

THRIVE

The Echoing Voice

Parent Conversation Guide
Friday, November 20, 2021

Key Activities

This week we put an emphasis on supporting your teammate, while being able to follow simple directives. The group had fun participating in minute to win games. The games were a great lead into the message for the night. Last week we talked about obedience. This week we continued the subject of obedience. We talked about being obedience to authority. This extends beyond each student personal homes. God has placed us all under many different types of authority. Some are easy to see while some challenge us to view them as authority for a variety of reasons. However, just as Jesus described the face of Ceasar on the coin, we are told to submit to the authority we are under . . . because God has placed all authority in those positions. When we are disobedient to authority, even if we have a hard time with that authority, we are being disobedient to God since He is over all authority. We focused on student's expectations during school. It was understood when in the classroom the teachers are the authority figures, and following their expectations is a representation of being obedient.

Key Scripture

Luke 22-25

Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"²³ He saw through their duplicity and said to them, ²⁴"Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it" "Caesar's," they replied.²⁵ He said to them, "Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

This year's Theme

ROMANS 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. **Outdo one another in showing honor.** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality...

Key Discussion Questions

Follow up Discussion (ask your student)

- Can you think of a time this week that obedience was not easy?
 - What happened? Why was it hard?
- Should you be obedient to authority you don't respect?
- Do you view school teachers as authority figures?
 - Why or why not?
- Do you believe God is your ultimate authority?
 - If so, are there areas you struggle to obey Him? If not, who is?

Daily Follow up

- What's something you did today to improve or build a positive relationship?

