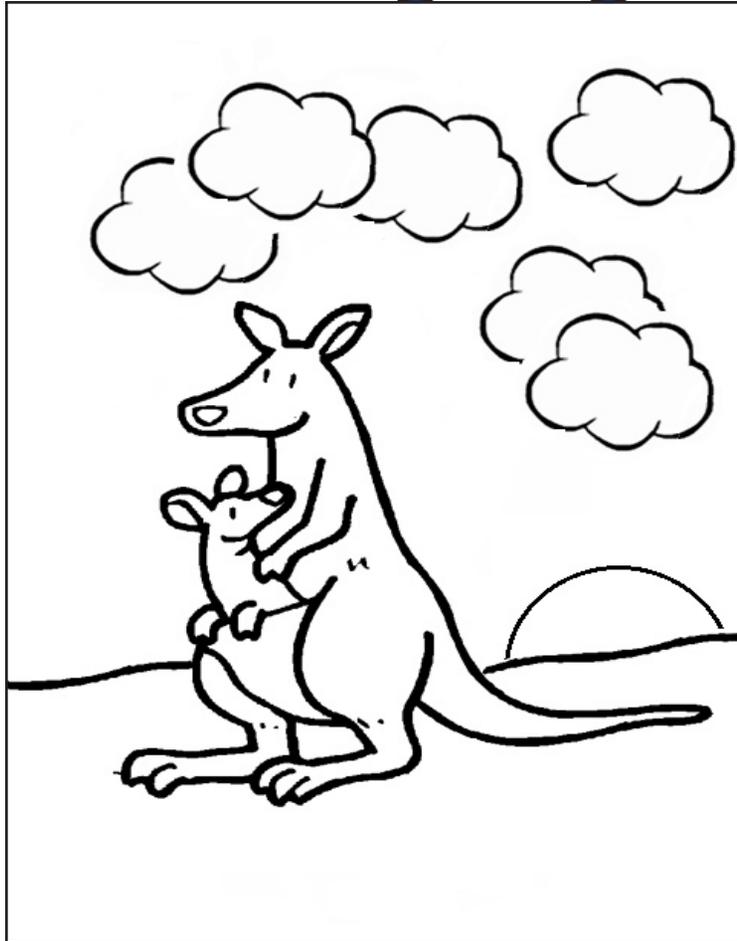
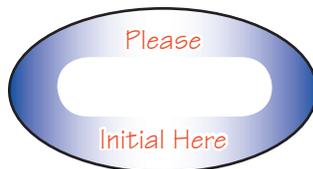


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Parent's Initials:



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Relationships in God's Creation

- Lesson Thirteen -

Adults (1)

Respecting Older Ones

I. Overview.

It is God's arrangement that we are related to people of all ages. We actually need people of all ages. Our happiness and health depend on our having the proper relationship with those around us. This is especially true concerning those who are older than us.



Children are like little branches, their parents are like the big tree.

Those who are older than us are called our "elders." "Elder" simply means "older" and more experienced. Our elders include our parents and other adults. Adults love us, care for us, provide for us and protect us.

Because God has placed adults over us to take care of us, we should show them the proper respect. We should appreciate all that adults do for us and we should desire to receive their help. This is something that God actually requires of us. If we have the proper respect for adults, God will be pleased with us.

II. Memory Verse.

"In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders..."

(1 Pet. 5:5a)

III. Lesson.

We need to realize that it is God's arrangement – the way that He has set things up, that we have adults over us to care for us. We actually need much care from adults while we are growing up. God has given adults to us to help us. Adults have lots of experience in life and have all been the same age that we are. They know what it is like.



Children mostly don't know how much they are protected by their parents.

Respecting Adults

It is God's desire and God's way that children would respect adults. Children actually owe nearly everything to adults. God has provided many adults to care for the children. This includes our parents, older brothers and sisters, uncles, aunts, grandparents and others. Even our teachers at school and the other adults in the church do things to care for us. As children we should respect all of these adults and appreciate all that they do for us.

Adults work hard to provide many things for their children. These things include a place to live, clothes to wear, food to eat, care for their health and many, many other things. Adults protect their children from all kinds of harm and danger. Adults recognize when something dangerous might happen and take care to protect their children from it. Many times the child won't even know about the danger – and might not understand why the adult did what they did. Children often take adults for granted. This means that they really never stop to think about all that adults do for them and how much they are loved by adults.

Considering How Adults have Cared for Us

It would be good for children to consider how much adults do for them. Perhaps they could make a list of the adults who they see often. And then under each adult's name, they could list the things that the adult has done for them or how that adult has helped them. We would be surprised how much the adults around us, especially our parents, have done for us. We would not even be able to survive with out them.

God's way is to place us in the care of many adults. We can look up to them and learn much from them. We should do our best to respect and appreciate them.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is an adult sometimes called?

2. What kind of things do adults do for children to help them to grow up?

3. Name some different adults that you know?

4. What kinds of things have adults done for you?

