

MISSION MOM!

Special Assignment

Commander Kellie and the Superkids

REPORTING FOR DUTY

Jesus!—What is our special assignment this week?



Let's take this assignment one detail at a time.

Every spring, mothers are celebrated and appreciated all over the world. The Lord is so pleased, He wants to give us a month-long assignment! If you don't have a mom, trust God to bring a grandmother, stepmom, aunt or mentor to fill that role. If He's already done that, be sure to honor her! If you only have a dad, God can anoint him to fill the place of a mom, as well as a dad! No matter what your mom situation is, trust God and His Word.

The Word tells us how to regard and respect our mothers (and fathers). Since Jesus is giving us the assignment to bless and celebrate our moms, let's make sure we know exactly what He wants us to do!

The first scripture about how to treat your parents is part of the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:12, *New Living Translation*, says to "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Then, Ephesians 6:1-3 (*Living Bible*), gives us details: "Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessing."

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It can be challenging to accept that God has placed people in authority over us. But doing things our own way makes life hard. Proverbs 13:15 (*Wycliffe Bible*) says, "Good teaching shall bring favour; a pit is on the way of despisers." To despise is "to think little of, to consider unimportant or pay little attention to." When you think little of, or pay no attention to what your mom says, you are despising her wisdom. My definition of a pit is "a deep hole you can't get out of without help." Disobedience leads to a hard and difficult life.

"Honor your father and mother."

When you choose to honor, you have chosen to obey. It is the choice that demands your obedience! The word honor means "to have high respect for, to show regard, revere (to look on with awe)." Honoring your mother includes listening to her and considering her words as valuable and important. This heart attitude will encourage you to obey quickly and easily.

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God so desires you to live a long and full life that He gave us this assignment with a promise of reward! In fact, it's the only one of the Ten Commandments that comes with a promise attached! When the Bible talks about God blessing people, it tells of great joy, wealth, lands and peace. This is your reward for honoring your mom!

God has such a desire to bless us that He sent HIS own perfect Son, Jesus, to help us! Jesus knows what it's like to obey by doing something you don't want to do. He honored and obeyed His Father when He didn't want to go to the Cross. So, He can help us honor and obey our mothers (and dads), even when it's hard.

Sometimes, moms get stressed or become frustrated. They may be busy and not paying you enough attention. What should you do? Talk to Jesus. He will help you to forgive and see things through His eyes. Best of all, He will help you get your mind off yourself and show you how you can help your mom. You and Jesus can make a difference in her day, like she does in yours every day. Moms have an assignment from the Lord to help keep you on the right path and bless you!

Your job this month, Superkids, will kick off your lifelong attitude of honoring your mother, who is precious to the Lord. You're doing this for Jesus, because He appreciates how she is raising you as the Superkid you were created to be. So, do those dishes, make those beds and love those moms! And while you're at it, throw in some hugs and cuddle time—and maybe even a foot massage. They love that!

Love to all MY kids,
Commander/Mom Kellie



P.S. I'd like to give honor to MY mom, Gloria Copeland. She is a great gift to me and to all God's people. She taught me about Jesus and His Word before she taught the world. Thank you, Mother, for showing me the love of Jesus and His faithfulness. You are a billboard for the fruit of the spirit and the fruit of a life lived for Jesus!

Best
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ever

