**Verse**

**Bible Drill Devotions**

***Green Cycle***

**2. Exodus 20:12**

**KJV** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

**CSB** **Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.**

**ESV** “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

**Family Activity:** Play a game of “Mother, May I?” Insert the name that the children call you. Use a hallway or go outside to play. Have the children line up at one end of the hallway. Call each child individually and give them an action to complete (i.e. take two giant steps, take three baby steps). Before the child can move, he must say “Mother, may I?” If he forgets to ask permission, he goes back to the beginning. Play several times so that each child can win. If you have only one child, have the child line up a few stuffed animals or other toys. Have fun letting the child do the actions with toys and choose to say or not say “Mother, may I?” for the toys.

Talk together about the rules for the game. Ask who told the child what actions to do each time (the adult). Ask the child what she had to do before she could complete any of the actions (ask permission). Ask what happened if the child forgot to ask permission (she had to return to the beginning line). The child had to obey the adult. The child also had to follow the rules of the game by asking permission.

Read Exodus 20:12. Explain that God gives children to parents.[[1]](#footnote-1) Parents take care of their children by keeping them safe, meeting their needs, helping them learn, and leading them to know God. Children obey their parents by following their instructions. Just like in the game, children need to do what their parents ask them to do. When children obey their parents, they are obeying God’s Word. God is pleased when children obey His Word.

Read Exodus 20:12, but this time leave out a key word. See if the children can remember the missing word. Say the verse several times leaving out a different word. Affirm the children each time they remember the missing words.

This week divide the verse into several sections. Work on memorizing the verse in smaller phrases. Toward the end of the week, put all the phrases together to memorize the entire verse.

1. \*If you are not the child’s parent, insert your relationship to the child each time the devotion mentions “parents.” Remind the child that God gives children lots of adults who love them and want to keep them safe.

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