

Respect is showing others they are important by what you say and do.

DAY 1

Read Luke 6:31

This month is all about respect: showing others they are important by what you say and do. When we use kind words, include others, listen or let others go first, we show them respect.

When it comes to showing respect, Jesus told us how to do that: treat others like you want to be treated.

Take a moment to put yourself in someone else's shoes. How would you want to be treated? Write down your thoughts in the space below. Ask God to help you to show respect this week.

It's time for recess. You want to play Tag, but all your friends want to play kickball.

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You and your brother are fighting over the remote.

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Your Mom is carrying in a bunch of stuff into the kitchen. You're sitting at the table playing a game.

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Your sister is telling a story and it reminded you of something that happened at school. You really want to interrupt her to tell your story!

DAY 2

Read Philippians 2:4

Think back over this past week. When did you feel respected? What happened?

It's easy to think about ourselves and how we feel. But in today's verse, Paul shares that people who show others respect do the opposite! Instead of looking out for themselves, people who show respect look out for others.

Grab a card and write out the words of today's verse in big block letters. Decorate the card any way you choose but make it colorful, so it stands out. Now tape that card on a mirror. Every time you look at yourself in that mirror, stop, read the verse aloud, and ask God to help you put others first as you show them respect with your words and actions.



DAY 3

Read James 2:1

We all have a big sense of fairness. We want to take turns. To share. To divide things equally. However, sometimes it's impossible to make things fair for everyone.

But it's possible to treat everyone the same. It's possible to show respect to everyone. The key is found at the beginning of this verse. What does James say? "You are in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ." What's the missing word? Yes! When you put faith or trust in Jesus, He will help you treat everyone the same. He doesn't expect you to do it by yourself!

Every day, before you head out the door for school, stop and pray this prayer: "Jesus, help me treat everyone the same, today."

DAY 4

Read Luke 5:30-32

Back in New Testament times, Jewish families were required to go to a tax collector to pay the taxes they owed to the Roman government. But tax collectors could be dishonest, charging their fellow Jews far more than what was owed so they could keep the extra for themselves. People didn't like them too much.

Most Jewish people would never hang out with tax collectors. But Jesus did. Jesus paid attention to those who were left out or overlooked. He loved people who others didn't.

Jesus loves us too. Even when we mess up or fail. He invited even the tax collectors to follow Him, and Jesus invites you to follow Him too.

When you're with your family, take a moment to read Luke 5:30-32 and discuss the following questions:

Who were the Pharisees? Why did they complain about Jesus?

What was so important about Jesus' answer?

How can you show respect to others like Jesus?

**Include people
who are left out.**



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Read Matthew 5:44

Think about that word “enemy.” An enemy is someone who actively opposes someone or something. We might not have enemies like that, but we do know people we don’t really get along with. Jesus tells us not to just find a way to “get along” but to show love to them, to show respect even when you don’t get along.

Can you think of someone you have a hard time getting along with? Write their initial in the space below. Look at the clock and write down the time on the next line.

Initial:

Time of day:

For the next four days, challenge yourself to stop and pray for that person at the time you’ve written down. Ask God to help you show love and respect to that person.

DAY 2

Read 1 Peter 3:8

Respect is showing others they are important by what you say and do. In today’s verse, Peter gives us some ideas for how we can do that. Check it out:

Agree with one another: We always see everything the same, but we can look for ways to listen and respect other helpful points of view.

Be understanding: Try to see things from the other person’s perspective and put yourself in their shoes.

Love one another: Show compassion and find ways to help.

Be kind and tender: Be sensitive to the needs of others and be careful with their feelings.

Be humble: Put others first.

Which one of these comes easiest to you? Draw a box around it.

Which one is hardest? Circle it three times.

Stop and pray. Ask God to help you treat others with respect this week – especially if you don’t always get along.

DAY 3

Read Colossians 3:25

When someone hurts you, what's your first response?

Just for a minute, think about what might happen if you responded that way instead of responding with respect.

What if instead of paying back a wrong with a wrong, you stopped and thought about, "what would a respectful response be?" If respect is showing others they are important to you by what you say and do, what could you say or do to change the outcome?

One thing that helps: remember how much God loves you! God chooses to treat everyone the same. No matter what we say or do, God loves us. God loves and forgives and listens and cares for each one of us. We can do that for others too!

Show respect even when you don't get along.



DAY 4

Read 1 Peter 2:17a

According to today's verse, who deserves proper respect?

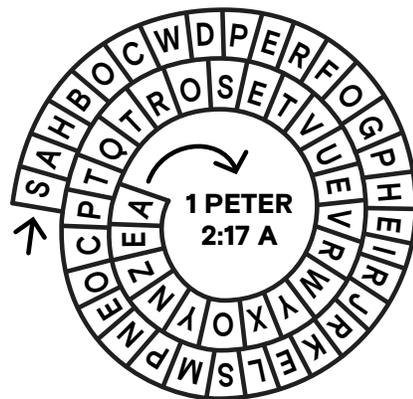
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Really? Are you sure we're supposed to show respect to every single person, even when we don't get along?

Yep. Everyone. Even someone that's hard to get along with. Why? Because everyone is made in the image of God, just like you. And because everyone is someone Jesus died for, just like you. We show proper respect to everyone not because they've earned it but because Jesus loves them. And when we show proper respect, we're helping everyone around us feel that love and acceptance too.

Color the Verse

Start at the beginning and color in every other letter to reveal today's verse.



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Read Romans 12:10

Respect means that we choose to show others they are important to us. Taking time to show someone else how important they are doesn't necessarily come naturally. That's why we need to stop and look around us.

One way to love one another is to look for ways to help them. You can take time to stop and see who needs help. From opening a door, to listening to a friend, helping others takes the focus off of you and puts it on others.

Grab a piece of construction paper and write out the words of today's verse in big block letters. You can even decorate the page if you choose. Then, cut the paper into four or five pieces to create a puzzle. Shuffle the pieces and ask a younger sibling or friend to put the puzzle together. Then read the verse aloud and talk about what this verse means to you.

DAY 2

Read Matthew 5:42

Sharing is hard. Giving to those who ask doesn't come easily to us.

Just because something isn't easy doesn't mean it's not worth doing. When it comes to respecting others, sharing is a wise choice. Sharing shows generosity and tells the other person, "You are more important to me than this thing I don't really want to share." By sharing, you're showing someone else they matter, that you respect them.

For the next 24 hours, think about someone you can share with. What can you share with them? Make a plan to do it. Pray and ask God to help you share so that you can show others they are important to you.

DAY 3

Read Luke 10:40-42

If Jesus was coming over to hang out, you'd probably clean up, right? You'd make sure you looked your best. You might even put out some snacks.

Once Jesus arrived, what would you do? Would you be like Martha, cooking and cleaning? Or would you stop to listen to Jesus like Mary?

We can show Jesus He is important to us by spending time with Him, by reading the Bible, praying, listening to worship music or just being quiet and enjoying God's beautiful creation. And we show others they are important by spending time with them too.

Grab some paper and write down three ways you could spend time with your friends or family this week. Pray and ask God to help you follow through with all three by the end of the month.

DAY 4

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Have you ever heard the saying, "respect your elders?" An elder is someone older than you, like your parents, grandparents, teachers, and coaches.

In this verse, Paul talks about the godly leaders in our lives. People like your Small Group Leader. You show them respect by listening, by participating, and by choosing to be kind and courteous during your time together.

Did you know that your small group leader is a volunteer? Your leaders show up week after week because they want to help you to follow Jesus!

Take some time to write a thank you note to your Small Group Leader. Ask an adult to help you with the wording if you're stuck. Decorate the note and then take it to church to hand deliver it to your leader.

Take time to show others they are important.

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Read Matthew 8:8-10

The centurion had faith that Jesus could heal his servant without even coming to his home. He recognized Jesus' power and authority. What was Jesus' response to the centurion's faith? Matthew tells us that Jesus was amazed.

Spend some time today showing God respect:

Pray: Name some things you LOVE about God. Write down the things God has done for you. Thank God for all of those!

Praise: Ask an adult to help you play your favorite songs that remind you about God's goodness. Think about the words as you sing and lift your voice to God in praise.

DAY 2

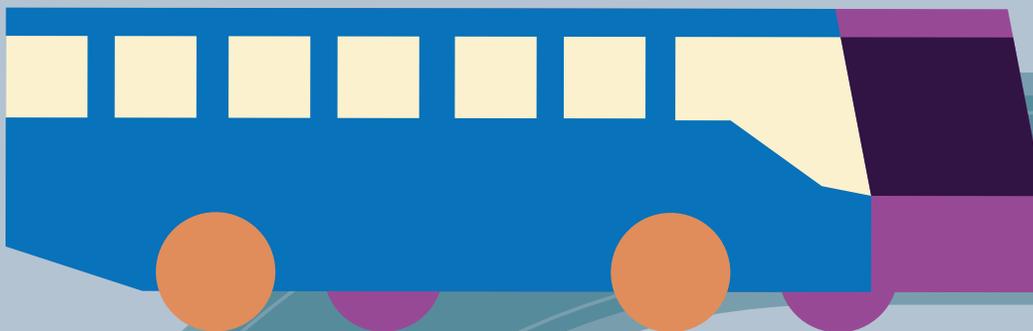
Read Revelation 4:11

Have you ever hiked to the top of a mountain and looked out over the view? Ever seen the ocean waves crash into the shore? Imagine the power and creativity it took to shape those mountain peaks or fill that ocean with sea creatures.

God did that. And because God made it all, God is worthy to receive all honor, glory and respect.



Grab a piece of paper and, if it's not too cold, head outside. Draw something beautiful you see that God made. Write today's verse along the bottom of your masterpiece and hang it up somewhere so your whole family can see it this week.



Read Proverbs 15:33

Sometimes our thinking is backwards, and we believe that all good things happen because of us. A wise person understands that everything you are and everything you have comes from God. When you stop and remember to say, “Thank you, God” for all the good stuff instead of thinking you did it all by yourself, you show your respect for God.

Speaking of backwards, can you identify what’s wrong with the verse below? Write it out the right way in the space below.

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Ask God to help you turn your thinking around. Choose to show God respect.

Read Deuteronomy 10:12

When you obey your parents who love you, or listen to a trusted teacher or coach and follow their instructions, how does it make them feel? By obeying, you show that you trust that their way is best and that the rules they have in place are there to protect you. You show your respect when you listen and follow their instructions.

The same is true for showing respect to God. We can learn about God through the Bible. And in the Bible, we can also learn how God wants us to live through the stories of how people experienced God throughout history.

What is God asking you to do today? What is God teaching you? Pray and ask God to help you make the wise choice and show respect.

Remember God is most important.

