

CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



Respect

TALK ABOUT RESPECT

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of Respect. This value is very important for all areas of life.

Here are some questions to explore that theme you could discuss at home:

- **Why is respect so important?**
- **Is it important to respect everybody?**
- **How do we show respect?**
- **How does it make people feel when we show them respect?**

TREAT PEOPLE THE WAY
YOU WANT TO BE
TREATED. TALK TO PEOPLE
THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE
TALKED TO. RESPECT IS
EARNED, NOT GIVEN.

—Hillel the Elder

READ ABOUT RESPECT

Ruth Respects Naomi

A long time ago, there was a woman named Naomi who lived in a land called Moab. She had moved there with her husband and two sons to escape a famine in their home country, Israel. While they were in Moab, Naomi's two sons married Moabite women—one of them was Ruth.

Sadly, Naomi's husband and both her sons died. Naomi was very sad and decided to return to her hometown, Bethlehem. She told her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, to stay in Moab and go back to their own families.

Orpah said goodbye and went home. But Ruth didn't want to leave Naomi. She said something very special:

"Where you go, I will go. Where you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

Ruth loved Naomi like her own mother. She chose to go with her, even though it meant leaving her own home behind. That was a very brave and respectful choice.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, Ruth and Naomi had no food or money. Ruth decided to help by collecting leftover grain from the fields after the harvesters had worked. This was called "gleaning." She worked hard every day to make sure Naomi had something to eat.

The field Ruth worked in belonged to a kind man named Boaz. He had heard how kind and loyal Ruth had been to Naomi. He made sure she was safe and had enough food.

Later, Boaz and Ruth got married. They had a baby boy named Obed. Obed grew up to be the grandfather of King David—and many years later, Jesus would be born from that same family!

What can we learn from Ruth?

Ruth showed respect by being loyal, kind, and caring for Naomi when life was hard. She didn't just think about herself—she chose to do what was right, even when it was difficult.

RESEARCH IT

What does this
picture mean?

Where does it come
from?

Research where it is
from, who says it!

R-E-S-P-E-C-T
find out what it means
to me
R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Respect everyone, and love
your Christian brothers and
sisters. Fear God, and respect
the king. – 1 Peter 2:17

CREATE IT TOGETHER

Write an acrostic poem using the letters from the
word 'respect'

R
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S
P
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C
T

Written by: _____

BIBLE VERSES

- The Lord God wants you to honour all human authorities' (1 Peter 2:13)
- 'Pay others the honour and respect you owe them' (Romans 13:7)
- 'Try to earn the respect of others' (Romans 12:17)
- 'Pray for all those in power so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honour God' 1 (Timothy 2:2,)



PRAY TOGETHER

Dear God above, so kind and true,
Please help me show respect like You.
To friends at school and family too,
In all I say, in all I do.

Help me listen, help me care,
Be patient, kind, and always fair.
To wait my turn and use kind words,
To think before my voice is heard.

When someone's different, help me see,
They're still Your child, like me to Thee.
To teachers, helpers, young or old,
Let me be gentle, brave, and bold.

May love and kindness lead the way,
And fill my heart each brand-new day.

Amen.

