

What's the most important things for a child to do?

Use math to find the answer. Code below.

God said,

8	1	3	5	4	13	7	10
-7	+1	+6	x2	+6	-12	-4	+1

1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
O	B	—	—	—	—	—	—

2	7	14	3	1	15	2
+2	+5	-3	x3	+4	-2	x3

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7	1	3	8	3
x2	x5	x4	-1	+4

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19	3	12	2	2	12
-6	x5	+2	+3	x4	-6

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Colossians 3:20

CODE	1=O	2=B	3=U	4=P	5=N	6=S	7=L	8=G
	9=E	10=Y	11=R	12=A	13=T	14=I	15=H	



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

Ephesians 6:1

ABC's of the Christian Life for Youth

Did you know that God will give long life to those who honour their parents?

Exodus 20:12, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

It pleases God if you obey your parents. *Colossians 3:20, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."*

One of the 10 commandments is obeying our parents. The fifth commandment is this: *Exodus 20:12, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."* To honour our parents is to respect what they say and do it- not asking why, not complaining and not getting angry. The best way to honour your parents is to obey them without question.

The Bible has many examples for us to follow.

When Jesus was 12 years old, his family went to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. When it was over, his family headed home. They didn't realize that Jesus wasn't with them until a full day had gone by. Joseph and Mary found Him in the temple. They wanted him to go home with them. So, Jesus obeyed His parents. *Luke 2:51 says, "And he (Jesus) went down with them (parents), and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them..."*



Another example was Isaac. One day God tested Abraham, Isaac's father, and told him to go and sacrifice Isaac. Once they got to the altar, Isaac allowed his father to tie him up. He did not fight to get out of the situation. He obeyed his father even though he didn't understand what was happening. *Genesis 22:9 says, "And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar*



there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood." Right when Abraham was ready to kill Isaac, an angel came to Abraham and stopped him. God provided a ram to be sacrificed instead of Isaac. Isaac obeyed his father even though it could have cost him his life.

Obeying our parents is very important to God. Jesus said in *Matthew 15:4, "Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death."* Disobedience to one's parents was worthy of death in Israel's law a long time ago. When we disobey, we need to ask our heavenly Father to forgive us and tell our parents we are sorry for disobeying.

What is the right answer when our parents tell us to:

- * Take out the garbage.
- * Clean up our rooms.
- * Go to bed.
- * Brush your teeth.
- * Stop fighting.
- * Wash the dishes.
- * Get up for school.
- * Do our homework.



The right answer is "yes sir" or "yes ma'am". We need to obey our parents with a good attitude.

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, God is your heavenly Father. We must obey him. When God says something we should listen and obey. Read your Bible to find out what God wants you to do. Listen to what the preacher says about God and obey it. One of the ways we can obey our Heavenly Father is by obeying our parents.