LESSON 2
"RESPECT"

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BIBLE CONNECTION

Genesis 4:1-15 (pages 6-7)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Respect</u> – to show a high or special importance to someone or something; honor one another

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can <u>respect</u> others by treating them the way I want to be treated.

MEMORY LINK

Matthew 7:12a

"Therfore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1033)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: None
Option 2: Note cards,
pen/marker

BIBLE CONNECTION

Craft sticks, painter's tape

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Bean bag or other objects to toss
Option 2: Resource item, masking tape

Cain Gets Angry

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Just watch the news today and you'll see how little people <u>respect</u> others. Jesus clearly taught <u>respect</u>, both for God and for others. All people are made in God's image and deserve to be treated with <u>respect</u>. Through Cain's poor example, kids will learn to <u>respect</u> others by treating them the way they want to be treated. <u>Respecting</u> others ultimately shows <u>respect</u> for God, who deeply loves every person He created.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's Character Word is <u>respect</u>. What does that mean to you?
- What does showing <u>respect</u> look like?
- How can kids show respect at home?
- How can kids show <u>respect</u> even when they are feeling hurt or angry?

Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

Note: Sometimes God leads your group in a different direction and you are unable to get to these questions. This is simply a guide to help lead you in a group discussion.



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WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Ever wonder if God really hears your prayers? Knowing that God hears us every time we pray builds our faith in Him. Realizing that He knows all about us and that He sees everything can bring great comfort and security. The song "God is Listening" by Group Publishing, is a great reminder of how God always knows, sees and hears. He always loves us, too. We know He loves us because He sent His Son, Jesus. The song "Jesus Loves Me Remix" by KidSpring, helps us remember God's love for us.

MEMORY LINK

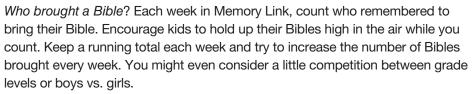


2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

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Note cards, pen/marker

Focus on the Bible



Focus on Today's Memory Link

Today's Memory Link is taken from valuable words spoken by Jesus about how we should treat others. In this passage, Jesus is calling us to make a commitment to show respect by considering others as important as ourselves. In today's Bible Connection, you'll hear about Cain, who did not respect his brother and did not respect God. You will learn how to respect others by considering others as important as yourselves. When is it hard to show respect to someone? (Allow time to discuss.) How can you show others they are important to you and to God?

Option 1 - 00PS!

No supplies needed

Gather your Surf Team closely in a circle. The Surf Team leader should begin by saying only the first word of the Memory Link with each child in order saying the next word. The goal is to get all the way to the end of the Memory Link one word at a time, but no one can say two words in a row, and no two people can say a word at the same time. Say the scripture reference at the end, too. If two people speak at the same time, everyone will say "Oops!" and quote the whole verse in unison together. Then begin again from the first word. In order to be successful, kids must listen closely and show respect to one another.

Option 2 - TALK LIKE THIS

Note cards, pen/marker

Prepare

Write the following ways of speaking, one per note card: With an English accent, very timidly, like an infomercial salesperson, as slowly as possible, like your P.E. teacher, in the sweetest tone possible, like you have a mouth full of peanut butter, like you just woke up, like you have a cold, like you are bored.

Choose kids in your group to draw a card and say the Memory Link as indicated on the card until everyone has had at least one opportunity. Encourage them to have fun and be creative!

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Matthew 7:12a

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1033)

Teaching Tip

In two minutes or less, explain the verse so kids understand the meaning. Keep it simple by avoiding "churchy" words and explaining any words in the verse that might be unfamiliar to kids. And remember Memory Link is not designed to be another Bible Story time. Your job is to offer opportunities for kids to hide God's Word in their hearts. When you spend less time talking, kids can spend more time playing and learning.

Bible 101

The Bible teaches us how God wants us to live. Guide the kids in your Surf Team to read Digging In, "The Golden Rule," on page 1033 in their KBC Study Bible. Only when our heart is changed through Jesus' forgiveness of our sins can we really care about others.

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BIBLE CONNECTION



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Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Craft sticks, painter's tape

Set the Stage

Hold a few craft sticks in your hand, but reserve one in your pocket for the end of the story. Ask volunteers to tell things kids might do when they feel jealous or angry and how those actions will hurt a relationship. As students describe hurtful actions, break a craft stick in pieces. When you do not treat others with respect, it is much like breaking the stick. Our relationship with others can be broken when we do not respect each other.

Ask students how relationships can be mended. As kids describe ways to mend broken relationships, take some tape and attempt to fix the broken sticks. Relationships can be repaired, just like I repaired these sticks, but often our sins leave scars that can only be repaired through God's forgiveness.

Tell the Story

If you were here last week, you learned about the first people God created, Adam and Eve. Their sin was punished, and now all people struggle with sin. Today's story shows how sin continued in Adam and Eve's family.

Guide kids to open their KBC Study Bibles to Genesis 4:1-15 (pages 6-7). Read the story through as they follow along, then go back and talk about each section in more detail.

Cain and Abel were brothers with similar, but different, jobs. What were they? (Cain tilled the ground; Abel kept sheep.) We know from later in this chapter that Cain did not respect God when he brought his sacrifice to the Lord.

Invite a student to volunteer to dramatize Cain's sacrifice by pretending to present fruit to God and not showing respect. What actions or attitudes do you think Cain had as he gave his sacrifice?

According to the Bible passage, how was Abel's sacrifice described? (It was the firstborn of his flock. It was an animal sacrifice.) Abel obeyed God when he sacrificed the firstborn of his flock. That showed Abel had respect for God and he offered God his very best.

Invite another clubber to dramatize Abel's sacrifice by pretending to present his sacrifice to the Lord with respect.

Why do you think the Lord respected Abel's sacrifice but not Cain's? (Discuss.) The Bible doesn't say specifically, but it could have had to do with obedience. We know Abel respected God enough to obey and offer his very best. God was pleased with Abel's sacrifice, not Cain's sacrifice.

Even though God asked Cain why he was sad, God already knew the answer. God knew Cain was jealous of Abel. God offered Cain another chance to obey. What do you think God meant when he said, "sin lies at the door"? (Cain needed to watch out for the danger of sin.)

Teaching Tip

EVERY new Beach Club student will receive a copy of the new KBC Study Bible. Bibles may be ordered through the KBC website after your third week of club. Use these first few weeks of Beach Club to build excitement for kids who will receive a new Bible. Encourage returning clubbers to get in the habit of bringing their Bibles every week. Show your sample copy and use it as much as possible during club.

Cain got so jealous and angry that he killed his brother, Abel. Do you think God knew what Cain had done to his brother? Of course, God knows everything! Cain acted like he didn't know what was going on. In a way, Cain was saying to God, "Wait a minute! You mean I'm supposed to be taking care of my brother?" Do you think Cain knew he had a responsibility to care for and respect his brother's life? Of course, he did!

Because of Cain's sin, God punished Cain. Cain's punishment was that the land would no longer produce anything for Cain, which was devastating because Cain was a farmer. Also, Cain would be left to be a vagabond, or a wanderer on the earth, for the rest of his life.

Even though Cain sinned by killing his brother, God gave Cain a promise and showed mercy toward Cain by sparing his life. God promised that if anyone killed Cain, they would pay seven times. God even put a mark on Cain to warn others of God's promise.

Show the craft stick that you broke and repaired earlier. Also show the unbroken craft stick that was in your pocket. When Cain made the wrong choice to hurt his brother it broke his relationship with his brother and with God. We can attempt to mend relationships, but there are always consequences and some consequences leave scars. God is the only one who can heal those scars and restore our relationships. Show the new craft stick. God has the power to do what we cannot, no matter how hard we try. He can take our broken relationships and restore them to where they are brand new!

Application

Think about the times you've been angry with others and treated others disrespectfully. Next time you get angry, you can tell your family about how God allows us to make the right choice. We can choose to follow God's way or choose to follow our way. Consider the outcome of each choice. Let's choose to respect one another.

Gospel Connection

God promised to spare Cain's life. He has given us a promise also! Even though we may not have killed any of our family members, we have all committed sins that hurt our relationship with God. Each time we do something that God does not like, it is called sin and it separates us from God. But just like God gave Cain an opportunity to make a better decision, God gives us the opportunity to ADMIT that we have sinned. To be forgiven of our sin, we must BELIEVE that Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for our sin. He took the punishment for sin that we deserve. He offers us a life with Him when we CHOOSE to follow God and a promise of eternal life in heaven. God offered Cain a way out from the wrong he had done. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is our way out if we ADMIT, BELIEVE, and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their forever friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available. *Treat each other respectfully as we all transition to Surf Team time.*

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Gospel Tip

This is the most important part of every lesson. Be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Take time to clearly communicate God's plan of salvation. Use scripture. Always give kids an opportunity to respond with clear instructions on how to receive Jesus and where to go for counseling. More helps on Leading a Child to Christ are available on pages 27-29 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials.

Bible 101 🛄

Draw kids' attention to the KBC Study Bible tip-in page, "The 10 Commandments" (before page 243). Explain that the 10 Commandments can help them know how to respect God and respect others.

SURF TEAM TIME



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Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story?
- Knowing what Matthew 7:12a says, how could you show <u>respect</u> the next time you are angry with someone?
- What's something new you learned today?

Use the Bible

Give each child a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Let's look at Day 5 of your Hang 10. Take a look at "The 10 Commandments" in your KBC Study Bible (before page 243). These important rules from God can help you know how to <u>respect</u> God and <u>respect</u> others. Which one will you work on today?

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your Surf Team this week.

God, please help me treat others with <u>respect</u>, and how I would want to be treated. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

Rewards are an effective way to motivate kids.
Reward systems vary and several options are listed on page 23 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials. Some reasons to reward kids include:

Brought their Bible

Brought a friend

Said their memory verse from the week before

Returned their completed Hang 10 Page

Wore their KBC t-shirt

Positive behavior and participation

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES



Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - CRAZY POINTS

Bean bag or other object to toss around

Instruct your Surf Team to stand in a circle. Ask a Review Question then randomly toss the bean bag to a student. If they answer correctly, award them 10,000 crazy points. If they need help, allow them to toss it to another student for help. Ask the next question and allow the student to toss the bean bag to someone else to answer the question, awarding them 10,000 crazy points if they answer correctly. Award the student with the highest points.

TIP: Be sure to ask the question first before tossing the bean bag so others won't "check out" since they know you're not going to call on them.

Option 2 - THIS OR THAT

Masking tape; resource item "This or That Questions"

Prepare

Put masking tape on the floor in a straight line long enough for everyone in your Surf Team to stand on the line.

The Surf Team leader should stand at the end of the line facing the Surf Team. Begin with everyone standing on the line facing you. After you ask a "This or That?" question, instruct them to jump to the left side of the line if they would do the first option. Jump to the right side of the line if they would choose the second option. As you hear their answers, ask why they chose what they did. If it's not a wise choice, ask them how they think their choice is going to end up. Point out that for some situations, both – or neither – of the choices may be respectful.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (Respect)
- 2. In your own words, what does "<u>respect</u>" mean? (to show a high or special importance to someone or something; honor one another)
- 3. Recite Today's Memory Link. (Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them. Matthew 7:12a)
- 4. Who were the two brothers in today's Bible story? (Cain and Abel)
- After God preferred Abel's sacrifice, how did Cain respond? (He became angry)
- 6. What was Cain's profession? (He tilled the ground, farmer)
- 7. What was Abel's sacrifice? (The firstborn of his flock)
- 8. After Cain killed Abel, what evidence was left of his sin? (Blood on the ground)
- 9. How could Cain have responded differently when he was angry with his brother? (Answers will vary)
- 10. What was Cain's punishment? (He will be a wanderer and the ground will no longer be fruitful)

Teaching Tip

You've got this! Read the instructions to the activities several times so you are familiar with the steps. That way, you can give your club instructions in your own words and only reference the written instructions as notes.

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Matthew 7:12a

