









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
5	3	5	Christian Living	Ears. Mouths and Hearts	11: Listening to my Parents

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: O HOLY LORD, King of heaven and earth, look down with mercy and compassion from the height of Thy holy dwelling, upon our home. Grant health and everything good to my Father and Mother, so that they may take care of us and everyone in our household. And help us all to do what is good and pleasing to Thee. Amen.

Starter: Listen carefully. Can you recognize the voice of God? A fun game to see how well you can listen for the Lord's voice and know the Will of God. After saying the prayer, the children close their eyes and listen to their hearts then share their thoughts and feelings.

Learning objectives: To understand that listening to our parents is honouring them as is included in the Ten Commandments. To understand that honouring the parents is being respectful in word and action and having an inward attitude of esteem towards them. To help the children understand that the relation between parents and children resides within the unity in Christ.

Core Activities and Learning

1. The teacher will tell children that honouring your father and mother is being respectful in word and action and having an inward attitude of esteem towards them. Respect for parents (filial piety) derives from gratitude toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace. The teacher will tell children that our parents took part in God's creation of us, God blessed them with us as their children. When we are young, we depend on our father and mother for nearly everything. They love, feed, clothe, house and protect us. They teach us how to respect God, ourselves and other people through using good words, sharing and expressing kindness. They offer stern warnings and discipline especially when we are in danger. We, as children, must be eternally grateful for this way of upbringing. As we grow older, our parents teach us the importance of responsibility and accountability. We are given chores to complete along with our homework from school. The teacher will tell children that filial respect is shown by true docility and obedience. For us as young children, obeying parents goes hand in hand with honouring them. That includes listening, heeding, and submitting to their authority. Being humble before our parents teaches us how to be humble before God and other people. The teacher will invite children to think and give answers to: How can we honour our father and mother? (Speak politely to our parents; listen to what our parents say; learn from our parents; help our parents cheerfully; pray for your parents; do kind things for your parents; say good things about our parents to others; tell our parents that we love them). The teacher will generate a discussion and reiterate the message to emphasise on the filial duty to honour our parents with both actions and attitudes; honour their unspoken as well as spoken wishes; we should seek to honour our parents in the same way that we strive to bring glory to God in our thoughts, words, and actions; explain that for a young child, obeying parents goes hand in hand with honouring them and that includes listening, heeding, and submitting to their authority.

2. God asks for us to honour our father and mother. He values honouring parents and includes it in the Ten Commandments "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12) and again in the New Testament: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3). The Apostle Paul talks about how the relation between parents and children is to be thought of as existing "in the Lord" within the unity binding all to Christ, in virtue of which the parental authority and the right freedom of the child are both hallowed. He talks about a unity with and in Christ. In this sense to "obey in the Lord" is to obey under the light and grace of that unity, as already belonging both to parents and children, and transfiguring all natural relations

Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)

My son, observe the commandment of your father And do not forsake the teaching of your mother. (Proverbs 6:20)

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:13-14)*

Christ calls us all as children to come to Him. God, our Father, asks for our obedience, love, and respect. By honouring our own parents here on earth, we are obeying the word of God, and showing Him our love through the love of our parents.

3. The teacher will read to children the Bible story - Jesus in the temple at twelve years. (Luke 2: 41-52)

The teacher will tell children that Jesus has a unique relationship to God and a clear sense of his calling, one that transcends his relationship to his earthly parents.

Resources: The Bible for Young Children, icon of Jesus, icon of Holy Trinity, picture of Jesus in the temple at twelve years

Review: The love of parents for their children must be matched by honour, love and obedience in all things good and honest in return. Listening to parents and responding accordingly is a vital part of growing up.

Follow Up: In the next session we will learn more about listening to my friends.