

# 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

A Roman  
Commander  
Has Faith  
Matthew 8:5-13

## Bottom Line

Remember God is  
most important.

Use this guide to help your family  
learn about respect.

## Activity

### Commander Says

#### What You Need:

Small treat or prize

#### What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "We're going to play a version of 'Simon Says,' except today's game is called 'Commander Says.' I am the commander and you're my soldier. When I give an order and say, 'commander says,' you do it. But if I don't say, 'commander says,' you do not do it. Let's see how well you can listen to your commander!"

Give the following commands. Choose certain times to preface the command with, "commander says," and certain times to purposefully not use that preface. Give your child a small treat or prize for "following orders!"

#### Commands:

- 20 jumping jacks
- march in place for 10 seconds
- run in place in 10 seconds
- 5 burpees
- stand at attention
- 20 mountain climbers
- 10 toe touches
- at ease (stand with hands behind back)

If time allows, switch roles with your child. When you're finished playing, say, "In our story today, we met someone who gave orders, and people did what he told them to do."

## Talk About the Bible Story

What was it about the Roman commander that made Jesus so pleased? (*The commander had faith that Jesus could heal his sick servant just by using His words.*)

What did Jesus do? (*He spoke, and the man's servant was healed*)

How did the Roman commander show respect? (*He did not feel worthy to have Jesus in his home; he simply asked Jesus to heal his servant and had faith that Jesus would be able to do it.*)

What are some ways you can show respect to God? (*praying, reading the Bible and doing devotionals, participating in Small Group*)

*Parent: Share something you'll do to help you remember God is most important, whether it's reading your Bible before breakfast, posting a verse of Scripture on your mirror, or listening to worship songs in your car.*



## Prayer

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

"Dear God, You are the one true God. You love us more than we can imagine. You even sent Your Son Jesus to show us how important You think we are. Help us to show that YOU are most important to us. You deserve all of our love and respect. We love You! In Jesus' name, amen."

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### Key Question

How do you show  
respect to God?

## Activity

### Who's the Boss?

#### What You Need:

No supplies needed

#### What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "I'm going to name a place. When I name the place, you tell me who is in charge there."

Using the list below, discuss with your child who is "the boss" of each place. Feel free to add in other places that might personalize the activity for your family.

- church (*board, elders, pastor*)
- home (*parents*)
- school (*principal*)
- city (*mayor*)
- United States (*president*)
- zoo (*zookeeper*)
- store (*manager or owner*)
- on a bus (*bus driver*)
- classroom (*teacher*)
- state (*governor*)
- public swimming pool (*lifeguard*)
- the whole universe (*God!*)

When you're finished playing, say, "In our story today, we met someone who gave orders, and people did what he told them to do."

## Talk About the Bible Story

What was it about the Roman Commander that made Jesus so pleased? (*The commander had faith that Jesus could heal his sick servant just by using His words.*)

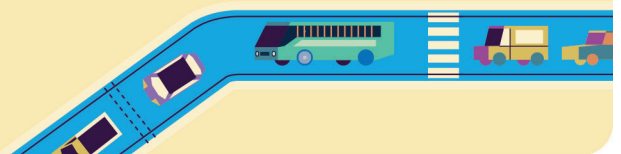
What did Jesus do? (He spoke, and the man's servant was healed)

How did the Roman commander show respect? (He did not feel worthy to have Jesus in his home—he simply asked Jesus to heal his servant and had faith that Jesus would be able to do it)

What do you think is most important—words or actions—when it comes to respect for God and others? Why?

What are three ways you can show respect to God this week?

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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, we believe You should have our greatest respect. You showed US that we are important to You when You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Help us show You how important You are by spending time talking to You in prayer, learning to be more like Jesus, and continuing to learn more about You from the Bible. In Jesus' name, amen."