

HONOR YOUR FATHER  
AND YOUR MOTHER.

Jesus showed respect for authority by telling the man to go to the priest. Jesus honored the law of Moses by telling the man to offer the gift.

Learning about and obeying the just laws of our country, state, city, or town is an important way to keep the Fourth Commandment. As citizens, another way is to participate in our government, especially by voting and paying taxes. We want our government to be just and fair, and to do good for the people of our country and the world. So we can write and talk to people who make decisions for our community. We can ask them to work for justice and peace.

We pray for our own leaders and lawmakers, and for the leaders of governments throughout the world. We work together for peace.

Take a few moments to think quietly and prayerfully about ways you follow the Fourth Commandment. These questions may help you.

Do I obey my parents in all that they ask of me?

Have I thanked my parents or guardians for all that they do?

Do I respect my brothers and sisters?

Do I help them?

Do I settle disagreements without fighting or arguing?

Do I obey my grandparents and respect them?

How have I showed respect for older people?

Do I obey my teachers and others in authority?

Do I obey police officers, crossing guards, firefighters, and other officials?

Have I followed the laws of my city, state, and country?

**WE RESPOND**

What can you do this week to be a peaceful person at home?

