



# God's People Submit to One Another

## MAIN IDEAS

- The members of the church are to have a submissive attitude toward one another.
- Jesus has established positions of authority within His church.
- The members of the church are to submit to the godly leadership of the church.

## MEMORY WORK

*Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.—Hebrews 13:17a*

## SCRIPTURE FOR THE LESSON

1) Ephesians 5:21

2) Hebrews 13:17a

3) 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Have your child imagine that someone removed all of the traffic signs and signals. *Would that be a good thing? Why not?* Now have your child imagine there were no appointed leaders in the church. *What might happen? Why is it a good thing that Jesus has appointed leaders for His church? How is the church helped when the members submit to godly leadership?* (A helpful example is drivers yielding to traffic signs/rules for the good of everyone.)

Talk about a time when your family or child was given an important warning to heed (e.g., severe weather approaching, railway crossing lights, etc.). *Why was heeding the warning important?* Now read Hebrews 13:17a and ask: *When our pastors and elders act for our good and protection, how should that shape our willingness to submit and obey? Is this always easy to do?* If possible, give your child examples of pastoral oversight concerning things such as requiring specific instruction before someone is baptized or receives the Lord's Supper, is married, is allowed to teach children, etc.

Read Ephesians 6:1 and James 4:7a. Ask: *How can practicing submission and obedience to parents, leaders, and one another help us to submit to God Himself? Why is this good for us? What is it meant to teach us? Are there things that make it difficult for you to submit to and obey those who have been placed in authority over you? What are those things? How could you grow in this area?*

## ACTIVITY

Look up each verse and fill in the missing words. Then give one or more examples of steps you could take this week to walk in obedience to each command. [Submission to: 1—Parents; 2—Pastors; 3—Teachers]



Ephesians 6:1—Children,  
\_\_\_\_\_ your  
parents in the Lord, for this  
is \_\_\_\_\_.



This week, I could demonstrate a submissive heart by...



Hebrews 13:17a—  
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and \_\_\_\_\_ to  
them, for they are keeping  
\_\_\_\_\_ over  
your souls,



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Ephesians 5:21—  
submitting to  
one another out of  
\_\_\_\_\_  
for Christ.



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