

# SLAM

## TUNED IN – RESPECT

**Topic:** Respect

**Key verse:** Show respect for everyone. Love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God. Show respect for the king. (1 Peter 2:17)

### Lesson Outline:

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*Please note that this is only a guide.*

### Game:

#### Ball Game

Divide class into two even teams. Players sit in a tight circle on the floor. A ball is placed in the lap of one player. Players must pass the ball completely around the circle lap to lap without letting it touch the ground. No one is allowed to touch the ball with his/her hands. If the ball touches the ground, the group must start over.

#### Ankle Balloon Pop

Give everyone a balloon and a piece of string or yarn. Have them blow up the balloon and tie it to their ankle. Then announce that they are to try to stomp out other people's balloons while keeping their own safe. Last person with a blown up balloon wins.

Note: Be sure to have some guideline regarding the length of the string that the balloon is attached to. You don't want the balloon so tight against someone's ankle that it doesn't touch ground, and you don't want anyone to have a four-foot string either.

### Welcome & Worship:

Welcome all the kids and ask them to share with you about something fun that they have done in the holidays ☺

The Facilitator will let you know when it is time for Kids Worship. Please come downstairs and join with the other children for Worship J Please encourage the children to join in and help the younger children to engage. We would also ask that you participate as the children will watch you also. Feel free to speak to the kids worship team or the Facilitator if you have any questions.

### Discussion:

At the moment we are looking at a series called Tuned in. Last week we discussed honesty and what that means. This week the discussion will focus on Respect. The discussion and object lesson to start the lesson can be found on pages 2 -4.

Please note that this series of lessons is from Phoneix Vineyard. We have done our best to make them culturally relatable for the kids. Please feel free though to use your own examples if you feel you have better ones. You can also take the ideas in the lesson and present it in your own way. It does not have to be

# Object Lesson

## *Five Dollar Note*

Who knows what this is? It's a five dollar note. Who can tell me what this five dollar note is worth? It's worth five dollars, or 500 cents. However, what really makes this five dollars note worth anything? After all, it's just a piece of plastic with some pictures and symbols on it. I could draw some symbols on a piece of notebook paper, but it wouldn't be worth the same as a five dollar note. How about a \$100 note, it's made up of pretty much the exact same material, yet that one is worth more than this five dollar note. The only difference is the numbers and symbols. So what really determines the worth of our money?

In truth, I don't know the whole extent of the answer to that question. There are systems and people that work in those systems who determine what the value of money is worth. In other words, someone in a position of authority has said that this five dollar note is worth exactly 500 cents, and that a hundred dollar note is worth a hundred times that amount. Isn't it interesting, though, that because someone in authority declared that this piece of plastic was worth something, we treat it with respect? How many of you throw away your money when you get it? Not too many of us.

Today our lesson deals with Respect, and the truth is that an authority higher than any other has declared our value as human beings. God declared our value by sending His son Jesus Christ to die on a cross for our sins. When we learn this respect thing, we are showing that we recognize the value that God has placed on all of us.

## Discussion & Activity:

It shouldn't be any secret what our lesson is about today. We are talking about respect. Again, these are things that God wants in our character. Last week we talked about honesty, and how real honesty is doing the right thing no matter what the cost is. Today we are talking about the importance of respect.

Here is what I know about respect. Most people want a lot of it, yet many of us are completely clueless in how to obtain it. Furthermore, many of us are completely clueless in how to even show it to others. Why don't we begin with a simple definition to help you nail down this respect thing? Respect is simply this; giving Others the Value they deserve. In a nutshell, isn't that what Jesus showed us while on this earth. God declared what we are worth to Him, and Jesus showed us that truth in how He treated others despite how the rest of society saw them.

Perhaps you're thinking, "I've heard all of this before. Respect your parents, respect your leaders, respect your elders, blah, blah, blah. Why should I actually respect others?" I have two simple reasons for you. The first is that when you respect others, it Pleases God. I know this may come as a shock to many of you, but as Christians we should want to live our lives in a way that pleases God. It's basically called worship. When we worship God, we please Him. When we respect others, we please Him. So another way of saying this is that when you respect others, you are worshipping God. Now while God expects us to respect others, He doesn't force us to. We have to make that decision on our own.

The second reason we want to respect others is that we want to be respected in Return. No one likes the feeling they get when someone disrespects them. Luke 6:31 tells us, "Treat others as you want them to treat you." I think that goes for any age we deal with. So before we can move on with the rest of this message, we need to settle something; Are you a Christian, and if so, do you want to please God? In other words, have you asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins and come into your life to be the Lord of your life? If any of you answered yes to any of those questions, then we can move, but if you said no, I'm afraid the rest of this message won't mean much to you. I would encourage you to talk more about what it means to be a Christian with one of our leaders in the class. For the rest of us, it's time to learn how to respect others.

The first thing you need to know when it comes to how to respect someone is to simply Appreciate Everyone. Let's be honest, if everyone were the same, this world would be an extremely boring place to live. I do find it interesting that this is one of the first things we need to learn. Everyone is striving for independence, wanting to be different from everyone else, yet it doing that, they tend to follow every trend that is out there. Can I sum this up for you in one word? Here it is: stupidity.

Seriously, it is so stupid to follow trends. You become a slave to what others say is cool or important. Now there isn't anything wrong with liking something that happens to be trendy, but to like it for its trendy sake only, is stupid. Famous people or really cool people are no more important than people who don't follow trends. James 2:1 says, "My dear brothers and sisters, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, never think some people are more important than others." How often did the Bible say you could think other people are more important than others? That's right, never.

The second way for you to learn how to show respect is to simply Obey Authority. I know, I know, you hear this all the time. However, if your character were somewhat developed, this

one would be an easy one. However, so many of us struggle with this one. Why is that? I think too many of us are incredibly selfish. We throw fits way too easily when we don't get what we want in life. And that's just the adults. Kids have a knack for taking it to the next level. You need to know that this is totally unacceptable in God's eyes, and that kind of behavior never earns you respect from others.

Just so we're clear on this one, obeying authorities goes beyond simply doing what your parents tell you to do. It means obeying your teachers at school, other family members who are older than you, or other authorities in this world, such as your leaders in this classroom. In 1 Peter 2:13, the Bible tells us, "For the Lord's sake, yield to those people who have authority over us." This truth applies to all of the adults in here, too. We have our own set of authorities that we have to obey.

The third way to learn how to respect others is to Honor God. When you have a heart attitude that seeks to honor God, you will show others respect. For instance, if you wanted others to know that you're a Christian you wouldn't post blogs on a website that said terrible things about people you know. If anything, that would bring dishonor to God. No, you would go out of your way to be helpful to others. When we serve others, we bring honor to God. When we respect others unconditionally, that also brings honor to God. And remember, the reason we want to honor God is because He deserves it. Revelation 4:11 says, "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it's for your pleasure that they exist and were created." I know when we're young we like our worlds to revolve around us, but the truth is everything revolves around God.

## **Look It Up:**

Let's all open our Bibles to 1 Peter 2:17. I want to quickly clear up any miscommunication that might exist in your minds about who to respect in this life.

1 Peter 2:17; "Show respect for everyone. Love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God.

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respect for the king."

- I think the first sentence of that verse sums it up pretty nicely. Who do we need to respect? Everyone.
- Have any of you ever felt disrespected? How did that make you feel?

- Why do think it's so easy for us to be disrespectful to our parents?
- Do you find it difficult to appreciate everyone? Why or why not?
- As Christians, we are supposed to reach out to the lost, and one way that this plays out in our lives is that we should be the kind of people who include others no matter what everyone else thinks of them.

## **Wrap up:**

This value of respect is a big one. The more you embrace it, the more doors in your life you will open, yet the more you reject it, the more doors you close. Don't believe that lie that you can get by and be successful in life by being disrespectful to others. You may gain money and stuff like that, but you will always lack a certain satisfaction in your life without respect for others and from others. The bottom line is the more respect you Give, the more you Get. It really is that simple.

# Leading Prayer in SLAM

## Come Together:

Bring the children together in a circle. Ask if there is anything that they would like to pray for.

Some Questions you may ask to help them think:

- Is there something that you would like to praise God and thank him for this week?
- Are you sick or do you need healing?
- Have you hurt anyone or been hurt by something this week that you need to ask forgiveness for?

## Pray:

Pray together— there are two choices here:

They can pray for each other or they can pray for themselves (out loud).

### Praying for each other:

If they would like someone else to pray for them ask the child to sit in the middle and for another child to pray for them (ask for volunteers). If both children are comfortable they can lay hands on as they pray.

### Praying for themselves:

If they would like to pray for themselves they can either sit in the middle or where they are. Ask them to pray in a loud voice so everyone can hear. We want them to be comfortable so be flexible and sensitive to the child's needs.

Continue through the group until everyone has been prayed for.

## Listen:

Then take time to sit and listen to God and see if there is anything that he would like to say to the group. Ask each child to sit silently and listen to God. Explain that God may speak to them all in different ways, e.g. a picture, an idea a colour etc. Then after a minute ask if there is anything the children felt God was saying.

## Write:

If anyone has anything please write it in the SLAM Prayer Journal with the date, service time and child's name. Then have a leader thank God for the lesson and any healings, words or pictures.