



WEEK FOUR – NOVEMBER 2019 – PRETEEN

Bible Story: *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* • Daniel 6

Key Question: *How do you honor God?*

Memory Verse: *“Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.” – Romans 12:10*

Life App: *Honor—Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

Summary: We finish the month looking at another person who knew something about honor. In Daniel 6 we learn that Daniel was known for faithfully praying to God. And when the leaders tried to trap him and have him killed, Daniel honored God in spite of what could happen to him. Daniel was thrown into the lion’s den, but God shut the lion’s mouths and rescued Daniel.

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Get Your Head in the Game

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Welcome preteens and spend time engaging in conversation and asking about their past week
- Invite preteens to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the Snack Shack
- Gather kids in a circle.
- Select a volunteer from the group to be the first guesser.
- Tell the guesser to sit in the center of the circle and to close his eyes.
- Explain that you will point to someone in the group and that person must roar like a lion.
 - The guesser, with his eyes still closed, will try to guess who “lion” is.
- Give the guesser two chances to identify who the lion was.
 - Between each round, once the guesser closes his/her eyes
 - Allow kids to change places in the circle before you select the next “lion.”
- Encourage kids to be creative in their roars.
- Play several rounds, switching the guesser for each round.

What You Say:

*“Anyone have a guess as to what story we will be hearing in Large Group today? **[Transition]** Let’s head to Large Group to see if you are right and to hear about what a story with lions has to do with honor.”*

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Key Question: *How do you honor God? Preteens might think that the only way to honor God is by singing worship songs in church. And while that is important, honoring God is so much more than singing songs. We can worship God with the way we live, how we treat others, work hard in school, and give God credit for the amazing things He’s done for us.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Snapshot

[Application Activity]

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: “WALL OF HONOR”, markers/pencils, “Trophy” Activity Pages, tape

What You Do:

- Revisit the “WALL OF HONOR” from week two.
 - Explain that just as it’s important to honor others, it’s important to honor God and let Him know you see what He’s done for you.
- Give kids three trophies.
- Encourage kids to finish this sentence on each of their trophies: “God is valuable to me because . . .”
 - If necessary, you can prompt kids by asking, “What has God done for you?”
 - Examples can be from the Bible (perhaps what they have learned over the last month) or from their personal lives.
 - Give kids space to be creative and go a bit deeper with this.
- ***[Make it Personal] (Join the kids in this activity and fill out three trophies as well.)***
 - If necessary, use your trophies to provide an example for the kids.
- Allow kids to share some of their trophies with the group.
- Instruct kids to tape their trophies on the “WALL OF HONOR.”

2. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - How did Daniel honor God?
 - How can we honor God?
 - What are some things we can give God credit for?
 - What does it show others when we give God credit for the things in our lives?
What does it tell others about our relationship with God when we honor Him?

3. Verses to Take with You

[Memory Verse Activity]

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Bibles, “Reference Squares” Activity Page, “Verse Cards” Activity Page, pencils

What You Do:

- Divide kids into teams of two or three.
- Give each team a set of “Verse Cards” and a set of “Reference Cards.”
- Explain teams will race to match the “Reference Square” with the corresponding “Verse Card.”
- Declare the first team to match all the cards correctly the winner.
- Tell teams to select two “Verse Cards.”
- Ask teams:
 - What do the verses you selected say about honoring God?
 - What does the Bible say about honoring God?
 - Encourage teams to write their answers on the back of the “Verse Cards.”
- Discuss the answers kids wrote. Potential dig deeper questions could include:
 - Colossians 3:23: Why does doing your homework as if you were doing it for God honor Him? Or why would cleaning your room as if you were doing it for God honor Him? What does it say about God when you do everything as if working for Him?
 - Proverbs 3:9: Besides money what could be considered your wealth? What else could you use generously to honor God?
 - Proverbs 14:31: What does it mean to crush someone? Why would being kind to others honor God? (This is an opportunity to reinforce we are all made in God’s image and we should not overlook anyone but be intentional and give everyone a chance.)
 - Proverbs 22:4: How can you show respect for God? What does it mean to be humble? Why is humility a way to honor God?
 - Matthew 5:16: What does Jesus mean by “let your light shine”? How does “letting your light shine” honor God?
 - Revelations 4:11: Why is God worthy to receive honor?

4. Make It Personal with Prayer

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Bibles; paper; pencils

What You Do:

- Explain that Daniel honored God with his faithful prayers. A prayer Jesus gave to us is recorded in Luke 11:2-4.
- Read Luke 11:2-4.
- Ask: What did Jesus mean when He said, “May Your name be honored”? What does it mean to honor God’s name? What does it tell others about God when we treat His name with honor? (Note: This is an opportunity to talk about what it looks like for us to say God’s name respectfully and intentionally and what it looks like when we don’t. When your friend tells you shocking news and you reply, “Oh my God! No Way!” is that an example of honoring God’s name?)
- Give kids paper, pencil, and a Bible.
- Give kids some quiet time to think about who God is and why He is worthy of honor.
- Encourage kids during the quiet time to write a prayer honoring God.
- Allow kids an opportunity to share their prayers if they want to.
- Close in prayer.