



kidzLIFE

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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Honor: Letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

Memory Verse: "Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves." *Romans 12:10, NIV*

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

Stop and think about someone you really admire. Are you thinking of someone? Whether that person is a teacher, coach, friend or family member, he or she is valuable to you. You recognize that this person is important because what they do impacts your life. Every person has value, not because of what they do, but because each and every person has been put together by God. When God created people, He made them in His image. That means every person alive today has been put together in the likeness of God. So every person has value. And it's our job to help everyone feel like they are valuable.

Jesus showed other people how valuable they really were by spending time with them. He ate dinner with people who usually ate alone. He served people who were used to doing the serving. He paid attention to people who normally didn't get a lot of attention. If Jesus thought it was important to honor everyone,

then we should follow His example.

This February, we're taking on the **Ultimate Challenge** of showing the highest degree of honor. We'll be looking to David as a mentor and exploring his life in 1 and 2 Samuel, and we will define honor as "letting someone know you see how valuable they really are."

When we really love God, it's natural to honor others. We just can't help ourselves really! It doesn't matter if others think we might be embarrassing ourselves. This month, we're not only looking for ways to show others how valuable they really are, but also for opportunities to share publicly who God is, what He means to you and how He's shown up in your life. Who can argue with that?

I can't wait to see what happens in February when we take on the **Ultimate Challenge** of showing the highest degree of honor!

What's Happening this Month!

★ Parents Night Out

Friday, Feb. 17 | 6-10 p.m.

Need a date night? Sign up for Parents Night Out! Pizza and drinks are provided. \$10 per child (family max \$25). Contact Cindy McCurdy at 885-5709 or cindymccurdy@thefellowship.cc with your children's names and ages to reserve your spot by Wednesday, Feb. 15. Also, contact Cindy if you are interested in being a paid childcare worker during Parents Night Out or on Wednesday nights.

★ CentriKid Camp!

We will be taking the 3rd-5th graders to camp June 14 through 16 at Campbellsville University in KY. We will have a parent info meeting Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. in Room 115, and a \$50 deposit is due Sunday, Feb. 12.

★ Buddy Break

Friday, Feb. 24 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Buddy Break is a free program where children with special needs, VIPs, make new friends, play fun games, enjoy crafts, interact with therapy dogs, and participate in musical activities! Siblings have fun, too. This is an opportunity for caregivers to get a break from their ongoing care-giving responsibilities for three hours every fourth Friday of the month.

If you are interested in Buddy Break for your child or are considering being a volunteer, go to thefellowship.cc/buddybreak for more information.

★ Join our Facebook page: kidzLIFE Parent Connection!

★ Don't forget God Time cards are available online at thefellowship.cc/kidzlife under the For Parents page.

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SUNDAYS

Preschool | Birth – PreK

9:30-10:45 a.m.: Childcare/LIFEgroups
10:45 a.m.: WorshipCare

Children | Kindergarten – 5th grade

9:30-10:45 a.m.: LIFEgroups
10:45 a.m.: kidzWorship

WEDNESDAYS

Preschool | Birth – PreK

6:15-8 p.m.: Childcare (6 weeks - 2 year olds)
6:30-8 p.m.: AWANA Cubbies (3 & 4 year olds)

Children | Kindergarten – 5th grade

6:30-8 p.m.: AWANA

Our Values

- 1) To teach the Bible accurately and relevantly.
- 2) To be a kid-friendly environment.
- 3) A safe place: physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally. In a chaotic world, kids should always view church as a place of absolute rest, joy and peace.
- 4) Intentionally shepherd, encourage, and disciple kids. Help lead them in their walk to Christ and with Him.
- 5) Teach kids how to encounter and respond to God through worship, His word, and prayer.
- 6) Equip kids to share God's love with others: friendship, evangelism, local and foreign missions involvement, service in the church and community.

Our Goals

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."
Luke 2:52

Our goal is that a child has a clear understanding and conviction of these virtues when they finish 5th grade:

- 1) **Wisdom:** Learning God's Word
"I need to make the wise choice."
- 2) **Faith:** Growing in their Walk
"I can trust God no matter what!"
- 3) **Friendship:** Loving Others
"I should treat others the way I want to be treated."

Mission Statement

"Partnering with families to reach kids and help them to become fully devoted followers of Christ."

The logo for KidzLIFE features the word "KidzLIFE" in a white, rounded, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a background of three overlapping circles in shades of orange, blue, and green. The circles are arranged in a way that they appear to be part of a larger, stylized sun or globe.



HONOR

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MEMORY VERSE

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Romans 12:10, NIV

WEEK 1:

Samuel Anoints David
1 Samuel 16:1-13

BOTTOM LINE:

Honor those who are overlooked.

WEEK 2:

David and Jonathan
1 Samuel 18:1-4 & 5-9

BOTTOM LINE:

Honor others more than yourself.

WEEK 3:

Absalom Rebels
2 Samuel 15:1-16a, 18:5-7, 15, 31-33

BOTTOM LINE:

Honor those who are over you.

WEEK 4:

David Dances Before the Lord
2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

BOTTOM LINE:

Honor God in front of others.





MEAL TIME

WEEK 1:

Ask a kid: Who is someone you can honor this month? How can you show them they're valuable?

Ask a parent: Does someone have to be perfect to be honored? Why or why not?

WEEK 2:

Ask a kid: How does being a "good sport" show honor to others?

Ask a parent: Why do you think being prideful can get in the way of showing honor to others?

WEEK 3:

Ask a kid: Who is someone who may not feel very honored right now? What can you do to show them honor?

Ask a parent: What can you do if you're around others who aren't showing honor?

WEEK 4:

Ask a kid: How can our family look for ways to honor and celebrate others?

Ask a parent: Talk about a time when someone else chose to honor you. How did it make you feel?



PARENT TIME

When our kids were little, much of our time was spent teaching them the dos and don'ts of life: do look both ways before crossing the street, don't eat dog food, do brush your teeth, don't color on the walls.

Now that they're getting older, our conversations are moving past some of these basics. We talk more about friendship, determination, and other skills necessary for getting along in the world.

With this conversation shift comes a natural shift in how we discipline. For many of us, a tension develops between

showing our kids grace and disciplining their wrong choices. How can we best show our kids honor while still teaching them to make the wise choice? And disciplining their wrong choices?

To hear a practical approach to honoring your kids while fighting for their hearts with grace-filled discipline, check out this month's Parent Link Live podcast on www.OrangeParents.org.

And for more mealtime questions, and great activities that you and your child can do at other times of your week, check out www.Studio252.tv and the Parent Cue app for your smartphone.