

# RESPECT

Showing others  
they are important by  
what you say and do

Week 1  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

## Read Revelation 4:11

## DAY 1

This month is all about respect! Respect is showing others they are important by what you say and do. This verse tells us that God deserves all glory and honor. Find a dictionary to look up or ask a trusted adult to help you Google the words "glory" and "honor" and write their definitions in the space below.

GLORY: \_\_\_\_\_

HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Glory and honor are simply fancy ways to tell God how awesome you think He is. And He IS awesome. He created all things. Nothing exists apart from God. And you were made to worship and glorify God. He deserves all glory and honor for sure.

So, can you show respect to God since you can't see Him face to face? You respect God when you worship Him by singing to Him. You respect Him when you pray to Him. And you respect Him when you choose to spend your time and talents on things that help others know about Him. Remember, respect starts with understanding who is in charge. We should show respect to God because He's in charge of everything!

**Thank** God for creating everything and reminding us that He is in charge!

## Read Exodus 20:1-3

## DAY 2

For over 400 years, the Israelites (an entire nation of people) were slaves in Egypt. God chose a guy named Moses to lead them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land—a beautiful land He had set aside for them. God rescued His people from the harsh rule of Pharaoh by sending plagues, parting the Red Sea, and providing literal food from the sky so they could survive. And then God gave them a specific set of rules to follow. What was the very first rule? Respect me. Put God first.

We are kind of like the Israelites. God rescued us from sin (the wrongs that we do) by sending Jesus to die on the cross for us. He has given us everything we need. And because of all He's done for us, we should give Him the respect and honor that He deserves. Respect God because He's in charge of everything.

Grab a piece of paper and draw a large outline of a #1 in the center. Inside, write the words "Respect God." Put this drawing somewhere this week to remind you to show respect to God this week.

**Ask** God to help you put Him first by showing respect.

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## Read Exodus 20:4

DAY 3

Do you have a trophy in your room or a favorite toy? Would you ever bow down and worship that item? Would you ever sing a song to it or pray to it, asking for guidance? No way! It's a trophy or toy made of plastic.

Believe it or not, in the Old Testament, sometimes people would build statues and then bow down and worship them! Seems really strange, doesn't it? In fact, at one point, the Israelites even created their own statue to take the place of God.

The problem isn't a silly statue. The problem is that we sometimes allow other things to become more important than God. He deserves all of our respect because He's in charge of everything.

Find a sticky note (or a small piece of paper) and write the words "God FIRST" on the front. Stick this note to your mirror. As you get ready this week, read those words to remind yourself to respect God because He's in charge of everything.

**Look** for ways to put God first because He's in charge of everything.

## Read Isaiah 57:15

DAY 4

How big is God to you? Write your answer in the space to the right.

God is bigger than anything we can imagine. As this verse reminds us, He lives in a high and holy place. He is separate from us because He is perfect and we are not. But, He has made a way for us to know Him through Jesus. When we turn from our sin, and accept Jesus as our Savior, He promises to forgive us and give us new life.

Even though He is bigger than anything we can imagine, He has also invited us into a relationship with Him. He hears our prayers. He cares for us and hurts when we hurt. He has a plan for each of our lives that is bigger and better than any plan we could dream up on our own. But a relationship with God begins when we realize who He really is (a great big, loving, amazing God) and who we are not (in charge of our own little universe). That's why we can respect God because He is in charge of everything.

**Know** that God is SUPER big, SUPER loving, and SUPER interested in a relationship with each one of His children.