

HOME connection

ST Unit: Modern Day Idols, Lesson 3

D6 Family Theme:

HONORING GOD WITH OUR TIME

Objectives:

Know: When allowed to take too much priority in our lives, entertainment, sports, and hobbies can become idols for the Christian.

Think: View my time as a precious commodity to be used wisely, and for God's glory.

Do: Prioritize my time wisely, using it first and foremost to know, serve, and glorify God.

READ: LISTEN TO GOD



Read 1 Peter 4:8-11; Ephesians 5:15-17; 6:5-8. Few areas of our lives present a greater challenge for us than management of our time. Our money and possessions are tangible things that we can understand in a different way. Possessions will wear out or decay over time and no amount of money can buy what we ultimately need the most. But we may have more difficulty with our perception of the intangible gift of time. It is sometimes difficult to gauge whether we have enough time, and we never know exactly how much time we will have. Psalm 90:10 reminds us of how brief our time on earth is. James says our time on earth is like a puff of smoke (vapor) that will quickly vanish (James 4:14). So the best way to manage our time is to first be very honest with ourselves about our priorities. So what does the Bible say are our priorities?



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

God gives us time to glorify Him and to serve others. Pray that you and your family will be good stewards of the time God has blessed you with, using it to glorify Him in all you do.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: This week your children learned about honoring God with their time. Our time is very important to God and should be used to serve and glorify Him. There are so many activities that fill up our schedules that sometimes we leave no room for God (e.g. hobbies, sports, movies, choir). Explain to your children that although it is good to spend alone time with God, they can also use the activities throughout their day to glorify God and serve others. List the things your children spend their time doing, and help them come up with ways they can give that time back to God. For example, during their soccer practice, they can tell a teammate about God.

Option 2: Ask your family the following questions:

- *If you wrote down what you did each hour of the day for a year, what would you discover about yourself? (How much or how little time we spend with our family; how much time we spend watching TV or "gaming"; how much time we spend on hobbies; how much time we spend sleeping; time spent on things we value most, etc.)*
- *How does the way we spend our time and God-given gifts reflect our worship of God and love for others? (We may spend our time on ourselves more than on God or others; the way we spend our time may reveal that we are selfish and that we don't properly value God and others; spending time to serve others may show that we are growing in our relationship with God, etc.)*

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned Elijah also built an altar, placed a bull on it, and dug a ditch around the altar. He then had four jars of water poured on the altar and the bull three times before praying to God. The Lord sent fire to burn everything. The people then knew whose God was real. **God Hears When I Pray.**



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE

Today your student learned about honoring God with our time. The story of Daniel being thrown in the lion's den demonstrates to us how prayer was a priority to Daniel. So much so, that he was willing to die for it. We can learn from Daniel's example of the importance of making time with God a priority in our lives.



4 & 5
GRADE



YOUNG
TEEN

Teens examined the topic of time. Discuss the importance of managing time and why our use of it is important to God. Talk about things that are currently taking up the most time in your teen's life. Ask your teen how he or she can best use his or her time to glorify God. Highlight ways he or she is already doing this and encourage your teen to push on in these areas, knowing that building good habits now will make them easier to continue later in life.



HIGH
SCHOOL



YOUNG
ADULT

Group members discussed what it means to honor God with their time and were challenged to make time for God and doing His will.



ADULT

This week, *FUSION* group members discussed how time is a valuable commodity and how few areas of their lives present a greater challenge for them than management of their time. Members were encouraged to see what the Bible says about how they can make the best use of the time God has given them.