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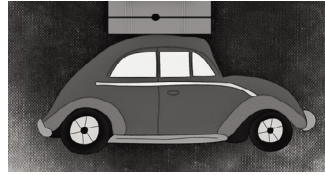
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REVIEWING YOUR SMART GOALS



Hello Boys and Girls,

In the previous issue of your Bible

Discoverers *Learner Guide*, you were

encouraged to set some SMART goals. Well, I do hope that

you had done so. If you had set some goals, now is a good

time to see to what extent, you are on track in achieving them.

Are we there Yet?

You may recall, that as part of goal setting, some milestones, or indicators should have been included to provide feedback on your progress. When someone embarks on a journey, it is wise to check, along the way, to ensure that the right route is being taken. It is always better to make periodic corrections, rather than continue blindly to the end. Failure to evaluate along the way, could leave you very disheartened at the end.

Here is a practical way to review your goals. This will save you some disappointment at the end. Use the headings below to do your review. An example has been done for you.

Goal: (Using the academic goal in our example on goal setting)

Maintaining at least a "B" average in Mathematics for the remainder of the academic year by spending half an hour daily, four days per week, revising my class work and doing practice questions.

Strengths	Weaknesses	Possible Improvements
1. The time identified for studying was realistic. 2. 3.	1. I could not do all the practice questions on my own which was frustrating.	1. I plan to ask my sibling for help with the challenging practice questions.

UNIT OVERVIEW

MAY 2024

Title: Bible Guidelines for the Family

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God places everyone in a family as a gift to that family. A family unit might consist of a couple; a mother, father and children; a single parent and child; grandparents and grandchildren; aunts and uncles; a sibling group; cousins or adopted relatives. God is interested in everyone who lives in the family. He has given many guidelines in the Holy Bible about how families should live.

One of the things which God desires is that each family worships Him at home. This should help family members to be joyful and united. Family members who worship at home will become strong in the Lord and in their relationships with each other.

It is also important for each family to meet with other families to worship God together. Here are some names of places where people meet regularly for worship: church building, chapel, temple, cathedral, assembly hall, tent and mission house. God is pleased when families meet to worship Him, whether it is in large or small gatherings. He accepts their sincere worship, in spite of the place, and blesses the families that worship together.

Through the Bible stories, songs and activities in the month of **May**, you will learn that you are important to your family and that your family is important to you.

1.

Tick the pictures which represent family members whom you have.

2.

State how many of the following you have:

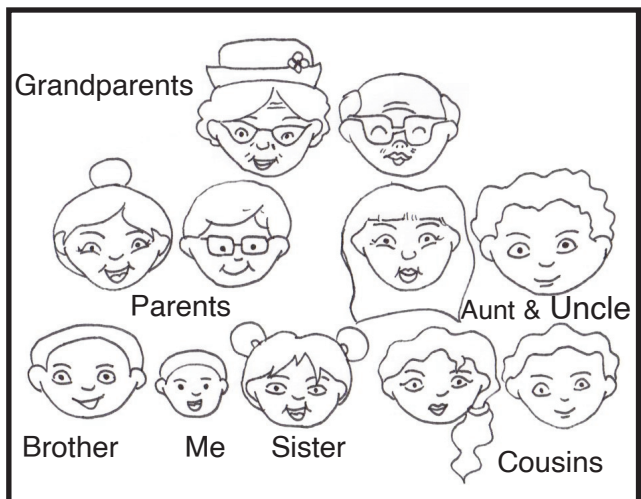
Brothers _____

Sisters _____

Uncles _____

Aunts _____

Cousins _____



Unit Title: Bible Guidelines for the Family

Lesson Title:

Worship Together

Bible Focus:

Deuteronomy 6:1-7, 18 -21

Memory Verse:

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NIV

Central Truth:

God is pleased when family members worship together at home.

God is great, powerful and holy. In a vision, Isaiah saw God sitting on a very high throne. A host of angels, called Seraphim, surrounded the throne. They were worshipping God. They said, *Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory* (Isaiah 6:3 NIV). God truly deserves the reverence and worship of all human beings, as well as angels.

Worshipping together is perhaps the most important thing that a family can do. Christian homes should be like a Christian church in which every member of the household shares in reverence in God's presence, earnest prayer, songs of praise and learning from God's Word, the Bible.

Families which love God obey what He tells them to do. He tells us to study His Word (Deuteronomy 6:6-9). We should study His Word because

it is the foundation of life and God wants it to remain in our mind every day of our life.

Family worship allows all of the household, together to offer themselves to God for His acceptance, blessings and leading. It shows that they want to walk before Him in obedience, fear and love. The Bible has examples of heads of families who ensured that the family remained fixed on God in worship. Joshua was one example. He said, ... *Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD* (Joshua 24:15) NIV.

Family worship can encourage peace in the home and help to bind the family together. The household will realize that no matter what else they do, the most important thing that marks them as a family is that they are one unit in God's sight.

That bond strengthens the family when it face difficulties such as sickness and sadness.

We read in Psalm 34:15 NIV: *The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears open unto their cry.* From this we learn that God hears when families call on Him in prayer and He shows great mercy and favour to families which are righteous. According to verses 17 and 19 also, though godly families may meet with trouble, *when they cry, the LORD heareth and delivers them out of all their troubles.* Family worship is a command, a duty and a privilege which no family should neglect.



What is happening in this picture? Write your answer on the following lines.

This picture was taken outdoors. On the lines below, write what you like or do not like about praying outdoors.

 **Learning Activities** 

1: Daily Bible Search

Each day, after reading the Bible verse, write in your own words what the verse says about how we can worship God.

Sunday: Psalm 95:6 _____

Monday: Psalm 47:1 _____

Tuesday: Psalm 47:6-7 _____

Wednesday: Psalm 113:1 _____

Thursday: Psalm 92:1 _____

Friday: Psalm 96:8 _____

Saturday: John 4:23-24 _____

2. True or False Statements

After each statement, if it is true, write T in the brackets or F if it is false.

1. We cannot see God but He is the Head of Christian homes. ()
2. The Bible tells of angels worshipping God. ()
3. A household should make time for family worship. ()
4. Grandparents are wise so they do not need to worship God. ()
5. There is no need for family worship when things are going well. ()
6. Children can sometimes lead the family worship. ()
7. Four-year-old children are too young to worship. ()
8. God is holy. ()
9. Worship is from the heart. ()
10. Family worship encourages peace in the household. ()

2. Worship in My Family

(A) Describe worship in your household if it takes place.

- i) When does worship take place in your family? _____
- ii) How much time is spent in worship? _____
- iii) Do all members of the household participate in family worship? ____
- iv) What are the usual family worship activities? _____

(B) Describe the way you would like worship to be in your family.

Unit Title: **Bible Guidelines for the Family**Lesson Title: **Honour Your Mother**Bible Focus:
Proverbs 31:10-31

Memory Verse:

*Her children praise her and with great pride.***Proverbs 31:28 CEV**

Central Truth:

The role of a godly mother cannot be measured and the wise child shows sincere appreciation.

The Bible places much emphasis on the role and responsibilities of a woman who fears God and looks about the well-being of her family. In the typical home, the mother, or other female head, has many roles. She is not only wife and mother; she is often disciplinarian, nurturer, teacher, nurse, cook, driver, housekeeper, homework supervisor, cleaner and washer. You can list many other roles. Her extremely busy hours are noted in Proverbs 31 verse 15. She begins her mammoth tasks towards her family's comfort early in the morning.

The godly mother is keen about her family's clothing. She makes or buys beautiful clothing for the members of her household (v.21), and she herself is beautifully dressed (v. 22). Along with the lovely appearance, the mother wants her family members to have confidence in themselves so she never forgets to build their self-esteem by encouraging them. The text also shows the following characteristics of the godly mother: businesslike, kind, dignified, wise, attentive and strong.

Many women do good things, but the godly mother is outstanding in her giving up of self completely for the good of her entire family. She does not stay among those who are idle, as she is always busy with the affairs of her household. The writer praises the mother for her work and worth (vv. 10, 28, 29).

Have you noticed that although a mother works so hard, she does not usually ask for anything in return? Her dedication to the many duties and to her family comes out of her desire to please God (v.30). She understands that she needs to worship God and depend on Him to guide her as she plays

her role in the family. Her household knows that God comes first in her life. Sometimes, she is the one who leads the family in Bible study and devotion.

As family members, we should never take our mother for granted. We should encourage her by commending her for the good qualities we see in her, and let her know that we see how God is using her to bless our life. The entire family should pray for and with her, as together the family seeks to build their relationship with God.

In some homes, the person who plays the role of mother is a grandmother, aunt, sister, other relative, foster mother or friend of the family. We should accept and respect them, too, as the guardians or caregivers chosen by God and placed by Him in our families.

*A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Honour her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.* (Proverbs 31:30b-31 NIV)

 **Learning Activities** 

1: Daily Bible Search

Each day, match the text with what it speaks about in the box. Write the matching letter on the line beside the verse.

Sunday: Proverbs 14:1 _____

Monday: Proverbs 18:22 _____

Tuesday: Leviticus 20:9 _____

Wednesday: Jeremiah 1:5 _____

Thursday: Proverbs 31:26-27 _____

Friday: 2 Timothy 1:5 _____

Saturday: Exodus 20:12 _____

- a)** He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favour from the LORD.
- b)** Anyone who curses his father or his mother shall be put to death. He that curse his father or his mother has blood upon him.
- c)** The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.
- d)** “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.”
- e)** God formed us in our mother’s womb.
- f)** “Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”
- g)** Grandmother Lois and mother Eunice were faithful women.

2. Answer these questions

Write your answers on the lines provided.

1. In which ways do you think your mother or guardian is special?

2. If pages 7-8 do not list all the roles of your mother or guardian, what are some other roles you know she carries out?

3. What are five things you know your mother or guardian wants most for you?

4. What are some things your family does which make your mother or guardian sad?

3. A Gift for Mother

When was the last time you gave your mother or guardian a gift or hug?

In the gift box below, draw the gift which you know your mother or guardian really wants. Use your favourite crayons to colour your picture. As you show your drawing to your mom or guardian, give her a hug. She will understand if you are unable to purchase a gift. Perhaps, you could begin to save towards it.



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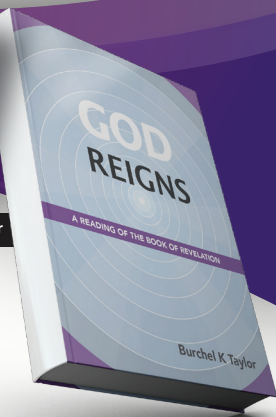


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