

The WILD
3rd-5th Grade

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Honor

Week 4

Dance On. Dance Off.

Bible Story: Dance On. Dance Off. (David dances before the Lord) • *2 Samuel 6:12b-22a*

Big Idea: Honor God in front of others.

Memory Verse: “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.” *Romans 12:10*

Virtue: Honor—letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

FOR LEADERS ONLY

GOD VIEW: the connection between **HONOR** and God’s character, as shown through God’s big story

Stop and think about someone you admire.

Are you thinking of someone? Whether that person is a teacher, coach, friend, or family member, he or she is valuable to you. You recognize that this person is important because what they do impacts your life. But did you know that *everyone* is valuable? That’s right. Your principal, your mailman, your babysitter, and your bus driver—they are all valuable.

Every person has value, not because of what they do, but because each and every person has been put together by God. When God created people, He made them in His image. That means every person alive today has been put together in the likeness of God. So every person has value. And it’s our job to help everyone feel like they are valuable.

When we show other people how valuable they really are, we are showing them honor. There are many ways to honor someone. Moses gave us the Ten Commandments to teach us to honor our mother and father (Exodus 20:12). Paul taught us to honor the authorities who have been placed over us on earth (Romans 13:1). When Jesus was on earth, He taught us to honor everyone—even those who are overlooked and unpopular.

Jesus showed other people how valuable they really were by spending time with them. He ate dinner with people who usually ate alone. He served people who were used to doing the serving. He paid attention to people who normally didn’t get a lot of attention. If Jesus thought it was important to honor *everyone*, then we should follow His example. This month look for ways to show others how valuable they really are.

This month, let’s think about how:

- (1) *We can show honor as a response to God.*
- (2) *God empowers us with honor to respond to others.*
- (3) *God uses the honor we show to influence our families, friends, and neighbors.*

Remember. A virtue is something God does in us to change the world around us.

As others notice the virtue being lived out in our lives, we have more opportunities to tell them about God. As they come to trust God, they’ll influence others as well. See the cycle?

Opening Discussion:

What You Do:

Ask kids to tell you about their weeks. Ask kids about times this week when they were silly or someone they know was silly. What did they do? What was the reaction?

Activity 1 - Silly Face

What You Need: Colored Pencils, paper

What You Do:

Ask the kids to draw silly faces. Tell them the faces should be as goofy and silly as possible—go over the top and have fun with it! Once they're finished ask for volunteers to share the drawings with the class.

What You Say:

"Those are some seriously silly faces! You guys sure do know how to draw goofy stuff! ***It's good to be silly sometimes isn't it? The key is to know when it's appropriate to be silly and when it's probably not the best choice.***"

"Today's Bible story was about David dancing and honoring the Lord no matter what other people thought. **What are some ways you can honor the Lord in front of others?** (*Pause for answers.*) Just like David did, we should **honor God in front of others.**"

Activity 2 - Dancing and Praising

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

Provide Bibles to those that haven't memorized it yet. Kids may need to pair up. Start by saying the verse all together in a silly way (e.g., deep, high-pitched, baby voices, sing-song).

See if kids can come up with other motions or voices to do while they're saying the verse. Let them get up in front of the group while the rest of the group watches and tries to copy what they are doing.

What You Say:

"One of the many ways we can **honor God in front of others is to do like David did and dance in front of others so they can see how much we love Him.**"

What are some reasons why God is deserving of our praise. (Pause for responses)
(You may need to prompt further by asking: What is God like? What has He done?)

What are some ways that we can praise God? (Pause for responses)

God is so deserving of our praise! **As you go throughout this week, I want you to remember all the ways God is deserving of our praise and find ways to tell others about Him.**"

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: no supplies

What You Do:

Sit in a circle with the kids and explain that you will be doing a popcorn prayer. **[Personalize] Start the prayer by saying the following and filling in the blank: "Thank You, God, for ____."** Instruct kids to share something they are thankful for. After they have shared someone else can jump in. Close the prayer.

What You Say:

"Telling people why you're thankful to God is another great way to honor God in front of others. I want to challenge you to tell five people why you're thankful to God this week."

Pass out Fridge Door cards as adults arrive for pick-up.