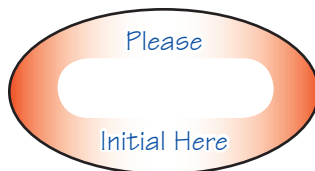


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They will learn a lot.

Parent's Initials:



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Relationships in God's Creation

- Lesson Fourteen -

Adults (2)

Honor and Subjection to Older Ones

I. Overview.

Children should not only show respect for adults, but they should also honor them and be subject to them. To honor adults is to have behavior that is polite and kind in attitude, words and actions. Adults have much wisdom that comes from living for many years. For this reason, adults should be respected by children. God has placed children under the adults – especially their parents, but also other adults as well.



Children can learn much
from adults.

Since God has placed adults over children to care for them and to help them grow, children should show honor to them and submit to them. If children do not show a respectful attitude toward adults, it actually shows that they have an improper attitude toward the Lord. It was God who set up the relationship between children and adults. Children should honor and submit to God through their honoring and submitting to adults.

II. Memory Verse.

“You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the face of the old man.”

(Lev. 19:32)

III. Lesson.

Children should regard adults and older ones with respect and honor because they are older and more experienced than they are. A six year old child knows much more than a one year old child. How much more does an adult of thirty or sixty years of age know than a child of six years? Adults have already completely passed through childhood and understand it very well. Adults can be a lot of help in solving some of the problems that children encounter. Children should be willing to receive their help.

Being Submissive to Adults

Many adults, especially those in the church life have grown to know the Lord and His ways very well. Their knowledge of the Lord and His word is very precious. Children should honor the adults for having such knowledge. Children should also submit to the adults. When an adult who has responsibility or authority over a child says that the child should do a certain thing, or should not do a certain thing, the child should obey. This is to be submissive.

Honoring Adults



Honoring adults also honors God.

One way to show honor is to listen carefully and patiently when an adult is speaking and not to talk back. Even if the child disagrees, he should not argue or raise his voice. He should simply listen patiently. Very often if a child will only listen, he will learn something from the adult. To honor adults is to show that you value them. There are several ways that you can show honor.

It is good to say “Brother” or “Sister” and then the adults name instead of just calling them by their name. If they are not in the church, they should be addressed as “Mr.” or “Mrs.” and then their last name. A child should never interrupt an adult when they are speaking. This is very impolite and shows a lack of showing honor.

Showing Honor to Adults Pleases God

When a child shows the proper respect and honor for an adult, this pleases God. This is because the child is actually showing respect for God and honoring God by honoring the adult. Even the Lord Jesus Himself, when He was a child, always showed the proper respect and honor for adults.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Why should children honor and submit to adults?

2. How should children address adults in the church life and those who are not in the church?

3. What is one way that a child can honor God?

4. What kinds of things have adults done for you?

