



## THEME OF THE MONTH

# Respect

***Showing Honor, Regard or Consideration for Others  
(Respect vs. Dishonor)***

1. The condition of being esteemed or honored
2. Esteem for a sense of the worth of excellence of a person
3. Favor or partiality
4. To refrain from intruding upon or interfering with

### **Why is Respect Important?**

*“Each of you must show great respect for your mother and father...”*

**Leviticus 19:3 NLT**

*“A gracious woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth...”*

**Proverbs 11:16 NLT**

*“Scoundrels will not be respected...”*

**Isaiah 32:5 NLT**

*“Workers should show full respect for their overseers...”*

**I Timothy 6:1 NLT**

## How Do We Practice Respect?

1. We acknowledge respect is the foundation of every relationship.
2. We realize that respect is essential to teamwork and cooperation.
3. We must respect ourselves before we can truly respect others.
4. We understand that respect must be tangibly demonstrated.
5. We pay attention to avoid the “little things” that can dishonor others.



## MAT CHAT TALKING POINTS

1. How is respect the foundation of every relationship?
2. What does it mean to show respect to another individual? Give an example.
3. How can respect build teamwork and cooperation?
4. Why is important to respect other people, or their contribution to a group?
5. Why is respecting yourself an essential element to respecting others?
6. How can you help others see the importance of respecting themselves?
7. Why must respect be demonstrated through action?
8. What are some ways we can show respect to family, friends, or teachers?
9. What are some of the “little things” we do that can dishonor others?
10. How do we avoid these “little things”, and teach others to do the same?

### Talking Points:

Respect is Fundamental: Respect is the foundation upon which right relationships can be established. It starts with respect for God, His Word, and others. Relationships cannot grow and prosper without respect as the “glue” to hold individuals together.

Teamwork requires Respect: Having disdain or dislike for others limits what individuals can do in a group setting. When we treat others fairly, agree honestly, forgive quickly when offended, we demonstrate respect and can work together for a common goal.

Respect Starts With You: We must value our own worth (talents, gifts, and abilities), or we will not take care of ourselves, and lack the confidence to successfully interact with others. When we treat our body as the Temple where God’s spirit dwells, we build our own confidence, and this can inspire others in the process.

Respect is a Verb: A verb must “do” something...and so must respect. Respect must be demonstrated in a physical, tangible way. Our actions toward others will actually reveal our respect, or lack thereof, for another individual. Words are not enough, and the evidence of respect is