

# Connecting Church and Home

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## Quarter 4, Week 2 :: The Holiness of God

**Treasure Story:** Leviticus 20:26; 1 Peter 1:13-16

What does it mean to be holy? If you were to ask a group of people, you might get answers like “religious” or “perfect.” Holiness, however, is so much more. God, of course, is the ultimate example of holiness. He is set apart from the world and not spoiled by its sin. Furthermore, He is ultimate holiness because He cannot allow sin to exist in His presence. In today's Treasure Story, we examined the depth of God's holiness and that He expects us also to be holy. He wants us to be set apart for His purpose and His glory.

### Connect

“The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the Spirit of God.”  
- Blaise Pascal

How can we live set apart and holy for God's glory in such a sinful world? The materialism, comforts, and other temptations that engulf us every day make holy living seem almost impossible. God, however, would never call us to be holy if He did not intend to help us. He has given us the Holy Spirit to guide us, and He has also given us brothers and sisters in Christ to challenge us. Here are a few thoughts to help maximize these two powerful allies we have to help us be holy as God is holy:

- **Trusting the Spirit:** The first step to holy living is to admit that you are incapable of doing this on your own. No one drifts toward holy living. You must pray and then rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you to make small, daily steps toward holiness. Humility and reliance on the Holy Spirit energize the pathway to holy living. One way to illustrate this truth to your children is by describing the currents in the ocean. These currents cause you to drift when you don't even realize it. Unless we fight that drift toward sin by relying on the Holy Spirit, sin will pull us away.
- **Community:** Holy living is a community project. You need first the work of the Holy Spirit and then the encouragement and accountability of your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you don't have a small group of people who “live life together” with you, then pray for and seek them out. The Lord will hear your prayer and direct you to people like you who need encouragement to live holy as He is holy. Your children need to see your example of living life with others so that they will follow this example when they are older.

### My Mission As Parent

- What kind of attitude do you have toward holiness? Do you view it as something desirable or something too tiring or impossible to pursue?
- What are you willing to sacrifice in order to live holy? Are you looking at the rewards of holiness (closeness to God and other believers) or the challenges of holiness (sacrifices and spiritual disciplines) more?

### Prayer Points

- Pray for the Lord to help you see holiness as something to be desired so that you will glorify Him.
- Ask the Lord to identify barriers to holy living that are currently in your life.
- Pray with your children and ask the Lord to show you how to encourage each other to live holy lives despite the temptation to run away from holiness.