

Grade 8 Meeting #5 HOME ASSIGNMENT

October 31st (Happy Halloween) or November 1st

31ST Sunday of Ordinary Time – C41 Honoring Family

Your Home Assignment

- Opening prayer: Lord, you have called us to honor our fathers and mothers. Open our hearts so that we may see all the wonderful things our parents do for us. And give us the humility and courage to live peacefully within the rules they set for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Learning Objectives
 - Examine the Fourth Commandment and what it teaches us about honoring our parents and living in a family
 - Explore the duties parents have toward their children and the responsibility of children to respect their parents and follow their rules
 - Reflect on how Jesus modeled God's loving care for us
- **#ONE**
 - Get your handout CHAPTER 41 ACTIVITY: PARENTS: MAKING RULES.
 - Answer the questions as if you were a parent.
 - Ask your family members the same questions; talk about where you agree and disagree and how hard is it to make and follow some of these rules.
- **#TWO**
 - Using the handout, THE WORK OF BEING A FAMILY, take time to write in the challenges and the benefits of Family Life. If your family has time to do this with you all the better.
 - In the Live It! sections, follow the directions and write a pray asking God to bless and help your parents. BE PREPARED TO SHARE YOUR PRAYER WITH YOUR CLASS NEXT WEEK.

The Work of Being a Family

Being part of a loving family doesn't mean that everyone always gets along and there are never any challenges or difficulties to overcome. But in the end, the benefits of being part of a loving family do outweigh the challenges. In the left-hand column below, list three challenges of family life. In the right-hand column, list at least one benefit that outweighs each challenge.

Challenges of Family Life	Benefits of Family Life

Live It!

Being a parent is hard work, and it is a 24/7 job. Parents aren't superhuman though, and they can sometimes feel stressed out because of all their responsibilities. Write a prayer asking God to bless and help your parents in their work of caring for every member of your family.



Chapter 41 Activity: Parents: Making Rules

Answer the following questions as if you were a parent.

1. At what age would you let your child cook on the stove by himself or herself?

2. You feel that your child's friends are a bad influence. When do you step in, and what do you do?

3. Your child is in eighth grade and wants to hang out with friends. What time is curfew on a school night? on a weekend?

4. How old should your child be before you allow her or him out on a date?

5. How old should your child be before you allow him or her to go to the movies with friends without an adult chaperone?

6. How old does your daughter have to be before you allow her to get her ears pierced?

7. Your son wants to get his eyebrow pierced. Do you let him, and if so, at what age?

