

DAY 4

HOW CAN YOU SHOW RESPECT TO EVERYONE?

You know that person who's just so different from you. You feel like you have nothing in common with them? You can probably think of lots of people like that. After all, God made us all very different people. (And aren't you glad?)

Here's a crazy thought. Do you think you could *learn* something from that person? What if you really got to know them? What if you asked them a couple of questions about their background, or what they're into? Do you think that would show them respect? Do you think they probably have a reason why they act the way they do?

It doesn't have to be weird. Just look for an opportunity. Don't feel like you have to stay in your comfort zone with the same circle of people all the time. If you've got the guts to reach out to someone different, you might just discover something new that you never expected.

Here are some simple questions to get you started.

1. I noticed that you _____. What's that like?
2. Why do you like _____ so much?
3. Why is it so important to you to _____?



DAY 1

READ JAMES 2:1-4, 8-9

Every single person in the world was made by God. Every single person in the world is LOVED by God. That's true about your older brother, the girl in your class who's always complaining, your soccer coach who's always pushing you to work harder, and the kid at school who everyone seems to make fun of.

In these verses, James talks about the "royal law" from the Old Testament. It's the perfect picture of respect. Go ahead and write it down here. →

So, in other words, we're supposed to treat the people around us the way WE would want to be treated. Maybe that sounds easy. But when you think the people in your life—your brother, the girl in class, your soccer coach, or the kid who gets made fun of—it's a lot more difficult.

We're supposed to treat everyone the same. We shouldn't give someone special treatment just because we like them more, or because we think it'll make us look good. We should genuinely respect them. After all, *everyone* matters to God. And when we show respect even to the people that can be hard to love, we show them they're important.

Remember, you respect God when you respect the people God made.



DAY 2

OK, go ahead and think for a second. Who are the people in your life that are hard to love?

Why do you think it's so important that you still show respect to those people . . . whether you feel like it or not?

Are you thinking you probably need God's help to do that? Good call. Let's pray.

“GOD, PLEASE HELP ME TO SHOW RESPECT TO . . .”

“IT'S HARD FOR ME TO DO THAT BECAUSE . . .”

**“I KNOW YOU MADE _____. I KNOW YOU LOVE _____.
HELP ME TO . . .”**

DAY 3

I bet you can think of a time when someone showed respect to you—when they made you feel really important.

Maybe they listened to you when you were having a hard day and just needed to talk. Maybe they celebrated your birthday with a really awesome gift that they knew you would love. Maybe they told you some encouraging words that lifted your spirits and made you feel like you could do anything.

Maybe it was your mom. Maybe your Grandpa. Maybe a good friend or a teacher. Take some time to thank them and let them know how much it meant to you (even if it was a long time ago). And while you're at it, ask them . . .

1. HOW DID YOU GET SO GOOD AT MAKING PEOPLE FEEL IMPORTANT?

2. DO YOU THINK THAT'S SOMETHING GOD WANTS YOU TO DO? WHY?