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RESPECT

Stories, Puzzles, Jokes, Readers' Response, Serial and more...

Hi There!

It makes me a bit sad to say it, but I really think that this generation has lost a sense of respect. I'm not just talking about using manners with older people, or doing what our parents say. It's more about showing that we respect this earth, the animals and people on it, and more so, our Creator. It's about listening to others, really looking at needs instead of bypassing what's around us in favour of what WE want. We should start a movement towards respect. I'm sure we'd enjoy more peace as a consequence.

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“Jacob, why have you got a cell phone at school?” You know that it’s against the rules”. The teacher frowned at him.

“Ahhh”, Jacob seemed to be thinking quickly, “Mum gave it to me because my Nana might be picking me up from school today.” “Yeah”, he continued, “Mum’s sick today, so Nana’s gonna pick me up.”

The teacher nodded. “Ok, just keep it in your desk or bag; I don’t want to see it out again”. She turned around and kept writing on the white board.

As Jacob nodded enthusiastically, there was a lot of movement coming from Jesse’s desk. A second later a ‘beep beep’ sounded. Jacob’s cell phone appeared again and he gave Jesse a thumbs up as he read the text. The boys had been texting all morning. Now Jacob had just told the teacher a set of complete lies about his Nana picking him up.

“Mate”, Jacob said to him at the end of the day as they walked home together, “bring your cell tomorrow, we’re all gonna have ours here tomorrow and have some fun in class! Catch ya then”.

After tea Tom sat on his bed and stared at his cell phone. He was trying to figure out if it would be wrong to take his phone with him tomorrow. Well, he knew it would be wrong, but he was trying to figure out how wrong it would be. It was against the school’s rules and against his parent’s rules. It had been given to him last month on his birthday, but he was meant to use it only for important things. So by taking it to

school, he would be breaking two rules.

In the morning, the phone sat on his desk. It was tempting. He should have put it away in a draw last night and, maybe, he would have forgotten about it. Not likely, but maybe. He tapped the screen with a slightly dirty finger nail and tried to decide. He couldn’t even say to the boys, “I forgot to bring it”, he certainly hadn’t forgotten about it!

“Arggh!” he said in frustration! This shouldn’t be a hard choice, and it was such a little thing! ‘Who really cared if he broke a few rules or told a few lies?’, he asked himself, knowing very well what the answer to that was. God would know. Yes, it was only a little thing, but it was still wrong. It reminded him of a saying that his Mum often quoted to him.

**“Watch your thoughts, for they become words.
Watch your words, for they become actions.
Watch your actions, for they become habits.
Watch your habits, for they become character.
Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.”**

He picked up his cell phone, turned it on and found Jacob’s number. “M8, im nt bringng my fone 2 skool 2day, its against th rulz!”. He pushed ‘send’, and then sent the same message to the Jesse and other guys in his class. Yeah, they would probably give him a hard time for being so ‘good’. But he had made his decision. The phone would stay home.

He chose to respect his parents, the school and his teacher. And in doing this, he had chosen to respect God.

**‘Watch
your Action’s,
For they
become Habits’**

Diary of a schoolboy



Sunday

Went to church with the family. The pastor spoke about the need to show respect for others. He read verses from the Bible that teach it's what God expects of us. Gave me something to think about.

Monday

Started the week well. Made my bed and even picked up piles of clothes off the floor. Helped Lucy with her homework and let Ben choose the TV channel this evening.

Tuesday

Late for school this morning. Found my bike had a flat tyre, so I grabbed Ben's new BMX out of the shed. On the way home I came round a corner and nearly ran into an old man and his dog. He shook his fist and told me to get off the footpath. I didn't stop as I wanted to get Ben's bike back in the shed before he found it missing. Not the best of a day.

Wednesday

School assembly this afternoon. A girl got up on the stage to sing a song. Halfway through she forgot her lines and started to cry. A few of us got the giggles and were sent to the Principal's office. Got a real roasting about being rude and inconsiderate.

Thursday

Started the day well. Did my chores without having to be reminded and handed in my homework on time. After dinner Mum asked me to wash the dishes. It was Ben's turn and he'd gone out. I didn't think I should do them so I disappeared next door. Felt bad later when I realized Mum had had to do them all as well as the ironing.

Friday

Went into town after school with Rick and Tony. At the takeaway shop we started mimicking the owner's poor English. He got annoyed and ordered us out of his shop. We went hungry, but I guess it served us right.

Saturday

Pocket money day! Unfortunately Dad had heard about some of my behaviour this week, so he docked my pay and gave me a big lecture about respecting other people and their property. I know he's right but why do I find it so hard? Oh well, guess I'll try again - there's always next week!

1 Peter 2

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A Q N S G D Q G N N C N E

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1 O D S D Q 2:17

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF....

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Lots of your friends have started say swear words. Sometimes you say 'shut up' or other ungracious words, and you know that it's wrong to use God's name as a swear word. When your friends start swearing you have a choice to make. What should you do?

1. Don't hang around with them anymore.
2. Tell them you're a Christian and you want them to respect God's name, because it's Holy.
3. Start using another word as a swear word and see if that catches on instead.
4. Put them down for using swear words.
5. Try to work together to set a good standard of speech.
6. Other

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Discuss the consequences of each of these options. Try and come up with a biblical solution (using scripture). What would Jesus do or say?
What's the best choice in this situation?

Being Respectful

Sue took another mouthful. Her food was starting to get cold. She had been a bit late getting to the table and the others had started without her. She was going to Girl's Club afterwards, and had been struggling with putting her uniform on.



"What's respectful mean Dad?" she asked.

"Why do you ask that?" Dad wanted to know.

"I know what it is," said Tom, Sue's eldest brother, between mouthfuls, "It means you don't take away other people's things, or be cheeky to them", and then kicked his brother Jack under the table.

"Ouch", said Jack, "I told you I was sorry for borrowing your game. I thought I would get it back before you noticed it was gone!"

"Come on boys," said Dad, "Stop playing up! That's only part of what respect means. But what makes you ask that Sue?"

"Well, in the club, the motto that we all have to learn, says 'Fear God, honour the Queen, and respect other people and their property,'" said Sue.

"I think that's something that we should all learn, and put into practice," said Mum as she brought the pudding in to the table.

"I saw some boys having a punch up after school today," said Tom as he passed his plate to Mum.

"Ooh, what was that about?" asked Jack.

"I dunno," said Tom, "Then an old lady

came along and told them to stop their fighting, and they took no notice, just poked their tongues out at her".

"I suppose that's not being respectful either," said Sue.

"No, it isn't," agreed Dad, "We are supposed to show respect to anyone who is older than we are, or who are in authority over us, like our teachers. The Bible talks about that quite a bit, in fact there is a verse that says the same as your motto."

"What about people who are different to us?" asked Sue, "There's that new family down the street who can't talk English properly, they sound really funny and some of the kids at school make fun of them!"

"Well, that's not very nice is it," said Mum, "How would you like it if people poked fun at you because you were different in some way?"

"Ye-e-s, I suppose so," said Sue slowly, "I remember when Emma had broken her leg and had it covered up in plaster, some of the boys called her 'Hoppy leg'. They were really mean!"

"That certainly isn't being respectful when a person can't help something that is wrong. Well, Sue, it's time you were thinking about leaving. Do you think you could tell your leader now what being respectful means?"

"Yes, Mum," Sue said as she left the table, "Thankyou for a nice tea. I guess being respectful means being thankful too. I won't forget any more!"





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"We can remember to read these."

BIBLE READINGS SEPTEMBER

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2	Thu	1 Sam.	16:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5	Sun	1 Sam.	17:12-23	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Mon	1 Sam.	17:24-40	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Tue	1 Sam.	17:41-54	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Wed	1 Sam.	18:6-16, 28-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10	Fri	1 Sam.	19:8-18	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Readers' Response

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"Hey kids - this is YOUR page - so send in (original materials) your favourite joke, one of your own poems or prayers, a letter or a question about being a Christian and it might end up here!!"

Who can you turn to?

Who can you turn to when you are down, weak, sad and lonely? Who can you turn to when there seems to be no friend around to comfort you?

Turn to Jesus Christ, He understands you more than anyone else

He loves and cares for you, He is the best friend you can ever have.

If only you can accept Him into your life now.

I assure you, you will forever enjoy His company.

By Ogunkoya Omolade Toyin, Nigeria.

Turn around

Turn around once, turn around again
Turn around one more time
And we're ready to begin.

Keep your eyes straight ahead
Listen real close to what Jesus says
He wants us to walk with him
And be his closest friends

Turn around once, turn around again
Turn around one more time
And we're ready to follow Him

Don't look around and walk away
Listen real close to what Jesus says
Turn around and walk His way!

By Jessie Yu (9) from Kamo, Whangarei

Putting others first

As a small boy gobbled up the last piece of pie, his mother entered the room. "Tommy - you've eaten all the pie without thinking of your sister." Tommy replied: "I was thinking of her all the time. I was afraid she'd come before I finished it!"

We may smile at this incident, but if we're honest, our first thought is often for our own welfare rather than the needs of others.

We live in a world that applauds selfishness and pride, but the bible says: *"don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing."*

Philippians 2 : 3-4

The extent to which we love God can often be measured by how well we treat others. When Jesus was on earth he turned our "look-after-number-one" society upside down when he told his followers:

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 9 : 35.

The bible speaks a lot about showing respect for other people. This means showing consideration and thoughtfulness towards them.

So who does God want us to respect?

See if you can match the following pairs correctly.

Leviticus 19:3	Unbelievers
Ephesians 5:33	Church leaders
1 Peter 3:7	Elderly
Malachi 1:6	Wife to husband
1 Thessalonians 5:12	Everyone
Leviticus 19:32	Husband to wife
1 Peter 2:17	Parents
1 Thessalonians 4:12	God

SHOW RESPECT PUZZLE

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verse thirty two (NIV).



Honour

Honour your mother and father
God has requested you do,
Helping with tasks as they ask you
Giving respect they are due.


Workers, obeying your master
Will point to the One that you love,
Even if they are ungrateful
God will reward you above.

Greatest of all God has asked us
To honour Him through every day,
Living for Him through each moment
In all that we do and we say.

Respectful

OBEDIENCE

Respect

By Julia Martin 

"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart'" (1 Samuel 16:7).

Blessed is that man that trusts the LORD, and respects not the proud, nor those that lie. (Psalm 40:4).

"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors." (1 Peter 2:13).

"Honour all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh" (1 Peter 2:17-18).

"All of you must yield to the government rulers. No one rules unless God has given him the power to rule, and no one rules now without that power from God. So those who are against the government are really against what God has commanded. And they will bring punishment on themselves. Those who do right do not have to fear the rulers; only those who do wrong fear them. Do you want to be unafraid of the rulers? Then do what is right, and they will praise you" (Romans 13:1-3, NCV).

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, lest they become discouraged" (Colossians 3:20-21).

First, I tell you to pray for all people, asking God for what they need and being thankful to him. Pray for rulers and for all who have authority so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives full of worship and respect for God. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to know the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4, NCV).

Respect for God helps us respect others

Webster defines respect as “to consider worthy of high regard.” Regard is defined as “to show respect or consideration for; to hold in high esteem.”

If we show disrespect we might tell jokes about leaders, ridicule family members or employees, mistreat family members, neglect responsibilities or exploit people.

As a young person, I was taught to respect my teachers, authority figures and parents. As an adult, I continued to respect, but my eyes began to look upon individuals differently.

Gradually, I began to see that adults weren't perfect. They had problems. They acted out their frustrations in different ways. I soon began to respect others with various degrees of consideration according to how people behaved. I found it amazing that Christians could be just as disrespectful as non-believers.

The truth is all people are to be treated with respect, and Christ the most. We must earn respect, and we must work at respecting others and God.

Submission is a voluntarily act in which one cooperates out of love and respect for another. That can only be accomplished when God is put first. Respect God, and you can't help but respect one another.

Think about it

- How does someone go about earning respect?
- How can you regain respect after it has been lost?
 - Is it necessary to respect government leaders?
 - Is it easier to act respectfully to those in your home, or someone you meet in an elevator?
- Do you respect ALL people?
- If you disrespect someone, is that disrespecting God?
- How can you show respect to God?

I Titus 3

Here is a coded puzzle. The letters for one word have been included to help you get started. All letters are the same number throughout the puzzle. Can you work out what this verse says?

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4 17 16 18 7 1 10 10 2 8 17 15 7 8 4 9 3 6

9 17 10 13 2 8 5 10 5 7 4 10 2 16 7 2 16 7 6 5 7 3 10

10 2 16 7 8 7 9 6 19 10 2 6 2 20 13 9 10 7 21 7 8

5 4 22 2 2 6 10 2 4 15 9 3 6 7 8 3 2 2 3 7

10 2 16 7 14 7 9 1 7 9 16 15 7 9 3 6

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