Worksheet 8

[This is a sample outline of the teaching time held during one of the monthly father/son events]

THIS MONTH'S FOCUS:

A man's relationship to God.

LESSON OBJECTIVES:

- 1. What is God's attitude toward us as believers in Christ?
- 2. What is our response to God's love for us?
- 3. Who helps us obey God?

Leader: Fathers and sons read the following scriptures together and answer the question, "What one word best characterizes man's relationship to God"?

(John 3:16)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(1 John 3:1)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

(Romans 8:35.38-39)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: According to John 3:16, how does God approach this world? Are you included in "the world"? So how does God approach you? What does that mean to you?

Leader: According to 1 John 3:1, since God loves you, what type of relationship do you have with Him?

Leader: According to Romans 8, is there anything we can do to terminate this love relationship with God?

"If you love me, you will obey what I command." (John 14:15)

Leader: Now read John 14:15 together. According to Jesus' words, how should we respond to the love God has for us? How do we find out about His commands so that we can obey them?

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26)

Leader: Lastly, read John 14:26 together. According to Jesus' words, who helps us to obey God's commands?

KEY VERSE FOR THIS MONTH:

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called <u>children of God!</u> And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1a)

APPLICATION:

- Spend time each day asking for the Spirit's guidance and searching for commands of scripture.
- Discuss your findings with your Father/Son.
- Memorize the key verse for the month
- Begin keeping a prayer journal