

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE



WEEK 3

DAY 1 Read Exodus 20:12

Connect the dots below to see what you get when you honor those in authority.

Once you see what shape it is, write inside the shape the names of three people who have authority over you. Draw yourself under the shape.

What are some of the things those authority figures might tell you to do that you don't always want to do? Draw raindrops and write each thing inside a raindrop.

What happens if you don't do those things—if you don't honor the authority of your parents or teachers? The umbrella gets holes in it, right? Draw holes in your umbrella. What happens when you have a holey umbrella? Does it provide any protection?

THANK God for the gift of authority and for a specific time when He used authority to protect you.



GIVING THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF HONOR

DAY 2 Read Romans 13:1

Sometimes honoring those in charge is easy—like when they run things the way we would or they don't tell us what to do. But then one day, they tell us we have to do something we don't want to do and suddenly we think we have a free pass to disobey. But that's not what the Bible says, is it? Complete obedience means even when we don't want to, we honor the authority God has put over us.

Find a couple of friends and play "Simon Says"* but say your name or whoever is leading. While you play, think about how the only way to win the game is by truly honoring "Simon" with your obedience—both by doing the action, and by playing by the rules of the game (waiting for Simon to say, "Simon says.")

ASK God to help you honor those in charge, even when you don't feel like it.

*How to play Simon Says: One person plays Simon and tells the other players what to do (jump in the air, clap your hands, etc.) The other players must obey Simon, but ONLY when Simon gives the instructions beginning with, "Simon says..." If the players either don't obey when Simon says, "Simon says...", or if they do the action when Simon HASN'T said, "Simon says," then they're out. Last one standing wins!



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What do you think “honoring the king” means? We don’t have a king here in the United States, do we? But we do have a president—and your state has a governor, and your city has a mayor. All of those people could be considered modern-day kings. Since the Bible says we are to honor them, what do you think that means?

Do we only honor those who we agree with? What about politicians who have different beliefs from you? Or what about your teacher who gives you too much homework? Do you think God expects us to honor all of the “kings” in our lives?

_____ Why or why not? _____

How can you show honor to those people? Talk to your parents about this at your next meal, and see what ideas they might have too! After all, even THEY have to honor the “kings” in their lives!

LOOK up to those in charge of you and show them honor.



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DAY 4 Read 1 Peter 5:5a

Have you ever thought your parents or your teachers just didn’t understand you? Maybe you laughed at your grandparents when they asked you what an iPod was, or you talked back to your babysitter. Sometimes when you’re young, it’s easy to think the world is against you and that people in charge are old and just don’t get it. But the truth is, those who are older than you have experienced more life and probably do have a lot of wisdom they can share with you. Even if things have changed in some ways, in some ways they haven’t!

Go find someone who is older than you and ask them about a time they had a hard time honoring someone who was older than they were, but they did it anyway. What did they learn?

KNOW that asking questions and listening to the answer is a great way to show honor!