HOW DO YOU HONOR GOD?

DAY 5

Not everyone feels comfortable talking to others about God, but the truth is, the more we do it, the easier it will get. But what's also true is that there is more than one way to give God the credit. Talking about God is an important one, but we can also honor God by . . .

1) GIVING HIM THANKS FOR HIS GIFTS 2) NOT SEEKING PRAISE FOR THE TALENTS HE'S GIVEN US 3) USING OUR TALENTS TO SERVE OTHERS AND HONOR HIM

Today, focus on number three. What is one gift God has given you that you can use to honor Him? Brainstorm with a parent or friend. Then decide on a way you can use your talent to honor others and God by giving Him the credit.

The ways we can honor God are as numerous and different as we, His children, are. Figure out how He has uniquely gifted you, and then honor God by giving Him the credit!



HOW VALUABLE' THEY REALLY ARE

DAY 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!



DAY 2 **READ DANIEL 6:19-27**

Daniel followed after God and because of that, he had great success in everything he did that he captured the attention of the king, whom he served. In fact, the king was so impressed that he put Daniel ahead of everyone else who served the king too. This made some of the other leaders jealous, and they plotted to get Daniel killed by the king himself. After Daniel fell into their plot by continuing to worship God even though the king had created a law that said no one could worship anyone other than him, Daniel ended up in a den of lions.

RE-READ DANIEL 6:19-27 and notice all of the times that Daniel spoke highly of God or gave Him credit for something great. Then see what happens in verses 26 and 27: King Darius also starts honoring God! And notice one thing the king says over and over: He calls God "the living God." King Darius recognized that God doesn't just deserve the credit for things He's done in the past, but for the things He does every day, in the here and now.

THE SAME IS TRUE FOR US. We can honor God by giving Him credit—not just for the miracles we read about in the Bible, but for all the things He's doing in the world and in our lives every day.

DAY 4

Go back to Day 2 and notice something really important. When Daniel gave God the credit for what He was doing in his life, the king noticed, and then he too began to notice God at work in the world. The king started honoring God by giving Him credit too!

Honoring God is kind of contagious. When we spend time with people who regularly give God credit for what He is doing in their lives, we'll start to notice His hand in our lives too! And we can also inspire others to honor God by the way we continually acknowledge His presence and work in our lives.

Today, look for as many opportunities as you can to give God the credit.

DAY 3 Have you ever made a list of things you want for Christmas or your birthday? Sometimes our prayers to God can be a bit like a wish list, can't they? We may be asking for things for ourselves—like courage to do the right thing, or to do a good job on our math test-or for things for others—like healing from illness or for our mom to get a new job. And those are certainly not bad things to pray about!

But talking to God doesn't need to be just spouting off a list of needs or wants. The God of the universe wants a relationship with you, and that means conversations that go beyond just "please help me." One way you can talk to God is by telling Him all the ways you see Him at work in the world—or in your world.

Get a sheet of paper and make a gratitude list. Make two columns: one should be the ways you see God at work in your life specifically, and the other should be ways You see Him doing great things in the world.

Use those lists to start a prayer to God. Thank Him for the ways You see Him working in your own life, and also just praise Him and give Him credit for how you see Him at work in the world.

MANY TIMES THESE OPPORTUNITIES POP UP WHEN:

- o Someone gives you a compliment
- o You notice a beautiful sunrise or sunset
- o Your favorite song comes on, and it makes your heart happy

Also, look for friends who are doing the same thing—people who don't take credit for the good things in their lives, but instead, recognize they are gifts from God. When you find these friends, make it a habit to share with them the cool things God is doing in your life. You might be surprised how much you rub off on each other, and how people around you also might start honoring God by giving Him the credit!