

## LESSON 4 – WE ARE NOT ALONE THE IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONSHIPS

*Objectives: To awaken the candidates about the primary relationships in their life and how these influence their overall development.*

*To introduce Bible-based qualities of healthy relationships and to make candidates aware how to overcome obstacles to good relationships.*

Building relationships is a fundamental part of every one's life. As humans, we are more evolved in understanding ourselves and others, which allows us to build relationships at every walk of our lives.

### **Q. What are key relationships?**

People whom you can turn to in times of a personal difficulty or crisis are the ones whom you have key relationships with. For example, your mom, dad or sibling.

We have a lot of relationships in our lives. ***GOD is at the centre of our relationship.***

- No relationship is perfect and has its own ups and downs. Hence, to maintain healthy relationships we need to work on them effectively.
- For instance, a plant needs water, sunlight, air etc. to grow well; similarly, we need to give love, support and respect to each other in order to maintain healthy relationships in our lives.

Most important relationships have many joys and fun times, but usually some struggles too. Even your relationship with God may be one which you are struggling with. ***Struggle*** is part of the growth process in any relationship.

There are a lot of books, articles and magazines available telling us how to maintain good relationships. However, the message from the wisdom of many cultures and many traditions is simple: the foundation of healthy relationship is ***RESPECT***. This means recognizing the true value of each person as a good and holy individual and responding to that goodness and holiness.

### **Relationship blockers and Relationship builders**

The Bible contains insightful words about the qualities of healthy relationships & the skills for building these relationships. These writings are both timeless and timely. Each of these passages contains a number of guidelines for building healthy relationships. They list out some rules for building healthy relationships and some obstacles for doing so.

Love is patient,  
love is kind and is not jealous;  
love does not brag and is not arrogant,  
does not act unbecomingly; it does not  
seek its own, is not provoked, does not  
take into account a wrong suffered, does  
not rejoice in unrighteousness, but  
rejoices with the truth; bears all  
things, believes all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all  
things.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

### ***Colossians 3:12-14***

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.



### To Do List for Child:

**Activity:** Complete Activity: “Circles of Care” 4A

**Read** : 1 Samuel – Chapter 6

### To Do List for Parents:

*Please ensure your child learns the below prayers during the week:*

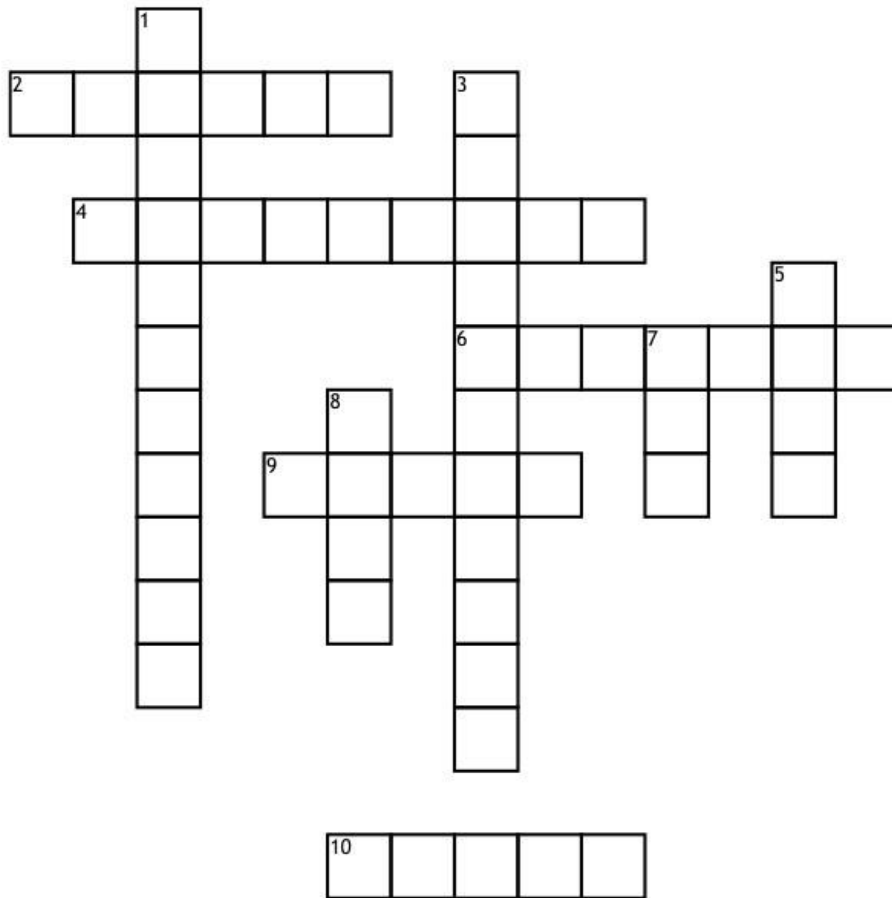
- *Act of Contrition*
- *Hail Holy Queen*

### **Bible Study: 1 Samuel Chapter 6**

1. The ark of the Lord was in the country of the Philistines for-----months. ( 7 )
2. What guilt offering was sent along with the ark of the Lord when it was returned?  
**Five gold tumors and five gold mice (according to the number of rulers of Philistines )**
3. The cart carrying the Ark of the Lord started off and went straight to-----  
**Beth Shemesh**
4. Whose field did the cart stop?  
**Joshua**
5. Why did the Lord struck down some of the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh?  
**Because they looked into the ark of the Lord.**
6. T U G I L Clue : The kind of offering suggested by the Philistine priests to be sent back with the Ark of the Covenant (**GUILT**)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 1 Samuel 3-4



## Across

2. How many thousands of Israelites were killed in the 2nd battle of Chapter 4?
4. A member of this Jewish tribe ran to tell Eli the news of Israel's defeat
6. The name of Eli's grandson that was born after the ark was stolen
9. How many years did Eli lead Israel before he died?
10. The place the Philistine army camped before battle

## Down

1. How old was Eli when he died?
3. Israel's enemy in Chapter 4
5. How many times did God call Samuel?
7. What important piece of Jewish history was in the house of the Lord with Eli?
8. How many thousands of Israelites were killed in the first battle of Chapter 4?

# My Bible Study

DATE

**1**

## Pray

Ask the Lord to help you get to know Him more as you read and study His Word.

**2**

## Bible Reading

What Bible verses am I reading today?

**3**

Learn

What can I learn about God from these scriptures?

**4**

## Application

— How can I apply what I've learned to my life? —

**5**

## Questions?

Is there something I don't understand?  
A word I don't know? Write it down for later study.

**6**

## Scripture Memory

A verse to memorize is:

**7**

## Respond

Thank the Lord for what you learned in this Bible study time. Ask the Lord for help in areas of your life where you need His help. Maybe there's a sin that you need to confess, ask forgiveness for and repent of. Consider others that are in need of prayer.