

# HOME connection

ST Unit: Modern Day Idols, Lesson 4

## D6 Family Theme:

HONORING GOD WITH OUR DEVOTION

## Objectives:

**Know:** Our devotion to God is to exceed our devotion to anyone or anything else.

**Think:** Desire more than anything to please God in everything I do.

**Do:** Do every day what will help me grow in my love and devotion to God.



## READ: LISTEN TO GOD

**Read James 4:1-4; Luke 14:26-27; Acts 12:20-23; 1 Peter 2:17; Matthew 22:34-40.** We are designed with the desire to devote ourselves to something or someone. God, in love, demands our total devotion to free us from slavery to sin and its consequences so we can experience real joy.



## PRAY: TALK TO GOD

When we love God with heart, soul, and mind, we will make knowing, loving, and following Him our highest priority. Pray that you and your family will make your devotion time your number one goal so that God can start to become a higher priority.



## DO: WALK WITH GOD

**Option 1:** This week your children learned about honoring God with their devotion. "Idol" is a common word in our culture that refers to someone you look up to. God made us to desire devotion, and ideally, that total devotion would be directed toward Him. Talk with you children about the people they look up to. Explain to them that it is not wrong to have role models, as long as those role models help them grow in their love and devotion to God, instead of distract from it. Pray with them that they will find role models like that, and in turn, be that role model for someone else.

**Option 2:** Ask your family the following questions:

- *Name some famous people. What is the cost of celebrity and fame?* (Celebrities often lose control of their life and time; being the best or being famous often costs everything a person has; history shows that many who achieve celebrity and fame experience loneliness, depression, or are disillusioned.) *Who pays the price?* (The celebrity, the celebrity's family, the friends and fans of the celebrity, etc.)
- *Name some people you are devoted to. Is it wrong to be devoted to these people?* (It isn't necessarily wrong if God is first in our lives; some people we idolize may not encourage or inspire us to worship God.)

# THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-  
SCHOOL

Today your child learned Elijah knew God would send the rain He promised. Elijah waited on Mount Carmel and had his servant keep checking for rain. On the seventh time, the servant saw a small raincloud. Heavy rain fell over the land. God heard Elijah's prayers, and **God Hears When I Pray.**



K & 1  
GRADE



2 & 3  
GRADE

Today your student learned about honoring God with our devotion. Daniel served King Belshazzar, who did not worship God. Daniel explained a message to him from God even though it put him in danger. Daniel demonstrated his devotion to God through his actions. We can learn to put God first in our lives through our actions.



4 & 5  
GRADE



YOUNG  
TEEN



HIGH  
SCHOOL

Teens explored what the Bible teaches about devoting our lives to God. Ask your teen what it means to be totally sold out for a cause, idea, or other pursuit. Remind him or her that complete devotion to God will help us to grow in love both for Him and for others.



YOUNG  
ADULT

Group members discussed what it means to be totally devoted to God and examined how total devotion can help us grow in our love for God and for others.



ADULT

*FUSION* group members learned how they can be devoted to God above all else, and how that devotion frees them from slavery to sin and its consequences so they can experience real joy and abundant life.