

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: We win at school when we act like Jesus is right there with us.

Key Question: How does Jesus want us to act at school?

Memory Verse: "Work with enthusiasm as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people" **Ephesians 6:7**

Overview: We're continuing our series on "How to win at everything". Remember, we're not talking about how to win at every game you play. We've been talking about a different kind of "winning". We "win" when we make God happy by the way we think and act. We've already learned that to win at church, we need to listen to our teachers as they teach the Bible, be nice to other kids, and pray together. The reason- we want new people to come to church and meet Jesus, too. Last week, we talked about winning with money. It has nothing to do with getting rich to buy ourselves whatever we want. It's all about having the right attitude toward it. Everything we have, even our money, belongs to God. So, we should use our money the way He wants us to. Today, we're going to learn about how to win at school. God cares about this, too. He wants you to be a good example to other students by how hard you work, how well you listen, and how you treat other kids. The best way to win- imagine that Jesus is sitting right there by you and He can see exactly what you're doing. Act in a way the would make Jesus happy. If you do that, you can't lose!

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** What are your favorite things about school? What are some of the rules in your classroom? What happens when you break a rule?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the older kids (2nd-5th grade) copy it down on Activity Page #1.
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Colossians 3:23](#). Why does Paul make a point to say we're working for God and not people? How does God want you to act at school?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - What will you work on doing better at school?
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

2-5th crossword puzzle answers: Across 3 respect
Down 1 homework 2 rules 4 school

Allow each kid to share. The point: get kids thinking about school and that God cares how they act there.

Answer: God wants us to be hard working, respectful and obedient.

God cares how you act at school. It is the primary place you can be a role model as a kid. A role model just means you are a great example for other kids to follow. If you're lazy and disrespectful to your teachers, you aren't being a good example and that makes God sad. Act in a way that makes God happy by representing Him well at your school.

Bonus Questions: Why do you think God wants you to work hard at school? Why is respect for your teachers and other kids important?

Everything we do should be about honoring God. So, how we act at school, how we treat our friends, how hard we work at homework or sports should be done in a way that makes God happy. God is a hard worker for us. We should be hard workers for Him.

Help kids think of a specific thing they will do better at school. It might be getting homework done on time, being a better listener in the class, or being nicer to kids at recess.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities 2nd-5th

Option #1

DON'T GET "SCHOOLED" RELAY

- Divide the class into 2 teams. Have them line up at one end of the room behind a strip of tape.
- At the other end, fill two buckets filled with paper strips with the words from the **Memory Verse**, one word per strip.
- Each kid will do **5 jumping jacks**, then run to the bucket and pull out a strip.
- Have them lay it on the floor next to the bucket and then run back to tag the next person in line.
- Continue until all the strips are removed.
- Then, have teams race to get the verse in the right order. First to do it, correctly, wins!

Supplies needed

- tape
- 2 buckets
- template of words for memory verse (**pgs 5-6**)

Bonus Activity:

Play **The Fill in the Blank** Game.

On the whiteboard, put blanks for every word of the **big idea**. Start adding letters in the blanks and see which kid can guess the big idea first. If you have time, do it again but do the **key question**.

Option #2

"FIRST IN YOUR CLASS" TARGET GAME

- Divide the class into 2 teams. Have them line up at one end of the room behind a strip of tape.
- At the other end, fill two buckets filled with paper strips with the words from the **Memory Verse**, one word per strip.
- Each kid must first throw a paper wad and hit the paper plate target that is placed far enough to pose a challenge but not so far that no one can hit it.
- If they hit the target, they get to run and pull out a strip and place it on the floor.
- If they miss, they go to the end of the line.
- Continue until all the strips are removed.
- Then have teams race to get the memory verse in the correct order.

Supplies needed

- tape
- 2 buckets
- template of words for memory verse (**pgs 5-6**)
- paper wads
- target paper plate

Bonus Activity:

Play **The Fill in the Blank** Game.

On the whiteboard, put blanks for every word of the phrase, **God cares how we act at school**. Start adding letters in the blanks and see which kid can guess the phrase first. If you have time, do it again but do the **big idea**.

1

Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family and fill in the blanks.

1. We win at school when we _____.
2. We win at school when we _____ our teachers.
3. We win at school when we _____.
4. We win when we act like _____ is right there with us.

2

Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. What does it say to our teachers when we don't work hard? How about when we do work hard?
2. Do you think God was a hard worker? List some reasons why.
3. Why are rules important? What happens if you don't have rules in your classroom?
4. Read [Colossians 3:23](#). Why does Paul make a point to say we are working for God and not people? How can this verse impact your efforts at school?

3

Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

"Work with enthusiasm as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

Ephesians 6:7

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week..

- Read [1 Corinthians 10:31](#). Glory is a fancy word for honor. How can you honor God at school?
- Read [1 Timothy 4:12](#). How can you be an example, even to older kids, by how you act at school or at home?
- Read [Philippians 4:13](#). How can God's strength help you at school?



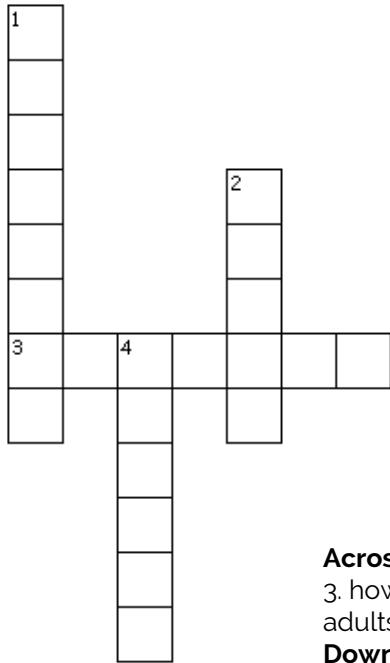
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ACTIVITY PAGE #1

2nd-5th Grade

PUZZLE #1



Across

3. how you should treat adults

Down

1. work you have to do at home

2. tell you how to behave

4. where you go to learn

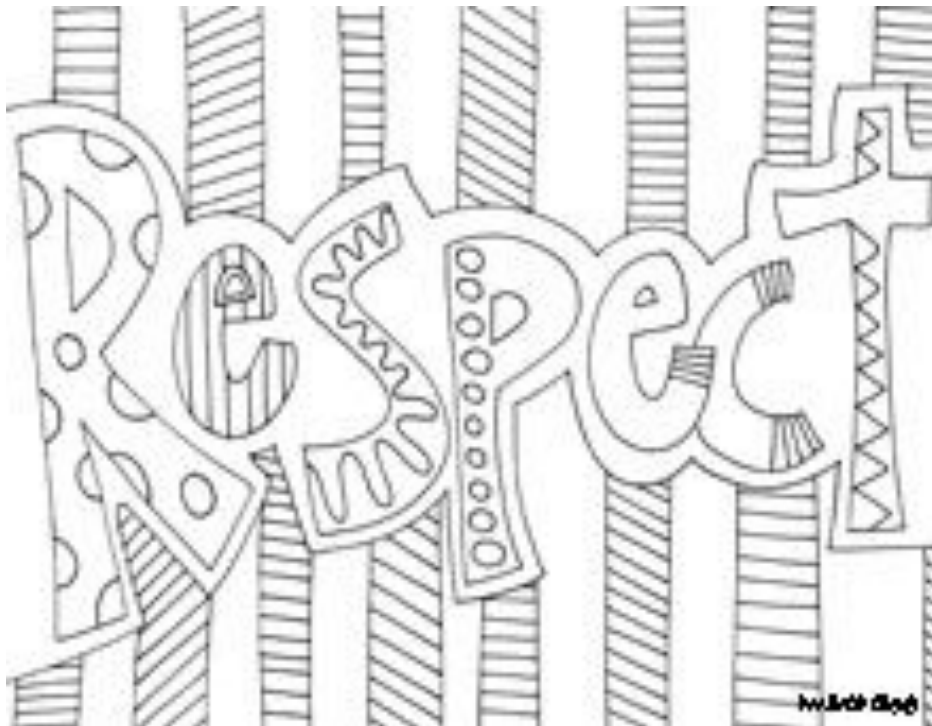
(Write the answers below each heading)

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