

Deuteronomy

LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 3



FOR THE LEADER

In this lesson, we will learn the importance of obeying our parents.

KEY POINT

Loving God means obeying our parents.

KEY VERSE

“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” **Ephesians 6:2–3**

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys’ sheet.

- Repeated disobedience and rejection of discipline
- God established parental authority. God said honor your parents. When you don’t honor your parents, you are disobeying God.
- Long life



MATERIALS & PREP

Prepare a copy of the Student Handout for each boy.

- Sheets of paper, one per boy
- Pens or pencils, one per boy

Read the lesson in advance, taking note of the main points. Be prepared to present the lesson to your group, but avoid reading it word for word. Include discussion with the group to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

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CATEGORY

Christlike Manhood

TITLE

Obedient Sons

REFERENCE

Deuteronomy 21:18–21

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 3



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READ

If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and will not listen to them when they discipline him, his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town. They shall say to the elders, “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a glutton and a drunkard.” Then all the men of his town are to stone him to death. You must purge the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of it and be afraid. (Deuteronomy 21:18–21)

Some harsh penalties are found in the Old Testament. A son could be killed for rebelling against his parents. In this case, rebelling was more than breaking a parental rule. It seems that hating discipline was part of this crime. Repeating bad behavior seems to have been part of the crime too.

God sees these actions as very sinful. The Law

assumes that all other options have failed. The son cannot be corrected.

Families are very important to God. He set up fathers and mothers to guide them. To rebel against your mom or dad is to rebel against God.

But there is good news for those who obey. Paul pointed out that they would get a reward. It is the first of God’s commandments that comes with a promise attached: if you obey your parents, God will bless you with “long life on the earth.”

God wants to bless us. But to be blessed, we must submit to His authority. That also means we must submit to the authority of our parents. When we submit to our parents and to God, we put ourselves in a place where God can bless us.

Every day, your parents tell you to do things. How you respond determines if you are a

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person God will bless. You can become the man that God wants you to be. To do that you need to love, respect, and obey your parents.



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- What is rebellion?
- Why does God consider rebellion against our parents to be a sin?
- What blessing does God promise to children who obey their parents?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for giving me parents to help me grow into the person You want me to be. Help me to always obey them and You in all things. Amen.



RESPOND

Hand out paper and pencils. Have the boys write down times they have disobeyed their parents. Give them a few minutes to pray and then have them destroy their papers as a sign that they are turning away from those behaviors.

Remember to read your Bible this week using the Bible reading plan of your choice. A recommended plan can be found in the Bible Reading merit or online at RoyalRangers.com. Review this lesson with a friend or parent as a way to help you remember it.