

FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS

Lesson 1

Looking Ahead

How would you like to be the only person in the whole world? Just think—there would be no one to talk to, no one to play with. You would be very lonely, wouldn't you?

When God first made Adam, Adam was the only man. There were no other people at all. And Adam was lonely.

God saw how lonely Adam was, so He made Eve. Adam was not lonely any more. Adam and Eve were the first family. Now there are many families on the earth.

God knew we needed other people to be with, so He gave us families and neighbors.

In this LightUnit we will learn about God's plan for our families and how God wants us to treat our neighbors.



Look at the contents page in the front of this book. Then answer these questions.

1. How many sections are in this book?

2. Which section is called "Families Need Neighbors"?

3. Which section is about our families?

4. Circle the words that say what Lesson 14 is about.

My Family

The Golden Rule

Brothers and Sisters

5. What is the title of Lesson 2?

STUDY

family (fām•lē). A mother and father and their children.

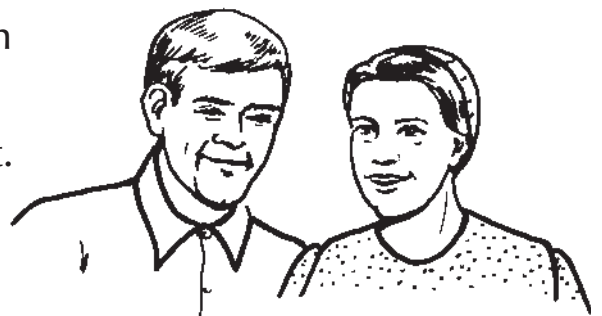
parent (pār•ənt). A mother or father.

neighbor (nā•bər). Someone who lives near you.



Say these words to someone.

What do you think of first when you think about your **family**? You probably think of your **parents** first. Maybe you have brothers and sisters too. Your family is very important to you.



God gave you parents to teach you. Your parents love you and give you the things you need. Your brothers and sisters can help you work and play.

God gave you **neighbors** too. There are all kinds of neighbors—old and young, kind and unkind, big and little. No matter what kind of neighbors you have, God wants you to love them.

God has a special plan for families and neighbors. If we follow God's plan, we will be happy.



Write the best answer in the blank.

6. Your _____ teach you.
 sisters parents
7. The people that live with you are your _____.
 family neighbors
8. The people who live close to you are your _____.
 family neighbors
9. God wants us to _____ our family and neighbors.
 tease love



Do this activity.

- △ 10. This verse tells how God wants us to feel about our neighbors. Read it until you can say it without looking. Then say it to your teacher.

**“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”
 Leviticus 19:18**

SECTION 1

WE NEED FAMILIES

Lesson 2

Parents Love and Teach

God has a plan for you. He wants you to learn His ways. He wants you to learn of Him and love Him.

But how should you learn about God? How should you learn of His ways? He wants you to learn from your parents. This is God's plan.

God has a plan for your parents too. He wants them to teach you about God. So God put love into their hearts. They love you and want what is good for you. This is God's plan for the family.

Parents teach us what is right and good. They teach us what pleases God and what God does not like. They tell us when we do something wrong. Sometimes they need to punish us. That is part of God's plan too.

Our parents teach us other things we need to know. Here are two stories. The children in these stories are learning things. Their parents are teaching them. What are some things your parents have taught you?



"Today I will teach you to bake a cake," said Mother.

"Oh, goody." Jane clapped her hands.

Mother helped Jane find the things she needed. She showed Jane how to break the eggs and measure the sugar and flour.

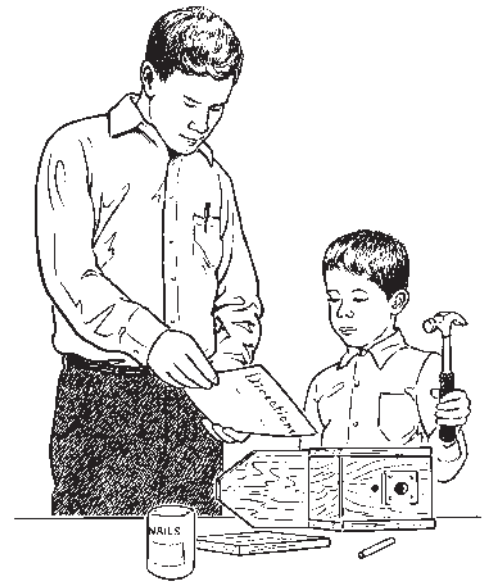
After the cake was done, Mother and Jane ate a piece.
 “That was the best cake I ever had,” Jane said happily.

Joshua frowned at the birdhouse he was making. It was harder than he had thought it would be. One side was crooked, and one piece of wood didn’t fit right.

“Dad,” he called, “can you come here? I need help.”

Dad looked at the birdhouse. “It does look like you have a problem,” he said. “First let’s read the directions.”

Joshua waited while Dad read the directions. Then Dad looked up. “Now I know what you did wrong,” he said. “Why don’t you watch me fix it for you. Then you will know how to do it right the next time.”



Do these activities.

- △ 1. Write a sentence using the word *love*.

- △ 2. Write one thing your mother taught you.

- △ 3. Write one thing your father taught you.



Circle T for true or F for false.

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| 4. My parents love me. | T | F |
| 5. My parents will teach me only one thing. | T | F |
| 6. My parents punish me because they love me. | T | F |
| 7. Mother and Father will teach me to love God. | T | F |



Do this activity.

8. Make a thank-you card for your parents. Thank them for three things they do for you.



Lesson 3

Parents Give Food and Clothes

WE REMEMBER

We Remember is a special section about things you have already learned. There will be a *We Remember* section in most lessons. Always try to answer the questions without looking back.



Match.

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| 1. your family | the first family |
| 2. Adam and Eve | parents love and teach their children |
| 3. neighbors | people who live near you |
| 4. God's plan | your father, mother, brothers, and sisters |



Fill in the blanks.

5. "Thou shalt _____ thy _____ as

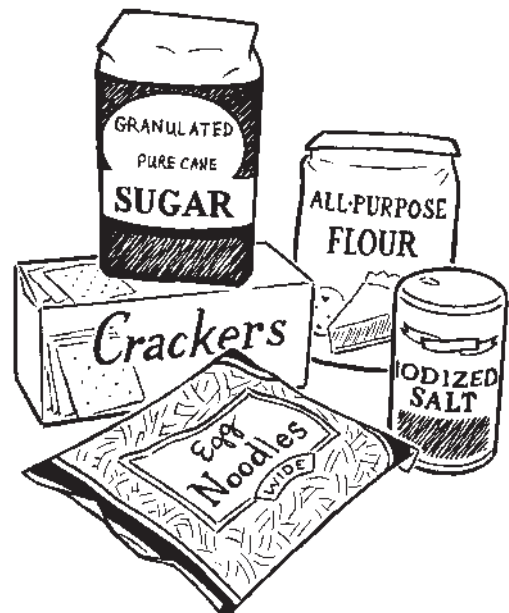
 _____" (Leviticus 19:18).

What would happen to you if your parents stopped caring for you? What things would you need to do all by yourself? In this lesson you will read about some things your parents do for you. Thank God for your parents.

Where does your food come from? Yes, God makes it grow. But how does it get to your table? Your mother and father work hard to get food for you.

Noodles, flour, sugar, and ice cream are all things your parents probably buy at the store. Your father must work hard to get money. He uses this money to buy these things.

Peas, corn, potatoes, and beans can grow in your garden. Maybe you have helped your parents plant the seeds and keep the weeds out. Then they must pick the vegetables when they are ripe. After they are picked there is still a lot of work to put them in jars, or in freezer boxes.



Lesson 3

But not everyone has a garden. Some people who live in the city do not have room for a garden. These people must buy vegetables at the store too. Do you have a garden, or do your parents buy vegetables at the store?

Meat comes from animals. If you live on a farm you might raise animals to eat. If you don't live on a farm, your parents will likely buy meat at the store.



Your parents want you to eat healthy food because they love you. Do this activity.

- △ 6. Write four things you ate today. After each one write where your parents got it.

FOOD

WHERE IT CAME FROM



Your parents also make sure you have clothes to wear. Do you ever put on a dress or shirt that used to fit you fine, but now it is too small? Then your mother needs to buy or make a new one.

Did you ever hear your mother say, “Don’t go out without a coat”? She was making sure that you had the right kind of clothes on. She wanted you to stay warm so you would not get sick so easily.

When it is warm outside, your parents will find cooler clothes for you to wear so you will not get too hot.

Aren’t you thankful for all the things your parents do for you?

**Do these activities.**

- △ 7. Your parents buy some of your clothes at the store. Draw a picture of something you wear that comes from the store.

- △ 8. Sometimes Mother buys cloth at the store and makes something that girls wear. Can you draw a picture of what she will make?