
Sharing Time: We Grow to Be Like Our Parents

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Honour thy father and thy mother (Matt. 19:19).

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As you grow older, you will become more and more like your parents. Maybe your hair will be the same color as your mother's. Perhaps you will be as tall as your father. We often become like our parents in the things we do and the way we do them. We honor our parents when we do the right things that they have taught us.

There is someone else whom we can grow to be like. In the Bible we read that "God created man in his own image" (**Gen. 1:27**). Besides being similar in appearance to our Father in Heaven, we can also become like Him in the things we do.

Look at the picture puzzles on this page. As you can see, each puzzle piece has only one matching piece. Bunnies grow to be rabbits—they never grow to be frogs! And an apple seed will not grow to be a pine tree; it will become an apple tree.