



SECTION 1

Lesson 3:

Caring for Your Family

Unit 2 | Love Thy Neighbor | Grades: 1-5

FIELD MANUAL FOR
QUEST PARENTS

UNIT VERSE: MARK 12:31

“And here is the second one. ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ There is no commandment more important than these.”

SECTION VERSE: 1 TIMOTHY 5:8

“Everyone should provide for his own relatives. Most of all, everyone should take care of his own family. If he doesn’t, he has left the faith. He is worse than someone who doesn’t believe.”



Care for your family, as God cares for His.

PRAYER

Ask God to help you care for your family - parents, siblings, grandparents, cousins.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who are the different people in your immediate family?
- Who are the different people in your extended family?
- ★ In what ways can you compare God’s family to your own?
- ★ Who is Jesus’ family? How did He show His love for them?



PARENT DEVOTIONAL

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LOVING YOUR FAMILY AS CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH

As we started this section on loving our neighbor in the family, or "Family Ties", we focused on how, in His wisdom, God created for us a physical picture of the spiritual family He had in mind for all who would call on the name of Christ. We've also looked at how that earthly family, whether biological or adopted, is a training and proving ground - bettering God's children for life with our spiritual brothers and sisters. This week we'll discuss caring for our earthly family, placing priority on them, and setting them before ourselves. This is yet another mirror image of what we'll discuss in our next section, loving your neighbor in the church...God's family. I pray that as you prepare this week you will take time to consider the relationships you maintain with your siblings and other relatives. How is Christ reflected in those relationships? For me, these questions have been convicting, comforting, and inspiring at the same time. Hopefully you will be challenged by God's word as well.

What do you value?

Read this "Dear Abby" letter and then replace mom & dad with other family relations.

Dear Abby: I am the most heartbroken person in the world. I could always find the time to go everywhere else, but never the time to go visit Mom and Dad. They sat at home alone and loved me just the same. It's too late now to give them those few hours of happiness. I was too selfish and too busy to give. Now when I go to their graves and see the green grass above them, I wonder if God will ever forgive me for the heartaches I must have caused them when they were still alive. I pray to God that those who still have their parents to visit, do so, and show their love and respect while there is still time, for it's later than you think. — TOO LATE.

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Matthew 15:4-6
Matthew 25:39-40