

# Road Rules: Ride with 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, NIV

### Bible Story

Love Your Enemies  
Matthew 5:43-47

### Bottom Line

Show respect  
even when you  
don't get along.

Use this guide to help your family  
learn about respect.

## Activity

**One, Two, Three, Four, I Declare a  
Thumb War**

### What You Need:

No supplies needed

### What You Do:

Challenge your child to a playful game  
of thumb war!

If your child doesn't already know  
the rules (or if you don't), here is a  
description:

- Use the fingertips of your right hand to grip your child's right hand at their fingertips.
- Lock hands with your child and stick up your thumbs.
- Point your thumbs up as you wait for the signal to begin.
- Chant, "One, two, three, four, I declare a thumb war!" and then begin playing.
- You will both try to pin down the other's thumb while keeping yours from being pressed down.
- The first to catch their partner's thumb under their thumb is the winner.

Play as many rounds as you like. Then, declare that the person who won the most games is the winner! Say, "In our story today, we heard about a BIG promise that came true for us, didn't we?"

## Talk About the Bible Story

Have you ever felt like you had an enemy in real life? What happened?

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

If you knew that someone didn't like you, how would you still want them to treat you?

What are some good things that can happen if we show respect to people we don't get along with?

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## Prayer

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

"Dear God, it's so amazing to think that You love everyone. You give good things to everyone—even people who do wrong things. Help us to be like You and show Your love to people, even when we don't get along. Help us SPEAK WELL, DO WELL, and PRAY for our enemies. Help us show them how much You love them. We love You, God. Amen."

# Respect is showing others they are important by what you say and do.

Read: Luke 6:31

DAY  
1

## So Important!

Jesus lived to show others how important they are. God created everyone for a purpose and that plays an important role in life. Who are some important people in your life? A teacher? A family member? Someone from church? Write their names on a piece of paper using red, then trace over it with each color of the rainbow. Hang it somewhere you can be reminded how they make you feel.

**ASK Jesus to help you show others they are important this week.**

DAY  
2

## Be A Friend

Draw a picture of you and one of your friends or siblings. In the picture draw a scene of what it looks like when you are getting along! Hang the picture in your room to remind you to always be a friend.

**KNOW that everyone needs a friend.**

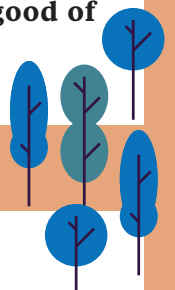


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## Look Out

Have an adult help you write out this week's verse on a white board or chalk board. Say the verse aloud erasing a word or words after every time you say it until most of the verse is erased.

**LOOK for ways to look out for the good of others.**



DAY  
4

## Let's Get Along

Sometimes it's hard to get along with others. Getting along while showing respect can even be harder! Pray the prayer below and ask Jesus for help.

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 "Dear Jesus, I pray today that you can help me when I'm not getting along with someone. I pray that I can learn to be respectful but have the strength to do and say what I need to. I pray that I can always shows others they are important to me by the way I treat them. Amen"  
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**THANK God for helping you see others as important.**

Show respect even when you don't get along.



# Respect is showing others they are important by what you say and do.

## DAY 1

### Read Matthew 5:44

Think about that word “enemy.” An enemy is someone who actively opposes someone or something. We might not have enemies like that, but we do know people we don’t really get along with. Jesus tells us not to just find a way to “get along” but to show love to them, to show respect even when you don’t get along.

Can you think of someone you have a hard time getting along with? Write their initial in the space below. Look at the clock and write down the time on the next line.

Initial: .....

Time of day: .....

For the next four days, challenge yourself to stop and pray for that person at the time you’ve written down. Ask God to help you show love and respect to that person.

## DAY 2

### Read 1 Peter 3:8

Respect is showing others they are important by what you say and do. In today’s verse, Peter gives us some ideas for how we can do that. Check it out:

*Agree with one another:* We always see everything the same, but we can look for ways to listen and respect other helpful points of view.

*Be understanding:* Try to see things from the other person’s perspective and put yourself in their shoes.

*Love one another:* Show compassion and find ways to help.

*Be kind and tender:* Be sensitive to the needs of others and be careful with their feelings.

*Be humble:* Put others first.

Which one of these comes easiest to you? Draw a box around it.

Which one is hardest? Circle it three times.

Stop and pray. Ask God to help you treat others with respect this week – especially if you don’t always get along.

### DAY 3

#### Read Colossians 3:25

When someone hurts you, what's your first response?

Just for a minute, think about what might happen if you responded that way instead of responding with respect.

What if instead of paying back a wrong with a wrong, you stopped and thought about, "what would a respectful response be?" If respect is showing others they are important to you by what you say and do, what could you say or do to change the outcome?

One thing that helps: remember how much God loves you! God chooses to treat everyone the same. No matter what we say or do, God loves us. God loves and forgives and listens and cares for each one of us. We can do that for others too!

### DAY 4

#### Read 1 Peter 2:17a

According to today's verse, who deserves proper respect?

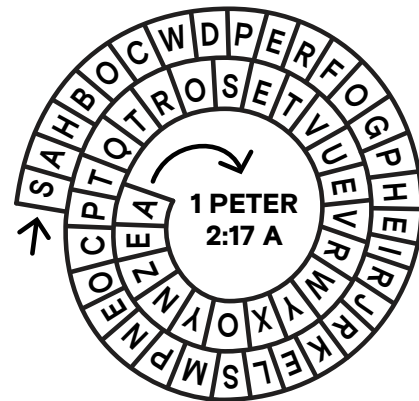
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Really? Are you sure we're supposed to show respect to every single person, even when we don't get along?

Yep. Everyone. Even someone that's hard to get along with. Why? Because everyone is made in the image of God, just like you. And because everyone is someone Jesus died for, just like you. We show proper respect to everyone not because they've earned it but because Jesus loves them. And when we show proper respect, we're helping everyone around us feel that love and acceptance too.

#### Color the Verse

Start at the beginning and color in every other letter to reveal today's verse.



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### 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

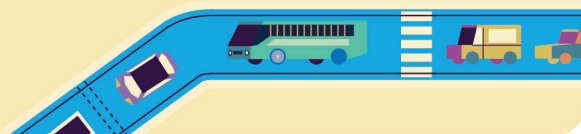
How did Jesus show respect for other people? (*He loves everyone; He treated everyone well, no matter who they were*)

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?

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## 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."



Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



Journaling lines for the first question.



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

Go to <https://bit.ly/PreteenSundaysatHome> and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

- 1. You liked:
- 2. You learned:
- 3. You'd like to know:

## Day 2

### Read Matthew 5:43-44

After you've read Matthew 5:43-44, rewrite the verses using only emojis. You don't have to have an emoji for every word, but just try to convey the message Jesus was sharing with emojis. You can draw this out or type this on a notes app on a device. Maybe even send it as a text to a parent and ask them to give their best guess of what it says!



## Day 3

If you're wondering what "loving your enemy" looks like, Jesus gave us a tangible way in the second part of Matthew 5:44:

**"Pray for those who hurt you."**

Talk about going against the norm. Can you imagine anything harder than praying for someone who has hurt you? But that's exactly what Jesus wants us to do.

If you're struggling to get started praying for someone who has hurt you, try personalizing this prayer and then reading it out loud.

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be my Savior, but also to teach me how to live. I want to follow His example of showing respect to others even when we don't get along, but that can be really, really hard. You know that I especially struggle with showing respect to \_\_\_\_\_ because of how they \_\_\_\_\_.

I want to grow more like You in loving and respecting others even when we don't get along. Please help me respect \_\_\_\_\_, and if there's anything causing them pain, please bring peace and comfort. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

## Day 4

What does it look like to show respect even when you don't get along?

Or more accurately, what does it sound like?

Sometimes it sounds like choosing respectful words, even when others don't. It might sound like:

- Speaking with patience, even when someone is angry.
- Refusing to call names, even when someone is name-calling you.
- Saying kind things behind someone's back, even when someone is saying mean things about you.
- Changing the subject when you hear someone making fun of someone.

All day long, look for opportunities to show respect with your words and actions, even when someone is hard to get along with.



## Day 5

When is it hard to get along with someone?

For most of us, there's probably no harder time to get along with others than when we're with our families. Even though we love our family members, it can be hard to show them they are important to us with what we say and do. But even when we can't get along all the time, we can choose to show respect.

Ask your parents if you can create a "Respect Jar." For the rest of the month, every time your mom or dad sees you choosing respectful words or actions, they can put something in the jar. Maybe it's a quarter, an M&M, or some other small reward. At the end of the month, you'll see how respectful you were, and you'll have a fun treat too!