



FAMILY TIME
TRAINING

Activity: Shadow

Teaching Goal: Recognize the influence of family.

Scriptures Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your mother and father.

Materials: Sidewalk chalk Sunny day

Lesson and Discussion

Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

- A. **God gives parents and grandparents the job of training their children. As your parent/grandparent, I am held responsible to teach you how to make good choices.** Invite a volunteer to read Proverbs 22:6. **Family Time is an important part of our family trainings. As your parents/grandparents we want to teach you good character qualities like respect, serving and kindness. We also want to teach you good values like honesty, politeness and love. And we want to teach you important beliefs like: Jesus is our Savior; The Bible is God's word that teaches us how to live.**
- **You are responsible to obey your parents/grandparents.** Invite a volunteer to read Ephesians 6:1. **I learn from God and from my parents/grandparents, then you learn from God and from me. As you get older, you will learn more and more directly from God. You will also learn to develop your own skills, talents and Godly character qualities.**

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FAMILY FUN TIME ACTIVITY

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- B. ACTIVITY: Go outside at a time when there is enough sun to cast shadows. See if you can get each child to stand behind one of the parents/grandparents in such a way that only the parent's/grandparent's shadow can be seen. Have a third person trace the shadow while the child is standing behind the parent/grandparent. **You and I making one shadow represents me taking responsibility for passing on to you the character qualities, values and beliefs God teaches us through his word and through his Spirit.**
- Second, have the child stand behind the parent but this time create a shadow and drawing that shows both the child and the parent. You might create a shadow with two heads or four arms or four legs. Have a third person trace the shadow. **This shadow represents that you have both qualities learned from your parents/grandparents and unique individual skills and character qualities given by God.** Write words on the child's part of the shadow which describe their unique skills and character qualities. *Humorous, musical, friendly.* On the parent's part of the shadow write qualities that are shared by the child and parent. *Honesty. Sharing. Truthful. Serving.*
- **As you grow and learn from me, you will take on some of the character qualities that I have already learned. But you will also develop qualities that are uniquely your own. These are given to you by God and are what makes you so special to us and to Him!**
- Close in Prayer
- Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.