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Lesson Overview

We're continuing in our series called, "Foundations for kids". If we want a relationship with God, then we need to understand 3 important truths. Today, we're going to talk about the second truth which is: we should live to honor God. When we accept Jesus into our hearts, the Bible says we become like a new person. Our focus changes from living for ourselves to living for God. Our whole attitude changes and we want to obey God and do the things that make him happy. And guess what? God helps us to live for him. He gives us the Bible that tells us how to honor him. He gives us the Holy Spirit who gives us the strength to say "No" to sin and "Yes" to God. And, he gives us other people, like our parents and Sunday school teachers, who encourage us and help us to live for God.

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Make a list of things that honor God. Make a list of things that don't honor God.** (Tip: God wants us to be nice, forgiving and generous. He doesn't want us to be selfish jerks who lie and cheat.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **We read our Bibles to find out.** (God has given us the Bible to help us to know how to live. It tells us what is right and wrong and shows us the right path to take. When we obey what the Bible says, we are showing honor to God. Honor simply means to show respect and love.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What does it mean to honor someone? What book tells us how to honor God? **4-5th:** How can you honor God at school? At home?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Ephesians 4:21-24. What should we do with our old nature? How does the Spirit help us to live for God?** (Answer: This passage tells us to throw off anything that doesn't honor God. We should run away from the things that lead us to make bad choices. And, the Spirit helps us by giving us the desire and strength to live for God. He points us in God's direction and reminds us of what the Bible says is right and wrong.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Big Idea

We should live to honor God

Key Question

How can we know what honors God?

Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person."

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: HONOR GOD JEOPARDY

Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Ask a question from below. First to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer.
- Team with the most points, wins.

Questions:

1. T or F: God cares how we live. (T)
2. From what book in the Bible is our memory verse found? (2 Corinthians)
3. Who died on the cross for us? (Jesus)
4. What book helps us to honor God? (Bible)
5. Who helps us to live for God? (Spirit)
6. T or F: Other people can't help us. (F)
7. How do we start a relationship with God? (Trusting Jesus)
8. What is the Big Idea today? (See board)
9. Where did Jesus die for our sins? (Cross)
10. T or F: Jesus loves you. (T)

Supplies needed: Bells or ringers

Bonus Activity: "True or False"

See who's the quickest to answer.

1. The Bible tells us how to honor God. (T)
2. God doesn't care how we live. (F)
3. The Spirit helps us to live for God. (T)

OPTION 2: HONOR GOD CALENDAR

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Calendar template (page 5).
- As a class, come up with some things the kids can do to honor God every day. **Ex.:** Take your dog for a walk, help a sibling with homework, share a toy with a friend, say "Thank you"
- Then have the kids write down or draw a picture of some of those suggestions. (You may need to help kids with spelling)
- Tell the kids to hang their calendar in their rooms to remind them how they can honor God.

Supplies needed:

Calendar template (pg. 5, precut, 1 per kid), Crayons, Pencils

Bonus Activity: "Fast Facts"

See who's the quickest to answer.

1. The ___(Bible) tells us how to honor God.
2. We should ___(live) to honor God.
3. The ___(Spirit) helps us to live for God.

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

Books of the Bible

P	H	I	L	I	P	P	I	A	N	S	H	A	E
T	M	A	R	K	W	E	H	T	T	A	M	K	E
C	O	R	I	N	T	H	I	A	N	S	U	N	J
P	G	A	L	A	T	I	A	N	S	L	T	A	E
S	T	N	E	L	U	L	T	J	A	A	C	V	S
N	A	O	S	H	T	T	P	H	L	S	O	O	U
A	A	I	A	E	E	H	N	T	V	N	L	H	S
M	E	T	T	B	I	E	E	N	A	A	O	E	T
O	H	A	A	R	J	J	N	V	T	I	S	J	I
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O	N	V	T	S	E	S	I	I	N	H	A	T	T
I	I	E	G	E	H	T	J	S	S	P	N	U	H
O	N	R	S	E	P	S	J	A	M	E	S	S	Y

- SALVATION
- HEBREWS
- EPHESIANS
- LUKE
- CORINTHIANS
- GALATIANS
- JEHOVA
- TIMOTHY
- COLOSSIANS
- PETER
- JUDE
- ROMANS
- JOHN
- MARK
- PHILIPPIANS
- REVELATION
- JESUS
- MATTHEW
- TITUS
- JAMES

Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 5: _____ "Anyone who _____ to Christ has become a _____ person."

HE HAS THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS



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Weekly calendar for _____

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	