

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

### Ephesians 6:1-4

#### Homeland Security

#### Getting Started

Thinking back on your own childhood, what's one thing your father did right?



#### Digging In

1. **Read 6:1-3.** What is the basic command given to children?
2. What reason for obedience does Paul give in v. 1?
3. What reason for obedience does Paul give in v. 2? (See Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16.)
4. What does it mean for children to honor their parents? What kinds of things are included in that command?
5. Why do you think Paul said that this is the first commandment with a promise? (See Exod 20:1-17)
6. In its original context, what was the promise? (See Exod 20:12)
7. How does Paul interpret the promise for children today?
8. **Read 6:4.** Write a paraphrase of the first command given to fathers. How can fathers avoid exasperating their children?
9. Write a paraphrase of the second command in v. 4.
10. Why do you think v. 4 is addressed to fathers in particular?

#### Getting Personal

- Give some practical examples of how fathers can bring up their children *in the training and instruction of the Lord*.
- If you're a father, what specifically are you doing to help your children grow in their knowledge of the Lord and his word?
- How are you helping them grow in their love for and commitment to Christ?
- Even if you're not a father, what are some things you can do to help our children at Shoestring become fully devoted followers of Christ?