

# The Christian Home

4th - 6th Grade  
Lesson 10

Love, Submit, & Obey

In this lesson, we are going to learn about the Christian home. God has a very special plan for the Christian home.

Maybe you are the only one in your home who is a Christian. If so, you should thank God for saving you. Some day, you can have a Christian home of your own if you read the Bible and learn to follow God's plan. If you live in a Christian home right now, you should thank God for allowing you to have that. Someday, you can have your own Christian home just like you have right now!

The Bible tells us how we can have a Christian home. Some people think that if everyone in the home goes to church, that makes everyone in the home Christians. But, we already learned that going to church doesn't make anyone a Christian. A Christian home must be focused on Jesus. In this lesson, we are going to learn what is important for a Christian home.

Do you know the words to the song "The Wise Man Built His House Upon a Rock"? This song is about two men who built their houses in different places. One built his house on a rock, and one man built his house on sand. The man who built his house on the sand lost his house when the rain and the flood came. The wise man's house stood firm in the rain and the storm. We need to build our homes on Jesus. Jesus is the solid rock. If we built our homes on Him and follow His plan, we will have a happy Christian home.

## Love

*And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

—I John 4:16

The first thing that is needed for a Christian home is love. The Bible says that, "God is love." God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for everyone. When we ask Jesus to be our Savior, we have the love of God in us. If we have God's love, we should love others.

The book of Proverbs says that love covers all sins. That means that when you love someone, it will be easier to forgive that person when he does something wrong. God loves us very much, and He promises to always forgive us when we ask Him.

The book of Ephesians tells us what each person in the home is supposed to do. The husband's job is to love his wife.

*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it ... So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*

—Ephesians 5:25, 28

Although it is the husband's job to love his wife, everyone in the home is supposed to love each other. Love is a very important part of a Christian home. Each person in the family should try to love the others in his family. Love is what makes a home happy.

## **Submit**

The word *submission* means "to rank under." The Bible says that the wife's job is to submit to her husband. The wife is supposed to put her husband above herself. The wife should praise her husband and listens to what he has to say. She should work to please her husband with a good spirit.

*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

—Ephesians 5:21

Submission is not only for the wife in the home. The Bible says that we should submit ourselves to each other. When we submit ourselves to each other, everyone will be happier; in addition, we will learn how to submit to God. Submission means that when someone else wants something you have, you should just give it to him. Submission means honoring those who are in authority over you, like your mom and dad or maybe an older brother or sister.

## **Obey**

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*

—Ephesians 6:1

We have already learned what God wants husbands and wives to do. He also says what children are supposed to do. Children are supposed to obey. That means children should listen to their parents and obey right away. Obedience is very important. God told a man named Saul in the Old Testament that obedience is better than sacrifice. If we obey when we are children, then we will learn how to obey when we are adults!

Just like everyone needs to learn to love and submit, everyone should be obedient too! All of us need to be obedient to what God has for us to do.

## **Conclusion**

God has a very specific plan for the Christian home. It is very important that we follow God's plan for our homes. Husbands should love their wives, wives should submit themselves to their husbands, and children should obey their parents in the Lord. Christian families should serve God together by going to church and helping others. They should read the Bible together and pray together. The main ingredient in a Christian home is Christ. He should be the center of everything. This is God's plan for the home. Whether we do or do not have a Christian home right now, we should determine to follow God's plan so that we can have our own Christian home someday as adults.