

GODTIME CARDS DEVOTIONALS FOR KIDS

Help your child have some “God time” each week.

There are four different devotions on each GodTime card. Each devotion is designed to be done on a different day.

Each day’s devotion includes:

1. a verse(s) to read
2. a devotion paragraph that teaches something about God and an explanation of today’s verse(s)
3. an activity that makes real-life application of the day’s devotion
4. a suggested prayer.

K-3rd graders

Even though kids in early elementary (kindergarten through 3rd grade) are beginning to read things on their own, most are not mature enough to have a God time by themselves. So, do the GodTime card with your K-3rd grade child.

4th-5th graders

Encourage kids to choose four different days during the week to do these devotions. Most 4th and 5th graders are capable of having a “quiet time” on their own, once they’ve been taught how to do it, but they still need an adult to prompt them and/or follow up on it.

- *Note: The examples of GodTime cards shown are not the template you will see every week. We like to have variety. Your kids do too. So, you’ll see different variations of these devotionals.*

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Read 1 Samuel 24:6

Sometimes we don't feel like the person in charge over us really deserves that position of authority. Maybe it's a teacher who you feel like always picks on you, or a bus driver who doesn't seem to have control of the kids on the bus. Those people can be the hardest to obey because, when they don't seem to be doing a good job, we don't understand why they are in charge. But the truth is, God has allowed them to have that position, and we have to respect them.

Pray and ask God to help you have respect for everyone who's in charge, especially that person who's really hard to respect. Then get some paper and markers and make a card or write a short thank you note to that person, and give it to them the next time you see them. Tell them you understand their job must be hard, and tell them you're praying for them.

Day 1

Even when it's hard,
THANK those in charge of you for what they do to take care of you!

Read Romans 13:7

Being respectful is one thing if it just means saying, “Yes, sir” or making your bed like your mom asked. But what about when it means actually giving something up, like your hard-earned money to pay taxes or a fine (just ask your parents about that one!) or respecting a law or rule you think is silly or even wrong (ask your parents about driving the speed limit)? Sometimes we don't like the rules, but that doesn't mean we don't have to obey them.

What is the hardest rule for you to follow because you just think it's lame?

What would happen if everyone stopped respecting the rules they thought were unnecessary or silly?

Day 2

ASK God to help you respect rules and authority, even when you don't agree with them.

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Read 1 Peter 2:17

You might be hearing a lot about politics these days. It's easy to get caught up and take sides or to start seeing people who think differently than you as the enemy. It's important to remember that just as God put kings in charge, He is also the authority over our leaders and presidents of today. Even when we don't agree with what they say, we need to have respect for their position, responsibility, and authority.

The next time you hear someone speaking disrespectfully about someone in authority—whether it's the president or your teacher, try to come up with a way to [respectfully] remind them that God expects us to respect those in authority. We don't have to agree, but we do need to think before we speak and act.

Day 3

Day 4

Grab a flashlight and turn it on. Now turn off the light in the room and see how bright the light shines. Now cover up the light with a blanket. Does it shine brightly anymore?

If we are disrespectful or disobedient to those in authority over us, we are not a good example for those around us who know we love God. For those of us who love and follow God, disrespecting authority is a lot like taking a flashlight, turning it on, and then covering it with a blanket. The blanket gets in the way. Yes, we still love God so His light is inside us, but others can't see it because the disrespectful ways we are treating those in charge are covering up our light. This week, try to shine your light brightly by being respectful to everyone in charge.

Read 1 Peter 2:13

KNOW that respecting authority is a great way to shine God's light to others.

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