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## Lesson Overview

We're continuing in our series called, "Foundations for kids". If we want a relationship with God, then we need to understand 3 important truths. Today, we're going to talk about the second truth which is: we should live to honor God. When we accept Jesus into our hearts, the Bible says we become like a new person. Our focus changes from living for ourselves to living for God. Our whole attitude changes and we want to obey God and do the things that make him happy. And guess what? God helps us to live for him. He gives us the Bible that tells us how to honor him. He gives us the Holy Spirit who gives us the strength to say "No" to sin and "Yes" to God. And, he gives us other people, like our parents and Sunday school teachers, who encourage us and help us to live for God.

### Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Make a list of things that honor God. Make a list of things that don't honor God.** (Tip: God wants us to be nice, forgiving and generous. He doesn't want us to be selfish jerks who lie and cheat.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **We read our Bibles to find out.** (God has given us the Bible to help us to know how to live. It tells us what is right and wrong and shows us the right path to take. When we obey what the Bible says, we are showing honor to God. Honor simply means to show respect and love.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** What does it mean to honor someone? What book tells us how to honor God? **4-5th:** How can you honor God at school? At home?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Ephesians 4:21-24. What should we do with our old nature? How does the Spirit help us to live for God?** (Answer: This passage tells us to throw off anything that doesn't honor God. We should run away from the things that lead us to make bad choices. And, the Spirit helps us by giving us the desire and strength to live for God. He points us in God's direction and reminds us of what the Bible says is right and wrong.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson video.

### Big Idea

*We should live to honor God*

### Key Question

*How can we know what honors God?*

### Memory Verse

*2 Corinthians 5:17 "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person."*

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: HONOR GOD JEOPARDY

### Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Ask a question from below. First to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer.
- Team with the most points, wins.

### Questions:

1. T or F: God cares how we live. (T)
2. From what book in the Bible is our memory verse found? (2 Corinthians)
3. Who died on the cross for us? (Jesus)
4. What book helps us to honor God? (Bible)
5. Who helps us to live for God? (Spirit)
6. T or F: Other people can't help us. (F)
7. How do we start a relationship with God? (Trusting Jesus)
8. What is the Big Idea today? (See board)
9. Where did Jesus die for our sins? (Cross)
10. T or F: Jesus loves you. (T)

**Supplies needed:** Bells or ringers

### Bonus Activity: "True or False"

See who's the quickest to answer.

1. The Bible tells us how to honor God. (T)
2. God doesn't care how we live. (F)
3. The Spirit helps us to live for God. (T)

## OPTION 2: HONOR GOD CALENDAR

### Instructions:

- Give each kid a Calendar template (page 5).
- As a class, come up with some things the kids can do to honor God every day. **Ex.:** Take your dog for a walk, help a sibling with homework, share a toy with a friend, say "Thank you"
- Then have the kids write down or draw a picture of some of those suggestions. (You may need to help kids with spelling)
- Tell the kids to hang their calendar in their rooms to remind them how they can honor God.

### Supplies needed:

Calendar template (pg. 5, precut, 1 per kid), Crayons, Pencils

### Bonus Activity: "Fast Facts"

See who's the quickest to answer.

1. The \_\_\_(Bible) tells us how to honor God.
2. We should \_\_\_(live) to honor God.
3. The \_\_\_(Spirit) helps us to live for God.

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## How to Live

[PursueGOD.org](http://PursueGOD.org)**Foundations Truth #2: We Live to Honor God**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"*

But how does it happen? How do we practically live out this new kind of life? Are we left to ourselves to try to do it? Not at all. God gives us three things:

**The Spirit Leads Us**

Did you know that something really cool happened when you became a Christian? The Bible says that when you ask Jesus into your heart, the **Holy Spirit** (that's God!) comes into your heart, too (**Ephesians 1:13**)! Do you know what he does in there? He gives you the strength to live your new, God-honoring life!

**The Bible Guides Us**

God also has given us **the Bible** – which is even older than your great-great-great-grandfather. Do you know who wrote the Bible? God did! He wrote it to help us to know what's right and wrong.

**2 Timothy 3:16** *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

**Other Christians Help Us**

Did you know that God doesn't want you to move to a mountaintop to live by yourself? Or to a deserted island? It's true! God wants you to be around people, and many of those people will help you to know how to live as a Christian: your parents, Kids Church teachers and – when you get a little older – your mentor. God put these people in your life to cheer you on and to help you to obey God. Listen to them!

**Discussion Questions:**

1. *How can you honor (show thanks) your parents? How about your teachers at school?*
2. *Make a list of things that honor God.*
3. *Make a list of things that don't honor God.*
4. *How does the Bible help us?*
5. *How can other people help us to honor God? How can you help people to honor God?*
6. *Read **Ephesians 4:21-24**. What should we do with our old nature? How does the Spirit help us to live for God?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

### Books of the Bible

P	H	I	L	I	P	P	I	A	N	S	H	A	E
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P	G	A	L	A	T	I	A	N	S	L	T	A	E
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N	A	O	S	H	T	T	P	H	L	S	O	O	U
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- SALVATION
- HEBREWS
- EPHESIANS
- LUKE
- CORINTHIANS
- GALATIANS
- JEHOVA
- TIMOTHY
- COLOSSIANS
- PETER
- JUDE
- ROMANS
- JOHN
- MARK
- PHILIPPIANS
- REVELATION
- JESUS
- MATTHEW
- TITUS
- JAMES

### Big Idea

### Key Question

### Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 5: \_\_\_\_\_ "Anyone who \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ has become a \_\_\_\_\_ person."

HE HAS THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS



Weekly calendar for \_\_\_\_\_

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	