

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AUGUST 1/2

WHERE IS YOUR HONOR?

Purpose:

To encourage to honor others by treating them special

Thought to memorize:

Honor ALL Men!

LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Invite a child to give the opening prayer.

LESSON:

Read Matthew 13:53-58

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. 54 Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. 55 "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" 57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home." 58 And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

During this time, the people of Jesus' home town discredited him. They didn't give him an opportunity and they didn't honor him. When we honor someone- we see their worth and value.

Display the word "HONOR" in your teaching area. Ask for several volunteers to suggest what that word means. Listen to carefully to their ideas and affirm their efforts by saying, "That's a good suggestion, who else wants to try..."

Now say "will work together to discover what the word "HONOR" means"

(In the supply box you will find pictures of each title that you can use to make this section more fun. You can include a child to come up and hold the picture if you wish or just use your assistant)

- Soldier: When an army soldier comes into a room what hand signal do people sometimes make? (allow

for response) Let's all stand and salute this soldier. This salute is a way to show honor and means that we know that soldiers are important people who risk their lives to keep us safe.

- Pastor: When a pastor begins to pray what do people normally do with their hands and eyes?(allow for response) Let's all close our eyes & fold our hands like this pastor is leading us in a prayer. Our folded hands and bowed eyes show respect for the pastor & for God during prayer. This is like saying with our body that our pastor is an important person who helps use to know God better.

- Teacher: What are you supposed to do in your classroom to answer a question your teacher asks? (allow for response) Let's all raise our hands together like we have an answer for this teacher. When children raise their hands this shows honor for the teacher because they have an important job helping you to learn.

- Judges: What do people in a courtroom do when a judge walks into the room? (allow for response) Let's all rise to show the importance of this judge. This standing up lets everyone know that judges have important work helping the world to be a more fair place.

- Friend School: What do you do with your hand when you see your friend across the park. (allow for response) Let's all wave to our friend together. When we wave our hand it shows that we're happy to see our friend. It means our friend is important because we like to be around them.

Honor comes when you see a person's worth or value. You can honor someone by treating them special. Honor builds the strong bonds that provide great strength and long lasting friendship. Honor does a job all the way and with a good attitude. Honor looks for what needs to be done before being asked.

Discerning Honor: Ask the children to respond to the following statements. If they sound like good ways to show honor they should stand and salute the teacher. If they are not good ways to show honor the children should remain seated. You may want to create a few of your own statements.

- Giving your father or mother a hug when they come home from work. (YES)
- Asking the new friend at church to play with you. (YES)
- Getting upset if you're Dad says you need to wait a few minutes. (NO)
- Asking your Father or mother to pray with you at bedtime. (YES)
- Pouting when you're Mother asks you to do your chores. (NO)
- Arguing with your parent when it's time for you to do homework. (NO)
- Talking while you teacher or pastor is praying. (NO)

Learning Outcome Test: Ask each child to silently think of one specific way they can show more honor.

Outside Activity:

Play the game "Mother may I?" To make the game fair either allow each child a small turn or only allow teacher or assistant to be the "Mother".