

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: We should live to honor God

Key Question: What honors God?

Memory Verse: *Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Overview: We're continuing in our series called, "Foundations for kids". If we want a relationship with God, then we need to understand 3 important truths. Last week we talked about the first one which is, **we start a relationship with God by trusting in Jesus**. We learned that we all have a sin problem and Jesus came to fix it by dying on the cross for us. All we have to do is accept his gift of forgiveness by inviting Jesus into our hearts. When we do that, our lives will change forever. That's what our second principle is about, **we should live to honor God**. When we accept Jesus into our hearts, our focus changes from living for ourselves to living for God. Our focus is on bringing honor to God in everything we do. And guess what? God helps us to live for him. He gives us the Bible that tells us how to honor him. He gives us the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to say "No" to sin and "Yes" to God. And, he gives us other people like our parents and Sunday school teachers who encourage us and help us to live for God.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** How can you honor (show thanks) your parents? How about your teachers at school?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Ephesians 4:21-24](#). What should we do with our old nature? How does the Spirit help us to live for God?

10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- How will you honor God as school this week?
- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

2nd-5th Puzzle answers: Isaiah (OT), 1 Peter (NT), Jude (NT), Exodus (OT), Mark (NT)

Allow each kid to share. The point: Honoring someone means we show them how much they mean to us. We want to do things for them and make them happy. It should be this way in our relationship with God, too. We should live our lives in a way that makes him happy..

Answer: Obeying what the Bible says.

The Bible says that we should be the light of Jesus to the world. That means we should act the way Jesus would act. God gave us the Bible so we would know how to live for him. We should do things like; obey our parents, share our stuff with our siblings, be kind, and tell our friends all about Jesus.

Bonus Questions: What does it mean to honor someone? How can you honor God this week?

4-5th: Why does it matter how we live?

We need to throw off anything that doesn't honor God. We shouldn't even think about things that don't honor him. Instead, we should focus all of our attention on what does honor God. The Spirit helps us by giving us the desire and strength to live for God. He points us in God's direction and reminds us what the Bible says about what is right and wrong.

Allow kids to share. Encourage them to be specific.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities **2nd-5th**

Option #1

Honor God Jeopardy

- Divide the class into two teams.
- Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Ask a question from below. First team to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, that team gets a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get 2 points for that round.
- Team with the most points wins.

Questions:

1. True or false: God cares how we live. (T)
2. What book is our memory verse found? (2 Corinthians)
3. Who died on the cross for us? (Jesus)
4. What book helps us to honor God? (Bible)
5. Who helps us to live for God? (Spirit/Jesus)
6. True or false: Other people can't help us. (F)
7. How do we start a relationship with God? (Trusting Jesus)
8. What is the Big Idea today? (We should live to honor God)
9. Where did Jesus die for our sins? (Cross)
10. Who is the president of the United States? (Obama)

Supplies needed

- 2 bells/ringers

Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman**.

words or phrases: honor God, Jesus, Holy Spirit

Option #2

Honor God Everyday Door Hanger

- Give each kid a footprint template (**page 5**).
- Have kids cut out the footprint square.
- Have kids lightly color their footprint, a different color for every day of the week.
- While the kids color, come up with something they can do each day to honor God. Write them on the board.
- Using markers, have kids copy some of the ideas from the board onto their footprint, one for every day of the week.
- Give each kid a piece of yarn and have them tape each end to the back of the foot to make a hanger.
- Challenge the kids to hang their footprint on their door at home to remind them to honor God everyday.

Supplies needed

- footprint template (pg 5), 1 per kid
- scissors
- crayons
- 15 in pieces of yarn, 1 per kid
- tape
- markers

Bonus Activity:

Play **Find the Book**.

Have kids get into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT.

books: Exodus, Luke, Romans

1

Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Foundations truth #2: We live to _____ God.
2. The _____ leads us.
3. The _____ guides us.
4. Other _____ help us.

2

Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. How can you honor (show thanks) your parents? How about your teachers at school?
2. Make a list of things that honor God.
3. Make a list of things that don't honor God.
4. How does the Bible help us?
5. How can other people help us to honor God? How can you help people to honor God?
6. Read [Ephesians 4:21-24](#). What should we do with our old nature? How does the Spirit help us to live for God?

3

Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person"

2 Corinthians 5:17

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week

- Read [Ephesians 6:1](#). Why does God want you to obey your parents?
- Read [2 John 1:6](#). How do we show love to God?
- Read [Psalm 1:1-2](#). What book should we read to know how to honor God?

Parent Signature _____



ACTIVITY PAGE #1

2nd-5th Grade

Kids

PUZZLE #1

Where are the following books found in the Bible? Circle the correct answer.

1. Isaiah OT or NT
2. 1 Peter OT or NT
3. Jude OT or NT
4. Exodus OT or NT
5. Mark OT or NT

BIG IDEA

KEY QUESTION

MEMORY VERSE

..... who belongs to
..... has a new
.....

2 Corinthians 5:.....

PUZZLE #2



