

# **The moral reasons for obeying God and respecting others**

This Bible study can be done with children as young as 3 years old and as old as teens. After dinner or before bed, simply ask the kids the follow questions, and have a Bible ready to read the verses as you get to each one.

**Why should we obey God (see 1 John 4:10)?** He loves us and wants the best for us.

**How do we obey God, what does God want us to do (see Matt. 22:36-39; Phil. 2:3-4)?**  
Love God and Love others.

**What does love mean?** Love is respecting others by treating them the way they deserve to be treated.

**How can we love God?** By obeying him.

**How can we love others?** By respecting them

**How can we love and respect authority (Teachers, Parents, Police other adults) (see Eph. 6:1-3 and Rom. 13:1)?**

- Obey the first time you are asked to do something
- Don't argue, just obey
- Use the Interrupt Rule-When adults are talking, put your hand on their arm to let them know you are patiently waiting, rather than interrupting.
- Use Mr. and Mrs. when you talk to adults to show your respect for their age and years of life experience.

**Why?** -It is obeying God, loving God, and because God put them in that position.

**How do we love and respect our sisters and bothers?**

- Be excited for them when good happens to them.
- Don't be jealous when something good happens to them
- Serve them by doing nice things for them.

**Why?** It is obeying God, it is loving God, it is loving others, and because God made them.

**How do we respect our friends?**

- Let them go first.
- Don't Hit them
- Don't Yell at them
- Share, even your very best toy

**Why?**- It is loving others, and because God made them.

How to respect others in General:

-Say "Please" and "Thank You"

-Say "Hello" when someone says "Hello" to you and answer someone if they ask a question

-Do not litter

**How to respect other peoples property?**

-Ask before you touch anything that's not your own

-Never borrow without asking

-Always return what you borrow

**Why?** It is respecting the person who owns it