Paul reminded the people that Jesus loved the church and gave His life for the church. Paul challenged the husbands to follow Jesus' example and love their wives as much as they love themselves. He told the wives to respect their husbands as the head of the home, like Jesus is the head of the church.

Paul instructed children to obey their parents in the Lord because it is one of God's commands and the right thing to do. Paul told parents not to frustrate their children or make them angry or resentful. Instead, parents should provide loving discipline and training in the ways of the Lord.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 6:2

LIFE POINT: The Bible tells about God's plan for families.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child heard that the Bible tells about God's plan for families. Paul wrote about God's plan for families in the Book of Ephesians. God wants families to love, respect, and help one another, which brings honor to Him.

LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story with your child by reading through Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-4. Note each of the points Paul made about God's plan for families. Discuss how your family can follow God's plan and work together to honor God.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God's plan is for all family members to work together so that God is honored by their family.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Ephesians 6:2

Monday: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Tuesday: Proverbs 22:6

Wednesday: Titus 2:6-7

Thursday: Colossians 3:20

Friday: Ephesians 5:25

Saturday: Proverbs 23:24

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Paul Wrote About Families* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories, games, and more.