

RESPECT

Showing others
they are important by
what you say and do

Week 4
K-5th grade

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

DAY 1

Do you have a weekly small group leader at church? Did you know that your small group leader is a volunteer? That means that he or she doesn't get paid to hang out with you. So why does he or she show up every week to hang out with you? Because he/she loves Jesus and wants you to see just how much Jesus loves you too!

God has placed that leader in your life and that wasn't a mistake! Love those leaders because of what they do. Choose to live in peace with the kid sitting next to you in your small group instead of wrestling or goofing off. And remember, you respect God when you respect the people He's put in charge.

How can you show respect to your small group leader at church? Look them in the eye when they speak. Give them your full attention. Wait until it's your turn to talk. Follow instructions. Keep your hands to yourself. The list is endless! Choose just ONE of these and put it into practice THIS week to show proper respect to your awesome small group leader.

Thank God for your small group leader this week and maybe bring them a special treat to show them your gratitude for all they do!

Read 1 Samuel 24:20

DAY 2

Grab some clay and create something cool. It can be anything you want.

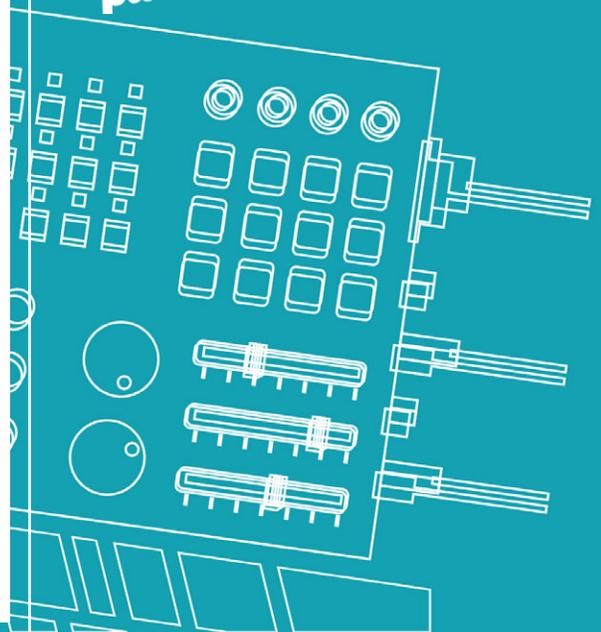
What if you left your clay creation out on the counter, unprotected? It might get destroyed! God feels the same way about us we are His creation and a BIG part of His job is to make sure we're protected. That's why He's put people in charge of us like our parents and teachers.

God knows who is in control—even the people who don't follow Him. Saul was the first king of Israel, but he chose His way instead of God's way. So God chose a new king named David. King Saul knew that David would be the next king—the guy who would replace him. And he recognized that David would be better at it then he had been.

God knows everyone that is in charge. And you are most protected when you respect the people He's put in charge. You don't have to agree with everything they say or do, but you are asked to show proper respect.

Know that God has chosen the leaders that are over you and you respect Him when you respect them!

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Read Romans 13:1

DAY 3

Did you know that God knows who is in authority over you? Did you know that He knows who your teacher will be NEXT year? He knows the name of every future soccer coach and piano teacher. Pretty cool to think about isn't it?

The Bible tells us that God knows who is in charge because He allows them to be. But ultimately God is in control of all those in control over you. So you respect God when you respect the people He's put in charge! One of those people is someone you spend most everyday with. It's your teacher! Teachers have a BIG responsibility and they definitely deserve our respect. One way to help you show your teacher respect is to put yourself in your teacher's shoes for just a minute.

Read the scenarios below and fill in the blanks.

If I was the teacher:

It would make me feel _____ if my student answered with a disrespectful tone.

It would be _____ if my student didn't listen to my instructions.

I would feel _____ if my students constantly talked while I was trying to give instructions.

Look for ways to show respect to your teacher this week!

Read Proverbs 13:13

DAY 4

Did you know that everyone has people in authority over them? Your mom or dad answers to a boss at work, your teacher is accountable to the principle and every adult must respect police officers and other elected leaders. Everyone—including adults—is called to show respect.

But what about when the authority is wrong? You can still choose kind words and you can still show respect with your actions even if you disagree. Respect is about the attitude you choose and that is completely within your control. So remember, when you respect God, you respect the people He's put in charge.

Grab some sticky notes or scraps of paper. On each piece of paper, write the name of someone that is in charge of you. When finished, stick the names up on the wall in your room. Before you leave your room each morning, stand in front of the wall, close your eyes and randomly grab a name. Find a way to show respect to that person today.

Know that God loves it when we respect the people He's put in charge.