

# RESPECT

Showing others  
they are important by  
what you say and do

Week 2  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

## Read Luke 14:10

## DAY 1

Nobody means to be disrespectful. But sometimes, disrespect creeps in. We become selfish and our needs and wants become more important than the needs and wants of the people around us. Jesus reminds us to think about the other person first. To decide to let someone else have the better seat, the bigger piece, or take the front spot in line.

Respect is showing others they are important by what you say or do. When you respect others, you show respect to God too. So today, let's focus on the "saying" part. In the examples below, you'll see some disrespectful answers. What could you say instead that would be a respectful response? Fill in the blanks below.

Say this \_\_\_\_\_ not this: "MOVE!"  
Say this \_\_\_\_\_ not this: "THAT'S MINE!"  
Say this \_\_\_\_\_ not this: "GIVE IT TO ME!"  
Say this \_\_\_\_\_ not this: "THIS IS BORING!" or "I DON'T WANT TO!"

**Thank** God for this reminder to show respect to the people around you with your words.

## Read Luke 6:31

## DAY 2

Does respect feel like a big idea? Do you wonder how to really show respect to others in certain situations? Today's verse gives us a pretty clear rule to follow when it comes to showing respect. Ask yourself: "What would I want someone to do for me?" This is called the Golden Rule. And when you put this rule into practice, it works!

Read the statements below and fill in the blanks:

When I am sad, I would want someone to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

When I am happy, I would want someone to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

When I am angry, I would want someone to \_\_\_\_\_.

Let this little exercise be your guide when it comes to showing respect this week. Think about what you would want someone else to do to you and then DO it! Because you respect God when you respect the people God made.

**Ask** God to help you show respect by treating others as you would want them to treat you.

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## Read 1 Peter 2:17a

DAY 3

According to this verse, who should we respect? Everyone. That means your parents, your teachers, your coaches and leaders, your friends, your enemies, the homeless man on the corner and the kid who never talks in your class. God has made it clear in His word that everyone is made in His image and therefore everyone deserves respect and love.

Think about your senses. Can you name them? Unscramble the words below to help you remember three of them.

CUHTO - \_\_\_\_\_

GHTIS - \_\_\_\_\_

AREH - \_\_\_\_\_

This week, think about using your senses when you show respect. Gather your family and discuss the questions below.

What does showing respect to everyone look like?

What does showing respect to everyone feel like?

What does showing respect to everyone sound like?

**Look** for ways to show respect and think about how it looks, feels and sounds this week.

## Read Leviticus 19:32

DAY 4

Do you know what an "elder" is? An elder is someone that is older than you. Think about your grandparent or someone around the same age. Respecting your elders is a big deal to God. Sometimes, older people move more slowly. Sometimes it takes them a bit longer to answer or respond. And sometimes, it's hard for them to answer at all.

But that doesn't mean they should be ignored. Older people have lots and lots of wisdom to share. They've lived through some incredible circumstances and they could teach you a thing or to if you choose to let them. So how can you show respect to someone that is older?

Give up your seat. Let someone that is older go first. Offer to help. Listen when they talk. Look them in the eye. Smile. Visit them in a nursing home. Sing them a song or bring special snacks or pictures you've drawn. You will make their day so much brighter.

**Know** that you show God respect when you respect your elders. Find a way to love on and respect an elder this week!