

# Family Impact

Newton Presbyterian Church

Week of September 30, 2012

*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.  
Impress them on your children...*

## The Life of Abraham: Genesis 14

### Sermon Synopsis

Powerful eastern kings swept through the land, plundering the cities of the Jordan because those cities had rebelled and ceased to be subject to them (i.e. give them money). Abram's nephew Lot was taken captive along with the other spoils from the city of Sodom. Abram and his allies pursued them and rescued Lot, acquiring many goods and possessions in the process. On his return Abram was met by the king of Sodom and Melchizedek, the king of Salem. Melchizedek (also called a priest) blessed Abram and blessed God most high who gave him the victory. Abram responded by giving him a tenth (a tithe) of his spoils from the battle. Abram then refused the King of Sodom's offer to keep the rest of the spoils (which were rightfully Abram's anyway) so as not to appear to become indebted to him.

### Key Application

The king of Sodom tempted Abram to take credit for his great victory by giving him the sense that he earned a reward from him. Melchizedek reminded him where the victory and his spoils came from. We need to see everything we have as a blessing from God and that everything ultimately belongs to God. We must resist the voices (like the king of Sodom's) that would tempt us to take credit and ownership for the blessings we have.

**Did you miss this week's sermon or just want to hear it again? Go to:**

[http://www.newtonpres.org/get\\_involved/audio\\_sermons.htm](http://www.newtonpres.org/get_involved/audio_sermons.htm)

## HOW TO: Family worship Tips



For many of us, the idea of doing family worship or devotions times is intimidating! Many of us didn't grow up in Christian homes where family worship or Bible study was a part of our experience.

Many of us approach this privilege with fear and trepidation having had no role models or training at this. Here's a great resource! Rob Rienow, the founder of Visionary Parenting, gives great advice for all of us. Here's where you find it:

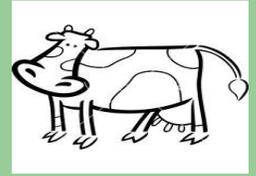
**Go to:**

<http://visionaryfam.com/downloads/>

**Click where it says download Family Worship Guides. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on any of the guides you find. There is an introduction you can read that gives LOTS of practical advice. Also, as we move along in Genesis there is a whole worship guide you can print off and use with your family for Chapters 16 -22!!!!**

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I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,  
for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

Psalm 50:9-10

## This Week's Family Worship Ideas:

### A cool illustration:

*A young boy went to the local store with his mother. The shop owner, a kindly man, passed him a large jar of suckers and invited him to help himself to a handful. Uncharacteristically, the boy held back. So the shop owner pulled out a handful for him. When outside, the boy's mother asked why he had suddenly been so shy and wouldn't take a handful of suckers when offered. The boy replied, "Because his hand is much bigger than mine!"*

(credit to A. Todd Coget)

### Application and use:

*God's hand of provision is so much greater than ours. He can provide so much more for us by way of our needs and further blessings than we could ever ask for or imagine. Sometimes they are **different** provisions than we might have even thought. But He does provide for us better than we can for ourselves. That doesn't mean we shouldn't work hard and be responsible. But it does mean we need to remember who ultimately provides all things for us.*

*In this illustration, obviously the little boy figures out he'll have more lollipops if the storekeeper is the one who puts the lollipops in the shopping bag. Wouldn't it be great if we could remember to rely of God's big hand of provision? Either read the illustration to your family or use it to set up an object lesson (your hands verses your child's small hands).*

This week, why not do a study of Exodus 16: 4-35? This is the passage where God provides daily manna for the Israelites daily. Emphasize what God's command to them was— only take what you need for today. God wanted His people to rely on his provision daily.

### Here are a couple of websites with lessons you might want to look at:

<http://www.missionarlington.org/d/OT-2YR-27-Manna.pdf>

<http://freechildrensbiblelessons.blogspot.com/2012/01/god-gives-people-manna.html>

[http://www.calvary-kids-pages.com/Exodus-Moses\\_manna\\_from\\_heaven.html](http://www.calvary-kids-pages.com/Exodus-Moses_manna_from_heaven.html)

### This one is great for youth:

<http://connexiontp.blogspot.com/2012/08/manna-from-heaven-quailmageddon-be.html>

### **Other Scriptures to look at:**

Luke 21:1-4  
1 Kings 17:7-16  
Exodus 16: 4-35  
Psalm 111:5;  
Psalm 132:15  
Matthew 6:33

### **Questions You can ask in your home...**

Can you think of a time where you took all of the credit for something instead of acknowledging God's provision?

Why do we want to be acknowledged so badly?

If all that we have belongs to God and comes from him, do we need to work for things? Why?

### **Telling Your Story:**

Most of us have a story to tell about how God provides. Take some time to share a story with your children.

Was there a time when you needed something and you weren't sure where or how you might get it?

How did it turn out? Did God give you what you were looking for? Or was His provision something else that you hadn't expected?

How did you finally recognize that it was God's provision?

### **Faith in Action:**



Sometimes God provides by using His people!! This week the youth will be doing their first service project. Maybe your family can do the same. Are there things you can do to help others in your community?

Perhaps you can spend some time going through your possessions. If all that we have really does belong to the Lord, maybe you can go through clothes and toys and bring them to a local shelter? Talk about why this is important with your kids and let them help you decide how your family can be of help to others.

### **Family Memory Challenge**

**For everyone who asks receives, the one who seeks finds,; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**

**Matthew 7:8**

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Making an impact on our families so they can make an impact on the world for Christ.



## What's Happening at NPC?

Come join us for  
**Wednesday Nights @ NPC**  
6:15-8:15 pm

### Save the dates for these upcoming events:

#### **5G All Church Retreat**

@ Camp Brookwoods, Alton Bay, NH  
October 5-7th

#### **Marriage Seminars:**

October 28th and November 4:

#### **Thursday Night New Members/ Inquirers Class**

November 1 and 8:

## *Trunk or Treat*



The Ultimate Halloween Alternative

**October 31st**

*More  
information to come....*

#### **Youth Programs:**

*Wednesday Nights: Junior High Live*

7-8:30 pm @NPC

*Undivided: Senior High*

Sunday Nights