

Concept Development

Christianity - Loving each other in marriage

Objectives

Name Christ as the head of the church.

Quote from memory Ephesians 6:1

Lesson

Remember when we talked about submit and resist in another lesson? The word **Subjection** or **submission** means to obey, or to be put yourself under the authority of someone else. This week's lesson is about how everyone is *subject* to someone.

Let's read **Ephesians 5:21**.

- Submitting to each other means to have a desire to please them
- If someone in the church asks you to help them (babysit their children while they go to the doctor, help them move, pray for them, help them study their Bible) you fear or respect God so you help them

5:22

- A wife seeks to please her husband
- She finds out what his desire is and does it (what he likes to eat or drink, he wants to have things ready to be somewhere on time, to be happy when he comes home, give him hugs and kisses)

5:23

- Head of the wife – he has to make the hard decisions of what the family will do (sometimes he makes mistakes but he is the one that is responsible)
- Saviour of the body – how was Christ our saviour? How can the husband be a saviour? (protect her from working too hard, protect her from going to dangerous places, giving her love and attention)

5:24

- Just like the church obeys Christ, the wife obeys in the same way

5:25

- How did Jesus give himself for the church? How does the husband give himself for his wife? (goes to work everyday, shares with her, makes decisions thinking about what is best for her)

5:28, 29

- When someone loves his own body he makes sure that when he's cold he puts a jacket on, when it's raining he has a house to go into, when he's hungry he eats, when he has a sore foot he takes care not to walk on it and hurt it again
- To cherish means to take very good care of something because it is very precious to you.

5:30-31

- The picture the Lord gives us is that we work together so closely, it is like not being two people but one person where all the parts work together to do what the head says
- Leave one family to start another (if Daddy said to do it this way but our husband wants to do it that way or if Mother insists this is the best way but our wife likes to do it a different way) "Leave and cleave"

Activity

We are going to look at all the relationships and put them in the order of subjection talked about in Ephesians 5 & 6. Read: 5:22-25, 6:2, 6:5,9 (Use labels with velcro and place God at the top with columns of: husband (wife underneath), boss (with worker underneath), father (with mother and then child underneath)

Look at verse 33: Husband loves his wife like he loves himself
Wife respects her husband

Worksheet

Use words in word box to fill in the blanks. Ask who is head of God's family and have them fill in blanks of the head with 'Christ'. Ask who is the body and fill in blanks of body with 'church'. Have them look up Ephesians 6:1 and fill in blanks.

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Name Christ as the head of the church

Demonstrate how the husband and wife are a visual aid of Christ over the church in love and leadership and submission

Lesson

Our God is very organized in everything he does. He has an order in the animal kingdom (bug eaten by frog, eaten by a raccoon, eaten by cougar or a minnow eaten by a bass, eaten by us)

In our families or at our workplace there is order too. If you have more than one leader and they both say something different everyone would be confused about what to do. Can you remember what order God has in the family. Where did we study this in the Bible? **See if you can place the people in the right order on the flannel board.**

God gives us a picture for our minds to see how well his plan works:

- Christ and the church –Christ/husband and church/wife
- Members of the body
- One flesh instead of two

God tells us how to treat others in these relationships

- Husband to wife – how? (love as his own body, cherish, nourish)
- Wife to husband – how? (reverence, respect, obey)
- Children to parent – how? (obey, honor)
- Master (boss) to slave (worker) – how? (not threatening, or preferring one over the other)
- Servants to master – obey with fear and trembling, with a focus on what they want, working not just when they are around and can see you

Activity

Memory Wrap-Ups – need string

Marriage

Word Box

Wives	Husband	Christ	Church	Children
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_____ be subject to your husbands

_____ is head of the wife

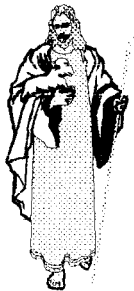
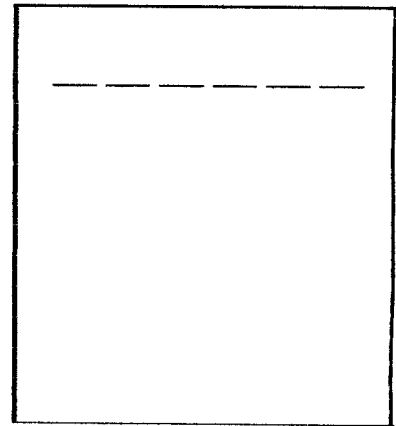
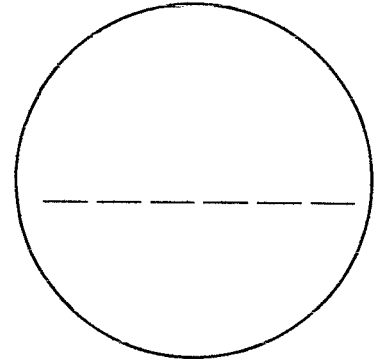
_____ head of the church

_____ is subject to Christ

_____ love your wife

_____ respect your husbands

_____ obey your parents



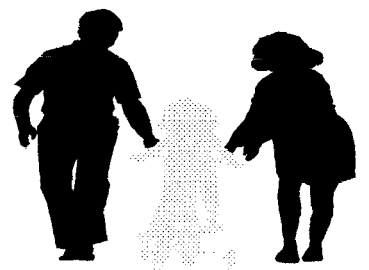
Husband loves: as Christ loved the church



Wife respects: as the church fears displeasing the Lord

Children _____ your parents in the Lord

for this is _____. Ephesians 6:1

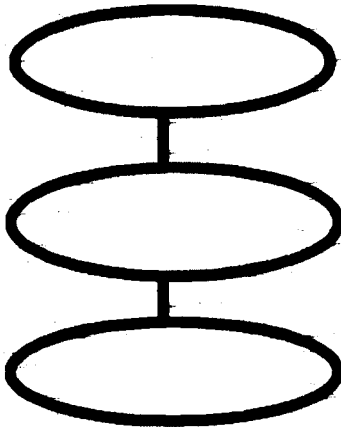


Text: Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Memory Verse: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Ps. 118:8

1. Who is the head of who? Put these roles in the correct order of submission according to Eph. 5:23 by writing them in the correct oval:

Church



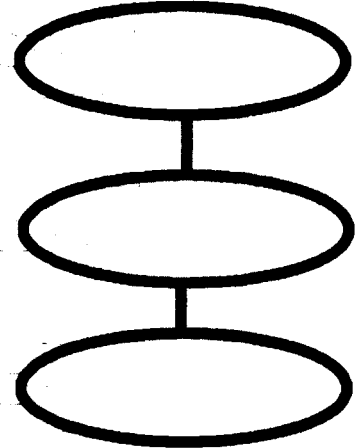
God

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Wife

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Husband



2. "Husbands love your _____ just as Christ also loved the _____

and gave Himself for it." Eph. 5:25

3. "So husbands ought to _____ their own wives as their own _____;

Eph. 5:27

4. "Let the _____ see that she _____ her husband." 5:33

5. "Children _____ your parents in the _____ for this is right." 6:1

6. "_____ your father and mother." 6:2

7. "_____, do not provoke your children to _____, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." 6:4

God planned for marriage and family to show how wonderful heaven will be.

Are you helping your family to look like a picture of heaven to those who don't know the truth by obeying and honoring your parents?



"Children, obey your parents in all things,
for this is well pleasing to the Lord."
COLOSSIANS 3:20

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Lesson 8

May 23

Reading: Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Chapter 5:22-33

1. What does "submit" mean in vs 22?
2. Who do wives submit to? vs22
3. What does "head" mean in vs 23?
4. _____ is the head of the church. The _____ is the head of the wife.
5. The scriptures tell us how to behave and treat each other as friends, employees, employers, as well as husbands and wives. Verses 25 and 28 name two ways a husband should live his wife. List those below.
6. What is the instruction to the husband in vs 33?
7. What is the instruction to the wife in vs 33?

Chapter 6

8. What is "right" in vs 1?
9. What does "honor" mean in vs 2?

Memory verse for May 26

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1