



MAKING YOUR BOSS HAPPY

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: Some leaders in life are great, some are okay, and some are downright terrible. God has called you to honor and submit to all of them, and to work hard to please Him with your actions and attitude.

2. BIBLE VERSE

God is your real boss

Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT) *“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.”*

Your work ethic matters to God, because ultimately, He’s your boss. Whatever you do with your time, do it well! Have a good attitude. Go above and beyond what’s required. You’re not working for a paycheck, a grade, or even the respect of others. You’re working for the Lord.

Q. If you work hard, but have a bad attitude, is God still pleased?

Q. Which area of your job is the easiest to become complacent in? Would extra effort in that area matter to your human boss/ leader? Would it matter to God?

3. APPLICATION

Honor God by honoring the human leaders in your life

Romans 13:1-2 (NLT)

“Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.”



The human leaders in your life are an extension of God’s authority. When we respect and submit to them, we’re serving God. We don’t honor and submit because they’ve earned it - we do it because our God commands it.

Q. God said He’ll reward you for honoring authority. What are some ways He might do that?

4. WRAP UP DISCUSSION

Who are the leaders in your life you have the hardest time respecting? Is it possible to treat them with honor and respect while disagreeing about how they do things? Think specifically - what would that look like?



5. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and thank God for the leaders He’s put in your life. Ask God to help you to respect Him by respecting the leaders in your life.



FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

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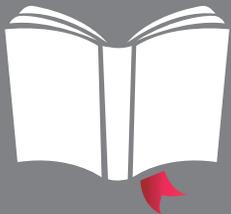
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1. ACTIVITY: Play a few rounds of “Simon Says” with the family. Let different people take turns being “Simon.” Try suggesting a few actions that are silly or undesirable. For example: “Simon says sing your favorite song in a dinosaur voice,” or “Simon says put an ice cube in your sock.”

2. BIBLE VERSE

Colossians 3:20 (NIV)

“Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.”



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3. APPLICATION



If you want to win “Simon Says,” you have to follow instructions, even if they seem silly or you don’t like them. Just like “Simon” is in charge in the game, God put parents (or guardians) in charge of kids, so they can grow up well and learn how to make good choices. When we obey our parents with a good attitude, we’re not just respecting them, we’re respecting God. That means, if we disobey or have grumpy attitudes, we’re disrespecting God :(Choose to make God happy today, obey your parents and treat them with respect.

Q. What’s something parents ask you to do that you don’t like to do?

Q. Does it still make God happy when we obey, but have a bad attitude? (no!)

Q. What’s something you could do today that would show your parents (and God) respect?



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