Road Rules: Ride with respect





Use this guide to help your family learn about respect.

First, watch this week's video!

Respect:
Showing
others they are
important by
what you say
and do

Memory Verse

"Do to others as you want them to do to you." Luke 6:31, NIrV

Bible Story

Love Your Enemies Matthew 5:43-47

Key Question

When is it hard to get along with someone?

Activity

Basket of Respect

What You Need:

Grab a few sheets of paper each for yourself and for your child.

Say, "There will be times in your life when it's difficult to show respect to someone you don't get along with. The same is true for me—even though I'm an adult.

"Let's write down the initials of people we've had trouble respecting because we don't get along. I won't look at what you write down, and you won't look at what I write down. As soon as we write down the person's initials, we'll crumple up the paper in a ball."

After you write down a set of initials, crumple up the paper. When finished, both of you stand 10 steps away from the empty trash can and take turns trying to throw your paper balls into the can.

For the second round, change the rules to make it easier and only stand five steps away from the trash can.

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Jesus show respect for other people? (He loves everyone; He treated everyone well, no matter who they were)

If an adult is hard for you to get along with, who can you go to for help so that you don't make things worse by being disrespectful?

What can you do if you feel like there's someone who's not respecting YOU?

Is it possible to not like someone but still show them respect? Why or why not?

Parent: Talk about how God's Spirit has helped you show respect to someone, even when you didn't get along. Maybe God helped you SPEAK kind words to someone who spoke rudely to you . . . or maybe God helped you DO something kind for a difficult coworker. Maybe God helped you remember to PRAY for someone who cut in front of you.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, help us remember how important it is to show respect to other people—even when they're hard to get along with. Please help us not to be difficult to get along with. Remind us that following You and treating others the way we want to be treated is way cooler than putting others down or saying things that are disrespectful. We need Your help to do the opposite of what we sometimes feel like doing when we're angry or hurt. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."