

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **May 22, 2022** Family Theme | **Set Apart for Christ**  
Study Text | **2 Corinthians 6:1 – 7:1**

**Objective:** Family members be growing in holiness, separating themselves from sin.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** Like the previous lesson, this lesson is set during Paul's third missionary trip, around AD 56, in between the first letter to the Corinthians and the letter to the Romans. Paul wrote to the believers at Corinth calling them to live holy lives set apart for Christ.

**Bible Basics:** Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. **What is the role of the Father? Answer:** The Father loves the Son (John 3:35). He providentially cares for the world and all who are in it (Matthew 6:26). He reveals Jesus to people (Matthew 16:17) and draws them to Him (John 6:44). He forgives sins (Matthew 6:14). He listens to and answers prayers (Matthew 6:9-13). He sends the Holy Spirit to mankind (John 14:26). He keeps believers from the devil (John 10:29), and He sends them out in His service (John 20:21).

**Read the Word:** 2 Corinthians 6:1 – 7:1

## Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children and grandchildren about how to separate themselves from sin and grow in holiness.



**Key Truth: Believers' Lifestyles Should Draw People to Christ, Not Push Them Away (2 Corinthians 6:1-10)**

Paul challenged the Corinthian believers regarding the type of lives they should be living. He challenged them to follow the example set by him and his team. They lived in such a way that their lives did not hinder people from coming to Christ. Paul listed nine trials or experiences, nine inner qualities of followers of Christ, and then nine paradoxes to support the example he and his team had demonstrated. Even through all these challenges, Paul could remain joyful.



**Key Truth: Believers Should Avoid Close, Binding Relationships With Unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:11-16)**

Paul instructed the Corinthians to avoid placing themselves in close and binding relationships with unbelievers whose influence and conduct could affect their own lives. This would certainly include false teachers, but also marriages and other binding relationships in which the other person's attitudes, actions, and choices could strongly affect our lives. He supported this command by showing how complete opposites cannot be fully united in belief and purpose. This did not mean, however, that believers are to have no interactions or friendships with unbelievers (see 1 Corinthians 5:9-10).



**Key Truth: Believers Separate Themselves From Sin and Keep Growing in Holiness (2 Corinthians 6:17–7:1)**

Paul ended this chapter by instructing his readers to make decisions that would move them toward a life of holiness. Since believers are the temple of God by His Spirit, we are to separate ourselves from everything that would defile His dwelling place — our bodies, hearts, and minds. While God's power will most assuredly enable us to do these things, it is placed upon us to be active in the process of sanctification. In an attitude of reverence for God, we can cleanse ourselves by setting aside all sin and consistently choosing what is right, resulting in a growing holiness of our entire person.

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- What does it mean to be unequally yoked or bound together with unbelievers?
- What kinds of relationships might this include?
- What does it look like for us to separate ourselves from sin?
- **What are some things Christians might need to avoid because they could hinder someone from coming to Christ?**
- **What can we do to help ourselves grow in holiness?**
- **What steps do you need to take to separate yourself from sin and to grow in holiness?**

## Everyday Extras

A believer's testimony is an important way to lead others toward a relationship with God. That is why we need to make sure we are doing our best to live pure and holy lives. This can be hard when we are surrounded by evil. This might be a fun weekend for a paint run. Have everyone dress in old clothes that you don't mind getting paint on. Wrap one person's shirt securely in plastic wrap. The track can be a 50-yard dash or a loop around the block with someone stationed with various colors of tempera paint in squirt bottles along the way. Multiple "passes" can create quite a collage! When the person who was wrapped in plastic wrap (carefully) removes it, you can see that his or her shirt was protected from the paint. In the same way, believers who rely on the Holy Spirit can stay clean even as they interact in a very sinful world.

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child continued learning **Jesus Heals**. He or she heard the true story of when Jesus healed a man who was blind. Jesus made mud from His spit and dirt and put it on the man's eyes. Jesus told the man to go wash his face in a pool of water. When the man did as Jesus instructed, he was healed and was able to see.