**Crossword Puzzle**

1. God Himself decided each arrangement for His own
2. We were brought into ______ by our parents.
3. God is the source, planner and ______ of every family.
4. God gave us parents to take ______ of us.
5. To honor our parents it to hold them in the highest regard and give them much ______.
6. To honor our parents is to hold them in the highest ______.
7. God left no room for accidents or ______.
8. ______ are given to their parents by God.
9. The fifth commandment is the first to speak of our relationship with ______.
10. The first five commandments all use the divine title "________ your God."
11. God ______ our parents.
12. By tracing our origin we can see that our ______ is God.
13. We ______ God and we honor our parents.
14. We worship God and we honor our ______.
15. Our parents are the means through ______.

**Parent’s Initials:**

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**The Ten Commandments**
- Lesson Ten -

**The Fifth Commandment (I)**

**Honoring Your Mother and Father**

**I. Overview.**

The first four commandments deal with our relationship with God. The fifth commandment deals with both our relationship with God and with man. The fifth commandment tells us that we should honor our parents. To honor our parents is to also honor God.

This is because although we were brought into existence by our parents, our source is actually God. God is the one who created all things including us. He is the Father of every family. This means that He is the unique giver of life.

If we do not honor our father and our mother we are not honoring our source who is God Himself. It is very important to God that we honor our parents.

**II. Memory Verse.**

“Honor your father and mother, that your days may be extended upon the land which Jehovah your God is giving you”.

(Exo. 20:12)
III. Lesson.

The Fifth Commandment

The first five commandments are one group. They all use the divine title “Jehovah your God.” Each commandment in this first group has something to do with our relationship with God. Although the fifth commandment is the first one which talks about our relationship with man (our parents) it is actually dealing with something deeper than merely our relationship with our parents. It is actually a further dealing with our relationship with God.

We Worship God And We Honor Our Parents

God alone it to be worshipped by man, but our parents are to be “honored.” To honor our parents is to hold them in high regard and to give them much respect. To honor our parents is to remember that actually God Himself is our source. By tracing our origin we can see that our source is God. Although God is our source, our parents are the means through which God brought us into this world. God selected our parents and formed us within the womb of our mother. If we dishonor the one s who God selected to bring us into this world we also dishonor the One who selected them, God.

God Decides

Children are given to their parents by God. So we see that God Himself decided which children to give to each parent. He left no room for accidents or errors. He Himself decided on each arrangement for His chosen ones.

God is the True Father

God is actually the “Father of every family”. He is the source, planner and arranger of every family. To honor our father and mother is to accept God's arrangement and wisdom. Not to honor our father and mother is to dishonor the One who ordained that we should be born of them and placed us under their responsibility to take care of us.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. In what way is the fifth commandment related to God?

2. What does it mean to “honor” our parents?

3. Who is our real source? What are our parents?

4. Why is God bothered if we do not honor our parents?

5. How do we show that we have accepted God’s arrangement in choosing who we would be born of?