

#### WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

I was in the store the other day and I overheard a conversation between a mother and her young son. The boy looked to be around ten years old. He had a scowl on his face and his poor mother looked very flustered as her son spoke a little too loudly so that everyone near him could him say, "You never buy me anything! I hate this family. I wish I could run away!"

"You know that's not true! I've bought you lots of things," the boy's mother protested. I felt so sorry for the mother. Her face turned red and I could just imagine her embarrassment. It was a classic case of a child being

spoiled and not showing respect for his parent's authority. Yahweh commands children to honor their parents. This is not a suggestion, and it is negotiable. There is a special blessing to those children who properly honor their parents—that they may have a long life. fact, this is one of the first promises in the Bible.

People in our modern world tend to forget the



many blessings that Yahweh has bestowed on them. And you don't need a mansion and riches to be thankful. Even people who have simpler lives have reason to be thankful. Are you thankful for your parents and siblings? You should be! Let us all honor the command to respect our parents. We all want a long life, don't we? Honoring our parents is one way to receive the promise from Yahweh.

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Therefore I will praise you, Yahweh, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your Name. He gives His king great victories; He shows unfailing kindness to His anointed, to David and his descendants forever.

2 Samuel 22:50-51 NIV

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### Match Up!

Match the person with the fact related to him or her. Scriptures are provided to help you. Draw a line from the person to the fact.

1. Zadok

2. Matthias

3. Moses

4. Daniel

5. Jezebel

6. Noah

7. Samson

8. Peter

9. Balaam

10. Aaron

11. Solomon

a. Walked on water (Matt. 14:29)

b. Built a temple (2 Chron. 6:1-2)

c. Lost his strength when his hair was cut (Judg. 16:19-20)

d. Built a golden calf (Exod. 32:35)

e. Anointed Solomon (1 Kings 1:39)

f. Was hidden in a basket (Exod. 2:3, 10)

g. Built an ark (Gen. 6:13-14)

h. Talked to a donkey (Num. 22:27-30)

I. Replaced Judas (Acts 1:26)

J. Survived a den of lions (Dan. 6:16)

k. Painted her face (2 Kings 9:30)



#### The Fifth Commandment

| Turn to Exodus 20:12 and find the fifth commandment. | Write it out on the lines provided below. |
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| Memorize it!   |   |

# Ways to honor Mom and Dad

Find the words in the box below:

Affection Love Respect Yielding Helpfulness Obedience Sharing Kindness Praying Studying



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## Families Work Together to Make Strong Roots What did you learn?

- 1. We know that honoring our parents is one of the ten commandments. Which one?
- A. Third
- B. Fourth
- C. Tenth
- D. Fifth
- 2. Honoring our parents is:
- A. Just a nice suggestion.
- B. Only to be done when we feel like it.
- C. Non-negotiable to Yahweh.
- D. A. and B. are the correct choices.
- 3. Some ways to show honor to our parents are:
- A. Trying our best to be good students and speaking respectfully.
- B. Throwing tantrums and being difficult to your siblings.
- C. Obeying them and yielding to their leadership.
- D. A. and C. are the best answers.
- 4. The fifth commandment,
- A. If obeyed, comes with the promise of a long life.
- B. Is not expected to be followed.
- C. Was done away with.
- D. Is impossible to follow.

