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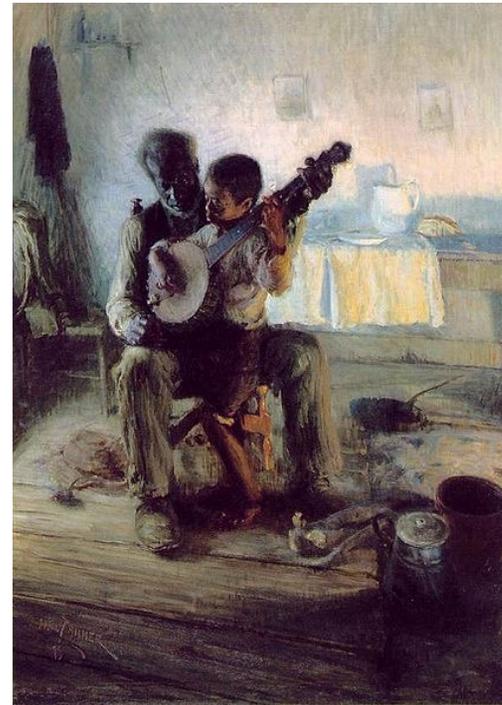
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List some things that hinder great friendships and relationships.
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How do you think loving God helps us to love our neighbor—our neighbor, meaning another person in our life?
4. Look again at the painting. Describe the relationship between the old man and the boy. In the background, notice the bread and pitcher on the table. Sharing food is often a symbol of relationship.



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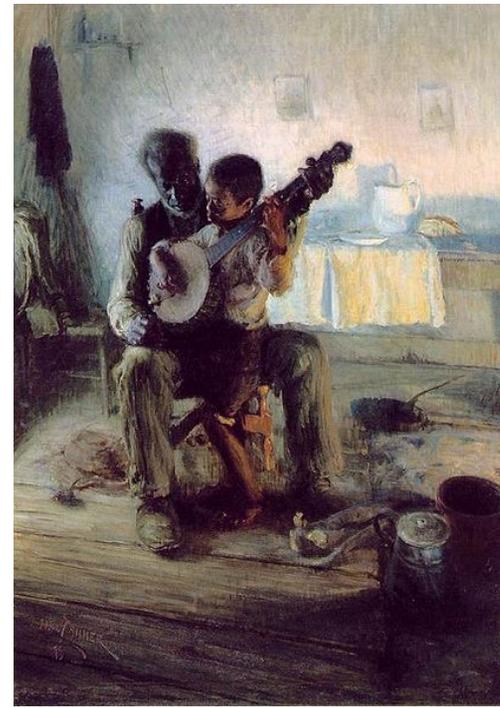
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