

# Bible Time for Kids!



**CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:**

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**LESSON TITLE: The Christian Home**

**THEME: God desires us to honor Him in  
all our relationships.**

**SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:18 – 4:6**



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! This is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week we learned about the **Christian Home**. The theme was **"God desires us to honor Him in all our relationships."**

As Christians, we need to honor God in everything that we do. This is especially true in our families and other relationships. Sometimes we may think we can act one way at church and not live according to the same standard at home. But God has a lot to say about relationships and how we should live in our homes and when we are with others. This week we are going to look at those relationships and see what the Lord has to share with us to help us to be more like Him.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Colossians 3:18 - 4:6**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

# Imitate Me!

**Text: 1 Corinthians 11:1** – “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”  
**Also read Colossians 3:20**

Maggie was on the stage waiting for her big moment. Her parents were sitting in the audience with their camera in hand. “Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to introduce Miss Demerits” 1<sup>st</sup> grade class.” Maggie’s face beamed as she began singing her classroom song, “Do as I’m doing, follow, follow, me. Do as I am doing, follow, follow, me.” As the song was being sung, a student would stand up and do something with their hands or body and all of the other students would imitate them. The students enjoyed acting out the parts as the song continued. Each student had an opportunity to stand up and be imitated by the other students.

At times our lives can be like the fun song that Miss Demerits” class performed. We can act like or imitate our friends. Sometimes this can be good and other times not so good because some friends may have good behavior and others may have bad behavior. As we are growing up we will look to others and watch how they live and see what is important to them. Sometimes we will watch our friends and want to be like them. But we have to be careful because our friends may not be doing things that please the Lord, so we shouldn't always do as they are doing. Our standard is Jesus, not our friends.

We can be a great example to this world! “I can do ALL things through Christ, who strengthens me!” (Philippians 4:13) We can be like the Apostle Paul and say: “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” We can show our friends how to do what is right. Our relationships with friends are important and we need to make sure that we honor God in those relationships. The first step we need to take, as Christians, is to be like Jesus. When we live for Him, our life is a reflection of His glory! The Holy Spirit will work on the hearts of those around you. In everything you do honor Him!

- Who do you imitate in your life?
- Who did the Apostle Paul imitate?
- How can we be an example to our friends?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Imitate:** To follow after one or copy another. To act like another individual.

# Encourage, Not Discourage

**Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:11** – “Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.”

**Also read 1 Thessalonians 5:14**

“You can't do anything right! I told you to use two hands when carrying the pitcher of Pepsi! Because you didn't listen, you spilled the pitcher all over the carpet,” shouted Marvin's father. Marvin was embarrassed and ashamed of himself. Marvin's father was very hard on him. Marvin felt like he couldn't do anything right. He was very discouraged by his father's words. When Marvin's little brother did something wrong, Marvin was quick to show encouragement. Marvin would tell his brother, “It's alright, I'll help you clean up the mess. Mistakes like that can happen.”

If a child or parent or any person hears discouraging words all the time then their self-confidence and strength is lessened. Our words can be very damaging if they are not chosen properly. How would you feel if someone walked up to you and said, “you stink!” It would probably hurt your feelings and you would probably sniff yourself to see if you really did smell bad. As Christians, we need to lift others up with our words. Our words should make them feel good about themselves. Even if they are not Christians!

Unfortunately, there are homes throughout this world that are discouraging places for children to live in. A way we can help is by praying often for those who are in a discouraging home. We can also be a living example of what an encourager must live like on a day-to-day basis. A true Christian home should be a place of encouragement. We can find a loving heart, a watchful eye, a listening ear, and a helping hand in our Father God. His words will never bring discouragement into our lives. God is honored in our relationships when we are encouraging to one another.

- How can you show encouragement to your parents today?
- What can you say to your friend so they will be encouraged this week?
- Pray that the Lord will give you an encouraging heart towards others.

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Encouragement:** Helping another gain confidence and courage to face a challenge or complete a task.

Day Three

# It's All in the Name

**Text: Colossians 3:17** – "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

**Also read Proverbs 3:5,6**

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were going to have a baby in about two weeks. According to the doctor, the baby was going to be a boy. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were very excited and thankful for the wonderful gift that God was giving them. There were many things racing through Mr. Johnson's mind about his soon to be new child. One of those thoughts was what they would call him? Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were Christians and they wanted their child to have a biblical name that would encourage their new child. Who could they name their child after that was a Godly influence in the Bible? There were so many names to choose from.

Often, during Old Testament days, God would change a person's name because of some important thing that happened in their life or something that He wanted them to know about who He is. The name you and I have has some meaning to it. Maybe you were named after your great aunt who was a kind and giving woman or maybe you were named after your grandfather because of his courage and honesty. The name we have has a way of saying a lot about ourselves to others. We also want to have a good name so others will trust us. In other words, when someone thinks of your name do they think of kindness, gentleness, or honesty? Or do they think of lying or meanness. Our name says a lot.

As Christians, we bear the name of Jesus Christ. All that we say and do should be in His name. And in what we say and do we should always glorify His name. If we allow anything to come into our life that doesn't fit with His name and what He stands for then we are sinning. Everything we do and say should be done for the honor of the name of Jesus Christ. Even the name Christian means that we are taking on the name of Christ. When Jesus saves us He comes to live in our hearts, but He also gives us His name. It is a big name to live up to, but He promises to help us when we ask.

- Can you think of someone in the Bible that you wish you were named after?
- Who are you named after?
- What does it mean to wear the name of Christian?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Christian** – A person who is a follower of Jesus Christ.

# Everything is His

**Text: Psalm 24:1** – “The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

**Also read Psalm 50:10-12**

“I have a total of 75 cents, dad,” said James as he counted the money in his piggy bank. “When will I ever get more money?” James asked his father. James' father replied, “James, now that you are 5 years old, it's a good time to start training you how to use and spend money wisely. I am going to start giving you an allowance of one dollar every week.” James was very excited. He was thinking about what he could buy with that dollar. James' father replied, “Out of each dollar I give you, you must put 15 cents into your bank and give 10 cents to the Lord. So, each week at church you can give one dime from your dollar to the church offering. Is that a deal?” “That sounds great dad,” replied James.

Learning how to use the things that God gives us helps us to become good stewards. What's a good steward? It is a person who wisely handles the property or things of someone else. The Bible tells us that everything in this world is God's and what we have is given to us as a gift from Him. Since it isn't ours, we are responsible to use it for what He wants. Whatever things God gives to you are things He believes you will use wisely. Some people are trusted with money. Some are trusted with wisdom. Some have wonderful gifts. God gives you these things so you can use them to glorify Him.

Can you think of some things in your life that God has given to you? How can you use those items to bring glory to Him? Everything in this world belongs to Him. He entrusts things to you because he knows that you are capable of taking care of His property. God desires us to honor Him in everything we have and do! Maybe you could give some things to others who have need. Perhaps you could take some of the time the Lord has given you to write to a missionary. When you think about it, there are a lot of ways that we can bring glory to God by using what He has entrusted to us for His glory.

- Write down on a piece of paper some of the things God has entrusted to you.
- How can you use the things on your list for God's purposes?
- What areas can you become a better steward in?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Stewardship:** Managing God's property wisely.

Day Five

# Honoring Him

**Text: 1 Corinthians 15:33** – “Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’”

**Also read 1 Kings 11:1-13, 1 Corinthians 5:6**

“What a beautiful day it is today,” said Randy as he climbed on his bike. Randy, Johnny, and Eric rode their bicycles to school everyday. Today was a gorgeous day to be outside on their bicycles. “Hey let’s go over to Mickey Mouse Hill and ride our bikes today,” said Randy. “What about class?” Johnny replied. “Let’s blow school off today,” Randy chimed in. “We can get excuses from my Uncle Jim.” “All right! Lets go riding today!” Johnny replied.

The boys started to pedal their bikes in the direction of Mickey Mouse Hill. “Come on Eric, it will be fun.” Eric spoke up, “I don’t think it’s the right thing to do. I’ll just ride my bike to school by myself today.” “Can’t stay away from the books, huh?” Johnny kidded.

“You know we could get in a lot of trouble by skipping school. Besides, I have to turn in some homework today,” replied Johnny. Randy just stared towards Mickey Mouse Hill. “You guys are right, let’s go to school today,” he said.

Peer pressure can cause us to be led astray. But, in Johnny and Randy’ situation, peer pressure was done in the right way. Eric stood strong in his choosing between right and wrong. Eric knew that by ditching school he would suffer bad consequences and he would be disobedient to his parents and to God. Eric did the right thing. He honored God when someone else was trying to get him to be disobedient. God desires us to honor Him in all our relationships. He wants us to be examples to our friends.

- Can you think of a time when the Lord used you to help someone choose to do the right thing?
- Does God care about what kind of example we are to our friends?

## Kid's Prayer Time



God desires us to honor Him in all of our relationships. In everything we do we need to acknowledge Christ. We can acknowledge Him in how we speak, in how we act, and in how we use His property. Pray that the Lord will use you in a way that brings Him glory this week.

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

“Children, obey your  
parents in all things, for  
this is well pleasing to the  
Lord.”

Third Grade and Above

“Children, obey your  
parents in all things, for  
this is well pleasing to the  
Lord.”

**Colossians 3:20**