

Family Matters

WAYS TO USE THIS CUE

1. IN THE CARE | Pick a few questions or quotes to spark conversation.
2. 1 ON 1 | Take your teen to breakfast use it as a guide for discipleship.
3. AS A FAMILY | Lead the whole family thru "PLAY/SHARE/DISCUSS/PRAY."
4. DO YOUR OWN THING | You know your teens, adjust it to fit their level and needs.



OBEDIENCE & HONOR | WK3

THE TEXT | *Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 12:7-11*

PLAY | Best Rule / Worse Rule | On index cards have each person write the best family rule and the worst family rule (separate cards) in their opinion. Then collect the cards and read them, have the family guess who wrote which. Then, if desired discuss the pros/cons of the rules. Lead In: God addresses obedience, even when we don't understand it. Let's look at a few passages today about obedience, discipline and honor.

SHARE |

- What family rule do you have trouble keeping?
- Most of the time, what is your reason for obeying your parents?

DISCUSS | Read *Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 12:7-11*

- What stands out to you?
- What does it reveal about God?
- What does this tell us about our nature?
- What do you like/dislike about this verse?
- What do you need to do about this truth this week?

Use the above questions to discuss any of today's Scriptures.

PRAY |

As a family, pray around the circle, thanking God for each other specifically .

WHY SHOULD I...

OBEY MY PARENTS?

READ THE PASSAGES AND DISCUSS THIS TYPE OF LOVE.

1. IN THE LORD

- ⇒ **EPHESIANS 6:1**
- ⇒ **WHAT REASONS ARE GIVEN HERE?**

2. HONOR

- ⇒ **EPHESIANS 6:2-3**
- ⇒ **WHAT REASONS ARE GIVEN HERE?**
- ⇒ **WHY DO YOU THINK GOD ATTACHES A PROMISE HERE?**

3. DISCIPLINE

- ⇒ **HEBREWS 12:7-11**
- ⇒ **WHAT REASONS ARE GIVEN HERE?**
- ⇒ **WHAT DO YOU FIND DIFFICULT ABOUT THIS?**

TALKITOVER

Discipline vs Punishment
What's the difference?

PARENT CHECK |

Ok, so you're going to talk to your teen about why obeying you is the right thing? Recipe for disaster, you say? Maybe not. Be real with them. Listen to their heart when they complain about a rule. And then, after considering the angles, and listening, explain the purposes behind the rules. They still may not understand or agree - but remind them you are fighting for them - even when it feels like you are fighting with them.