

...Honor
your
FATHER
and your
MOTHER



that your days may be long in the land that
the Lord your God is giving you. —Exodus 20:12



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Moses Family Rules- Mother's Day



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KNOW WHAT:

- Today we are continuing our series on the life of Moses, a famous Israelite who led God's people to freedom. So far we have heard about Moses as a baby, how he met God in a bush that didn't burn and about the plagues which proved God's power to Pharaoh, a stubborn ruler in Egypt, who eventually let the Israelites go. This week we hear about how God gave rules for his people to live by
- When God's people were living in the desert, God gave them rules to live by. The most famous of these are the Ten Commandments.
- Just like family rules and values, these rules showed what was important to being part of God's family. They show how people should live with God and with each other. Some are "don'ts" but others are also "do's."
- Today is Mother's day, a day to celebrate mums and those you care for us. The Ten Commandments say that we should honour our mothers and our fathers and listen to them.
- Today we also remember the work of Compassion UK who care for thousands of children around the World.

SO WHAT:

- Family is important to God, both our biological families and our church family.
- The things God says are good are just as important as the things he says aren't.

NOW WHAT:

- We should celebrate those who love and care and seek to show God's love and care to others.

LUKE'S LETTERS:

Just over three years ago I went to Kenya to find out more about Compassion and to see their work first hand. The hope was that I, and the others with me, would be able to come back to the UK and encourage others to sponsor children.

Three years and 25 sponsored children later two pieces of evidence of the value of Compassion's work ring out from my memory of that trip.

One is reading the medical records of a 16 month old boy. Reuben was that age at the time and thanks to his little red NHS book he was up to date with all of his injections and check-ups. Comparing Reuben's treatment on the NHS with this Maasai boy through Compassion there were no gaps. The care made possible through sponsorship had guaranteed that a little boy in the grasslands outside Nairobi was not at a medical disadvantage to my boy living in London.

The second was meeting graduates from the programme. I was in my mid-twenties and had just finished my masters, having had all the advantages of growing up middle class in London. That evening I met a young man in his mid-twenties who had just finished his masters, having had all the advantages of growing up in one of Nairobi's most notorious slums. Thanks to Compassion there was nothing to separate the opportunities we had received, despite monumental differences in starting points.