

# The Christian Home

1st - 3rd Grade  
Lesson 10

Love, Submit, & Obey

In this lesson, we will learn how to have a Christian home. You are probably wondering why you need to know about having a Christian home. There are two reasons. First, there are some things God wants you to know as a child in your home. The second reason is so you will know how to have a Christian home when you grow up.

A Christian home starts with Jesus. It is all about living for Jesus. God's Word gives us the plan for a Christian home. If we follow His plan for our home, we will have a happy, strong home.

When we talk about our home in this lesson, we do not mean the house we live in that has walls and a roof and floors. We are talking about what it is like to live in a family. The Bible tells us that there are three things every Christian home must have: love, submission, and obedience.

## Love

God must be the head of our homes. The Bible says in I John 4:16 that "God is love." If you love and obey God, you will love your father and mother. And, yes, you will even love your brothers and sisters.

The husband in the home is supposed to be the example. He is to love his wife. Ephesians 5:25 says, "Husbands, love your wives." But God says that we should all love one another:

*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.*

—Ephesians 5:1-2a

## Submit

Dr. Jack Trieber, pastor of North Valley Baptist Church, tells us that the word *submit* means "to lay down our arms and quit fighting." Ephesians 5:22 says, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands." We all have people who have authority over us. In a Christian home, God is the authority for the husband and father. The husband is the authority for the wife. The father and mother are the authority for the children. An orchestra must submit to the conductor. A soldier must submit to his commanding officer. A student must submit to his teacher. You, as a child, must submit to your parents.

But Ephesians 5:21 tells us we should all submit ourselves to each other: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." We must willingly "give in" to others instead of fighting to get our own way. How many of you have argued with your brothers and sisters over a toy? The next time you start to argue with them, just submit. Lay down your arms and quit fighting. You will have a happier family if you do. You will also be obeying God's command.

