

The WILD
K-2nd Grade

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Honor

Week 2

Sidekicks

Bible Story: Sidekicks (David and Jonathan) • *1 Samuel 18:1-4 & 5-9*

Big Idea: God wants you to honor others more than yourself.

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 need to make the wise choice.

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.*

Early Arrivers

What You Need: An offering container

Note: Kindergarten – coloring page and crayons

What You Do:

Guide kids to tell each other about their friends. Who do they like to spend time with? Doing what? How do you show people you like being their friend?

Note: Encourage Kindergarteners to color while they're waiting for their friends to arrive.

Activity 1 - Good Sport / Bad Sport

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

Explain that you will give some scenarios of things that might happen to them. Ask for volunteers to demonstrate how a “good sport” would respond and the volunteer to demonstrate how a “bad sport” would respond. Choose several volunteers if kids come up with various ways to respond to each scenario.

- Two kids are teammates in a three-legged (or wheelbarrow) race. One of the kids falls down, causing them to lose the race. The second kid knew they were the best team and should have won. How might that second kid respond?
- There are three finalists for a poetry contest at school. One kid was sure he was going to win, but he didn't. How might he respond to the others?
- One kid always gets good grades, and his parents are used to it so they don't praise him very often. His sister usually gets bad grades, but she finally gets an A on a test and their parents take her out for pizza. How might the first kid respond?

What You Say:

“When someone else gets a victory, honor, or praise that you think you deserve, you always have a choice in how you respond.

When you choose to honor the other person, you become more like the person God wants you to be. ***[Personalize] (Tell kids a story about a time you were a ‘bad sport’ and chose not to honor the other person. Ask kids to decide how you should have responded.)*** When you choose to be a good sport, you **honor others more than yourself.”**

Story:

What You Say:

“In today’s Bible story from 1 Samuel we’re going to learn about a great team of best friends.”

Best Friends

David had a special job at Saul’s house.
When Saul felt bad, David played music for him.
Then Saul would feel better.
Now Saul had a son. His name was Jonathon.
Jonathon liked David very much.
He gave David his robe and tunic.
He gave David his bow, his belt, and his sword.
They quickly became best friends.
God blessed David.
Wherever David went to fight, he won.
Then people began to like David better than Saul.
This made Saul jealous and angry.
Saul got so angry at David, he threw a spear at him.
He tried to kill David. But David ran from Saul.
Jonathon said, ‘you must leave this city, David.
Get away from Saul.’
David was sad.
He would miss Jonathon.
But Jonathon said, ‘we’ll always be friends.
We are best friends forever.”

Ask the following questions to review the Bible story:

- How did King Saul feel about David? (*Jealous; angry*)
- Who helped David? (*Jonathan; King Saul’s son*)
- How did Jonathan honor David? (*By giving away the things that showed he was in the king’s family; by giving him things a king would wear*)
- Who can you honor? (*Make sure each child gives one answer.*)

Activity 2 - Honor Art

What You Need: modeling dough

What You Do:

Explain to kids that they will now either make something that represents a way they can honor the person they named (*by being a friend; by giving away something meaningful; by doing kind things; etc.*). While they work, ask them to talk about what they're making and why. **[Personalize] Do this activity with the kids and talk about whom you're honoring and how you will do it.**

What You Say:

"God honors all kinds of people, and He wants you to do the same. Just think about all the different people you have decided to honor. I also want you to think about this: Valentine's Day is this week. If your school celebrates Valentine's Day by allowing you to give cards or candy to others, I'd like you to make sure you honor EVERYONE in your class, not just your friends. **Honor others more than yourself."**

Activity 3 - Verse Relay

What You Need: "Memory Verse Words" (Activity Page) 1 set

What You Do:

Spread the words out on the floor in the largest circle you can. (Put them in a random order.) Guide the kids to stand in the middle of the circle. One kid will run to get a word, come back, and tag another kid, who will run to get another word and come back to tag another kid without a word, and so on until all words have been picked up. Guide kids to put the words in order. Say the verse together several times. Repeat the game if necessary to give everyone an opportunity to play.

What You Say:

"In today's story, who honored someone else more than himself? (*Jonathan*) That's right. Even though Jonathan should have been the next king, he still honored the man who would take his place. Jonathon really valued his friendship with David. He doesn't just say so in words, but also through his actions, by sharing things like his armor and weapons. There were important symbols of who Jonathon was and what he was supposed to inherit, but he still chose to give them away. **We don't usually have an opportunity to honor someone as a king, but we do have chances to honor others every single day in other ways. That's my challenge for you this week: find a way to honor someone every day.** God wants you to **honor others more than yourself."**

Transition:

Once you hear the transition tone in your class instruct the kids to tidy up their area and to line up at the door. Lead your class to Studio 2 for Large Group/Worship. *Remind kids to travel silently. Be sure to bring your class offering and attendance.*

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

Explain to kids that you will say a prayer, and they will repeat it. Make sure you pause after every few words to give them time to repeat.

What You Say:

“Dear God, please help me to honor others more than myself, just like Jonathan did. In Jesus’ name, amen. **God honors others, and He wants us to do the same, no matter what the situation is or who the other person is. Honor others more than yourself.**”

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