



## Family Devotional #5 – Trust and Obey

*Adapted from The New City Catechism (find out more here  
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### Big Truth:

**Q:** How can we glorify God?

**A:** We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

### Bible Focus:

*"You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always."*

— Deuteronomy 11:1

### Let's Think About It:

The phrase "glorify God" can sound really churchy. It might make you think of stained glass, big words, or something only pastors do. But glorifying God actually happens **most** during the other **167 hours** of your week—not just the one hour on Sunday.

You glorify God when you:

- Forgive someone who hurt your feelings
- Tell the truth, even when it's hard
- Pray for someone who's struggling
- Speak kindly to your brother or sister
- Obey your parents with a good attitude
- Sing to God like you mean it

In short: **we glorify God by trusting and obeying Him.**

Imagine this:

Your mom says, "Please clean your room." Later, she walks in and it's still messy. But you say, "I didn't clean it... but I thought a LOT about what you said."

Or, "I wrote a song about it!"

Or, "I memorized your words!"

That might get a laugh—but you'd still be in trouble! Why? Because love isn't shown by words alone. Your words must match what you do. It's shown through **obedience**.



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The same is true with God. We don't glorify Him just by talking about Him—we glorify Him when we **trust what He says and do what He commands**. That's what love looks like.

And the good news? God's ways are always good. His commands aren't meant to make us have a bad day. They're meant to guide us into life, joy, and freedom.

### Family Discussion:

Take turns answering these questions together:

- What are some things people think “glorifying God” means?
- What are some everyday ways you can glorify God this week?
- Why is obeying God sometimes hard? What helps you obey anyway?
- How do trusting and obeying God bring Him glory?

### Try This Together!

#### Object Lesson – “The Room Test”

Act out the “messy room” story as a family! But flip roles. Have a child be the parent, and the others can give silly excuses for not cleaning. Then stop and ask: “What did the parent really want?”

Apply it to God: “God doesn't just want good ideas—He wants loving obedience.”

Say together:

“Trust and obey—there's no better way to glorify God.”

### Closing Prayer:

One person can pray, or take turns saying parts aloud: *“Lord, help us not just to talk about You, but to obey You. We want to trust You, love You, and follow You with our whole hearts. Show us how to glorify You in everything we do this week. Amen.”*