

Huddle Discussion Guide

for Children 7-12 years old

Hopekids Huddle Time (35 mins)

Week 3 (1st Dec 2019) - Honour Others

Big Point: Honour God by Respecting Others!

God's Word: The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector (Luke 18: 9-14)

Memory Verse: Love one another deeply. Honour others more than yourselves. (Romans 12:10)

Life Question: How do I honour and respect the people around me?

Preacher's/Teachers' Note: It's not just God and our elders we must respect, but also each other. God wants us to love and respect one another. The Pharisees were people who knew many things in God's Word and commands, but they were not able to respect others. Instead, they looked down on others who are different from them, even calling them sinners, as though the Pharisees didn't have any sins themselves.

Huddle Leaders:

Before Sunday:	1. Read through this Huddle Guide and PRAY! :) 2. Bring drawing paper for your Huddle Kids: A3 or A4 is up to you! 3. You can also choose to get stickers for your kids to decorate their artwork with.
Sunday Morning:	4. Ensure you are familiar with this guide! 5. Collect Huddle Time Box and (any) Materials from respective Storage areas 6. Ensure all Huddle Time box, materials and stationery in box are sufficient and in order. <i>If not, inform your Room IC/Env. Leader!</i>

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Welcome - huddle leaders/ volunteers to welcome ALL and especially NEW kids

Address each of them by name and affirm how their presence is important and valuable! Get kids to say hello to each other and especially to new kids - in a way that is appropriate to your age group! :)

1. Gather children to the mat in a circle.
2. Remind/Introduce that Huddle Time is our Small Group Time! :)
3. Remind kids of Huddle Time Rules: **BEST Rules + No talking when someone else is talking!**

IF THERE ARE NEW FRIENDS:

It seems that there are new friends in our midst! In HopeKids, we value each and every friend we meet!!

Let's go around and introduce your name to our new friends and give one another a hi-five.

→ **If time permits:** go one round to share each and everyone's names to our new friends and give a hi-five/fist-bump/teach a secret handshake!

→ **If no time:** Ask the new friend for his/her name and everyone says hello!

Huddle Activity 1 - Discussion (15 mins)

(Leaders: ensure you went through these questions beforehand and have some answers)

- Hey HopeKids, today it's the last part of this series called Mr. Honour and Little Miss Respect. And it is all about a heart of honouring God, and respecting all the people around us!
- Yes, to honour God means to choose to respect because we love God in our hearts.
- So to honour God, we respect Him because we love Him and we want to follow what He says.

NOTE: DO NOT USE HONOUR AND RESPECT INTERCHANGEABLY. Honour is above respect and comes from a heart that holds importance/weight. Read [this](#) to understand better :)

- We have learnt 3 things in these 3 weeks about how we choose to honour God. Let's see if you remember!
- **Week 1: Honour God with utmost Respect**
 - Remember how king Belshazzar didn't honour God who took care of him?
 - King Belshazzar also never once repented and was sorry to God for all the wrong things he did
 - God allowed him to be punished and died at the hands of his enemies
- **Week 2: Honour God by Respecting Elders**
 - Just last week, we learnt how David honoured God by respecting king Saul, even when King Saul was mean to him.
 - David wanted to honour God more than he wanted to protect himself.
 - David knew that when we respect our elders, we are honouring God too.
 - Who are our elders? - anyone placed above us who are there to take care of us and teach us, such as? [Parents, teachers, grandparents, aunties and uncles, older siblings...]

- And today, **Week 3: Honour God by Respecting Others;**

We learnt about how we honour God, when we respect others, especially those who are different from us, because they are also God's people and created by God.

→ Like today's story: there was a pharisee and a tax collector

→ what is a pharisee? (explain if the kids are not clear: A pharisee is a person who studies the Word of God. So he knows all the right things God said to do and obeys all. But because he does all of the right things, he tends to be very proud of all the right things he do and look down on others who do not know God's Word.)

→ what is a tax collector? (explain if the kids are not clear: their job is to collect money from people for the king/government. And sometimes they collect more than needed so that they can get more money for themselves, which is not being honest. Nobody likes them and the pharisees think they are horrible for doing bad things like not being honest)

→ But when these two men went to the temple, what did they do? (Pray)

→ How did the pharisee pray? (He prayed LOUDLY in front of everyone so that everyone can hear him! He said many things, about how good he is and all the good stuff he did. And he even made effort to ensure that people heard him.)

→ In opposition, how did the tax collector pray? (He simply prayed that God would forgive him. He was so sorry to God for the wrong things he did that he didn't dare to look up to God. He was crying and beating his chest, saying how sorry he was to God for his sins...)

→ Who was truly sorry before God? → Tax Collector

→ Who was right before God and forgiven after the prayer? → Tax Collector

Activity;

1. Alright, everyone is going to get a piece of drawing paper. You are going to write your name on one side of the paper.
2. And on the other side of the paper, you are going to **make effort** to draw a beautiful artwork. Not anyhow draw, but a beautiful art work that you will be proud of.
3. Alright everyone show your beautiful artwork! Wow, I think everyone has done a very good job creating your artwork.

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4. Do you like it if let's say one of your friends were to take your artwork and start scribbling on it? Or say that oh but this part not nice and things like that?
→ No right?
→ We got to respect each other, and each other's artwork.

And you know something else?

5. Who was the one who created us? → God
6. Yea God was the one who created us and to God, we are just like His artworks and masterpieces. And it makes God sad if we were to speak unkindly to other of his artworks. It is not respecting others, and it does not honour Him when we are not respecting others.
7. So always remember, we are all God's artworks, and we need to honour God, by respecting each other and treating each other nicely. :)
8. [Optional] In fact, there is a story in the bible, where some boys made fun of a prophet of God. (2 Kings 2:23-25) The prophet was Elisha, and he was bald. Well there is nothing about being bald, but the boys were making fun of him and calling him names. Obviously, God was not pleased with them as He sent two bears out of the woods to kill those who made fun of Elisha. God is not pleased when we tease or pick on others rudely, it does not honour Him. And it is not respecting others.

Huddle Activity 2 - Reflection 1+1 (10 mins)

Today, I want you to think and write down in your own notebook;

1. Am I like the pharisee? Is there anyone that you do not respect just because they are different from you?
2. How can I grow to be more respectful of others? These can be those older than you or your friends.

Wrap up & Pray (3 mins)

(Leaders, are allowed to use their own words, these are for leaders who needs some guidance!)

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loving me,
And forgiving me of my bad things.
Teach me to be humble like the tax collector.
To be sorry for my wrong things,
And also always respectful of others,
No matter how good I may be.
Teach me to honour You by respecting others.
In Jesus' name, Amen!

Announcement & Pack Up (3 mins)

Huddle leaders to do any announcements for next week's kids service

AFTER SESSION: Huddle leaders are to clear any rubbish and keep Huddle Guide Material Box in respective cabinets/storage areas