



## Loving Your Family Well

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### BEFORE GROUP

#### BOTTOM LINE

God loves us and calls us to love, honor and respect family in the same way he loves us.

#### SCRIPTURE

*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Parents, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. - Colossians 3:20-21*

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup>“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Parents, do not exasperate your*

*children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. – Ephesians 6:1-4*

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” – John 13:34-35*

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students recognize an area of their lives where they might need to grow in love, honor and respect with their family and to ask for God's help.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.*

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### DURING GROUP

#### ICE BREAKER

What's the best memory you have with your family? Why is it your favorite memory?

#### DISCUSS THIS

1. Who makes us your family?
  2. What's something you enjoy doing with your family?
  3. What's something you don't enjoy doing with your family?
  4. What are some ways you have seen middle schoolers have a hard time getting along with their family?
  5. In our bible readings we are encouraged to honor our parents and for parents to not “exasperate” our children. What do think this means or looks like?
  6. Jesus call us to love one another as he has loved us. In what ways does Jesus love us? What did he do to show us love?
  7. If God told you where he thought you could love your family a little more like Jesus, what do you think God would say?
  8. What are some things you can do to better love and honor your family this week?
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