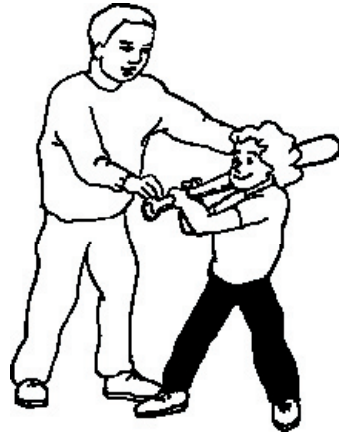




6. By telling my friends the good things about my parents instead of complaining about them.

7. By thanking them often for the nice things they do for me.



I did not cross out any of them!



Your parents will feel very honored if you try to do these things.



Yes! And I will be making my Friend, God, happy too!

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GOD WANTS TO BE MY VERY BEST FRIEND

Lesson 5

God Wants Me to Show My Love for Him by Loving My Parents

Janice and Sally had just moved to a city. They had never lived where there were *so* many cars!

"Honor your father and your mother. Then you will live a long time in the land. The Lord your God is going to give you this land."

Exodus 20:12, ICB



Janice, you must always hold Sally's hand whenever you cross the street. Sally, NEVER cross the street without holding Janice's hand.

We won't.



Janice, hold my hand, Dad said you have to.



But we are not ready to cross yet, and I want to pet this kitty.

Oh no! Sally crossed the street! I better run!

Now we can cross. I will just cross without her. That will teach her to hold my hand next time!



How can I honor my mother and father besides obeying them?



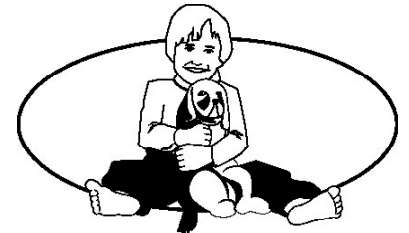
Cross out the wrong answers below.

1. By speaking respectfully to them.



2. By not making them ashamed of the way I act.

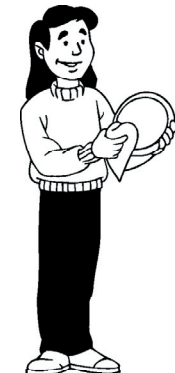
3. By not telling other people things that would embarrass them.




4. By loving them.



5. By helping them.

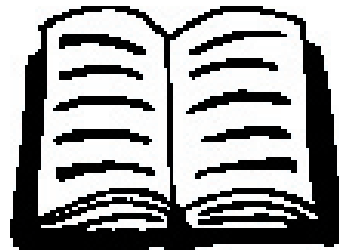
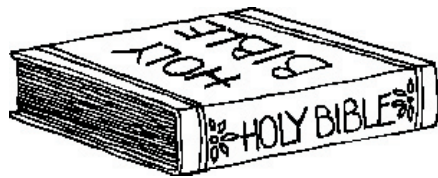


Here is more advice from the Bible to help us know how to honor our parents.

Read these texts  and

in the Bible. Draw lines to connect the beginnings and endings of the sentences.

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| 1. My son, do not . . .
[Proverbs 3:1] | A. make their fathers glad. |
| 2. My son, obey my words and . . .
[Proverbs 7:1] | B. forget my teaching. |
| 3. Wise children . . .
[Proverbs 10:1] | C. store up my commandments. |
| 4. Foolish children . . .
[Proverbs 10:1] | D. are on their way to life. |
| 5. Those who pay attention to
their training . . .
[Proverbs 10:17] | E. can expect joy. |
| 6. Those who do right . . .
[Proverbs 10:28] | F. bring sorrow to their mothers. |



There was a *horrible* screeching of brakes, then silence. Janice lay white and still on the road.



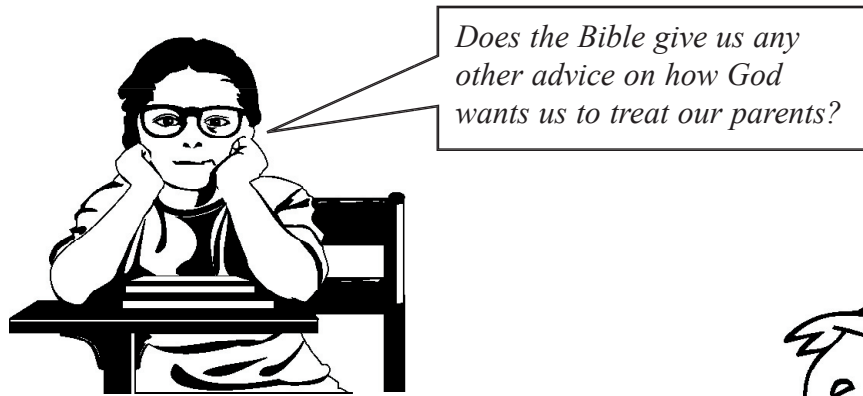
*That car hit Janice!
It is all my fault! Oh God,
please make Janice wake up. I promise I will do what mom and dad tell me. Please give my sister back to me and help her be okay!*

Janice *did* wake up and she was not badly hurt. After that she and Sally were always careful when crossing the street.

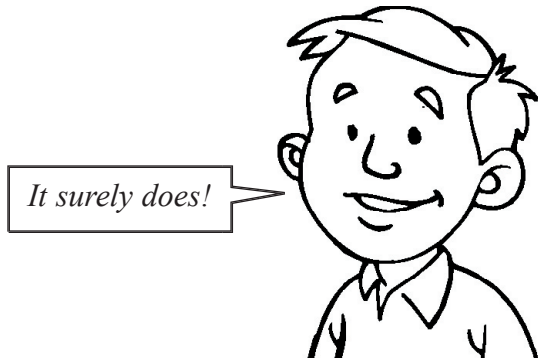
Sometimes our parents tell us to do something that does not seem too important, but God has promised us that we will live longer if we obey.



We can show God that we love Him by honoring and respecting our parents. And it will show our parents we love them too.

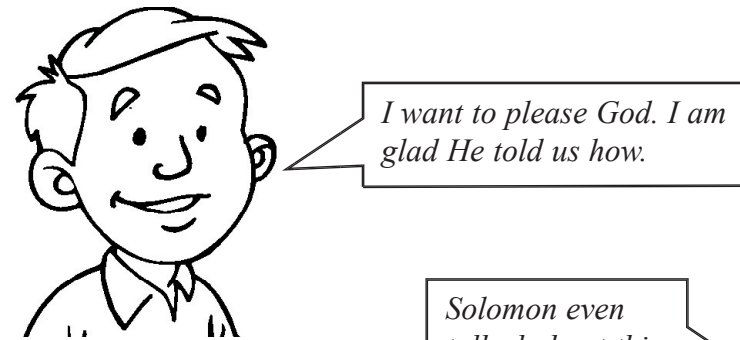


Does the Bible give us any other advice on how God wants us to treat our parents?



It surely does!

Read Ephesians 6:1, and write the advice on the lines below.



I want to please God. I am glad He told us how.



Solomon even talked about this.

Read Solomon's advice in Proverbs 13:1. Write it on the lines below.
