

Family: Distinct and Obedient
Deuteronomy 6:3 – 9; Matthew 19:3 - 9
Devotional Reading: 2 Samuel 7:25 - 29

Background Scripture: Matthew 19:3 – 9; Ephesians 6:1 – 4
2 Timothy 1:3 - 5

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **List** the main points of Deuteronomy 6:3 – 9
- **Explain** the context of Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 19:3 – 9
- **Write** a letter to encourage the faith of a younger believer

INTRODUCTION: As the Israelites prepared to enter the Promised Land, Moses emphasized the importance of remaining faithful to God and His commandments. At this pivotal moment, as he prepared to pass leadership to Joshua, Moses implored Israel to attentively listen and to faithfully obey God’s commandments - - both in general and upon receiving God’s specific instructions.

KEY VERSE: *6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Deuteronomy 6:6 - 7*

LESSON OUTLINE:

Receiving the Law

Deuteronomy 6:3 - 9

Applying the Law

Matthew 19:3 - 9

SUMMARY: Love for God is the foundation of faithful living - - not only in ancient Israel, and in the early church, but in today's family also. When we love God fully - - with heart, soul, and strength - - we are empowered to love others in the right way: within our homes, churches and society at large. The well-known saying, "Love begins at home and spreads abroad" holds true. Strong, loving families help build a just and compassionate society.

QUESTIONS:

1. *How will you help encourage and strengthen a younger believer in their faith journey?*
2. *What are some unhelpful or possibly dangerous interpretations of Matthew 19:3 – 9 concerning considerations of divorce?*
3. *How can believers live as a people who are distinct from the world?*

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<i>DAY/ DATE</i>	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Apr. 20th</i>	By Wisdom a House Is Built	Proverbs 24:1 – 6
<i>Tue., Apr. 21st</i>	Growing in Divine and Human Favor	Luke 2:40 – 52
<i>Wed., Apr. 22nd</i>	Submit to One Another	Ephesians 5:21 – 33
<i>Thur., Apr. 23rd</i>	Choose Whom You Will Serve	Joshua 24:15 – 21
<i>Fri., Apr. 24th</i>	We Will Serve the Lord	Joshua 24:22 – 28
<i>Sat., Apr. 25th</i>	An Inseparable Union	Matthew 19:3 - 9
<i>Sun., Apr. 26th</i>	Teach Your Children God's Ways	Deuteronomy 6:3 - 9