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# Introduction

Building Christian character in our children is an important task. Teachers and parents will find this book to be a valuable resource in accomplishing that goal. Children will discover that learning good values can be fun!

This book contains thirteen units, each unit focusing on a different value. Children will learn about honouring God, obeying rules, telling the truth and other values that help to build Christian character.

Each unit contains a teacher's resource page that supplies ideas for games, crafts, object

lessons and simple songs. Complete, simple instructions for each activity, as well as illustrations, make teaching easy. A Bible story is provided to teach each value lesson. Questions at the end of the story will provide an opportunity for the children to think about what the story means and how to apply it.

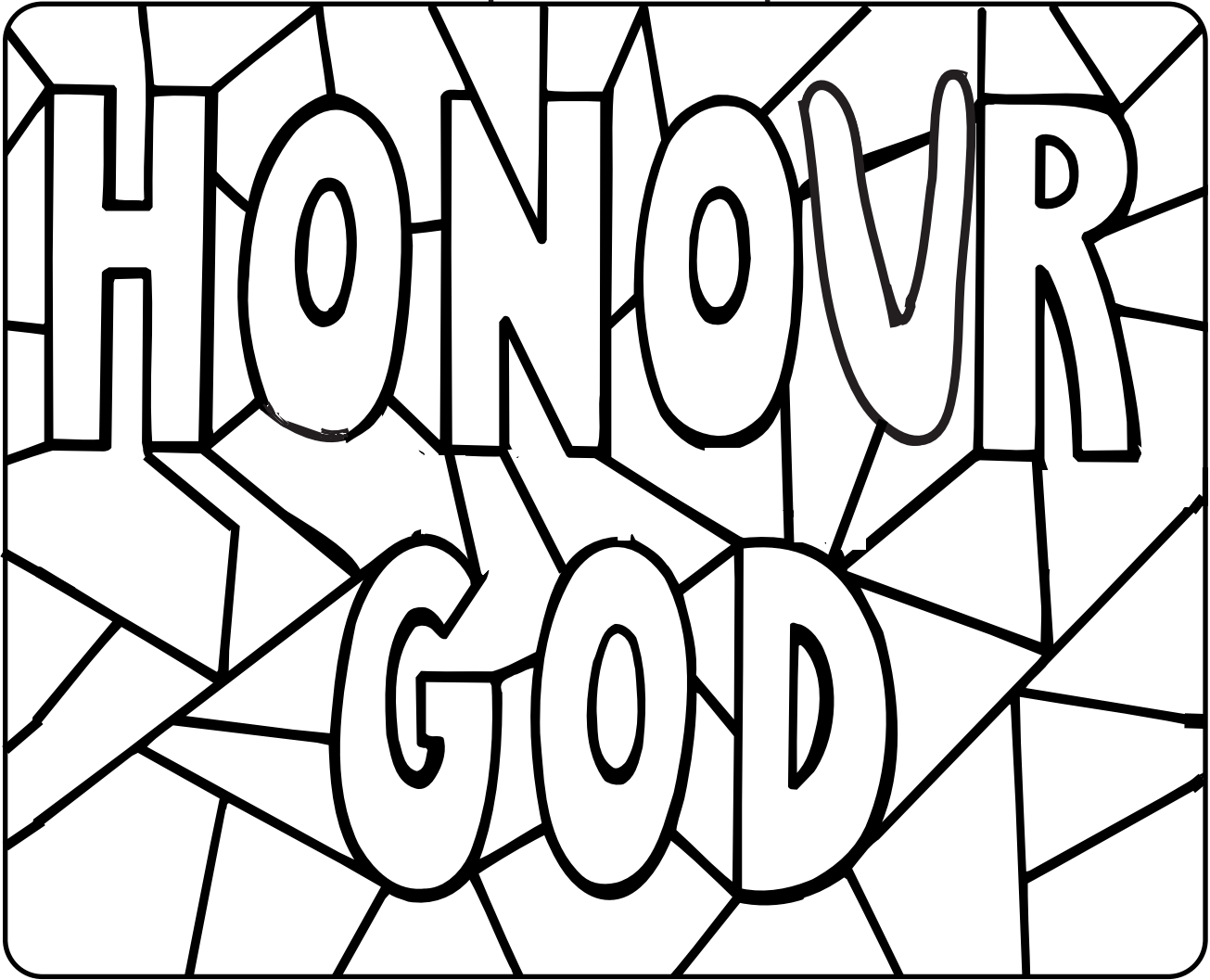
There are activity pages for the children that reinforce the lessons. Puzzles, mazes, word searches and other interesting activities will stimulate the children's imaginations. Also included are application stories about children who are learning to build Christian character. A contract page helps the children make a commitment to practice the good values that they have learned.

In addition, an answer key for the activity pages is provided at the end of the book.

Each week, encourage the children to think about what the world would be like if everyone had Christian values. Look for opportunities to model good values to the children as you are teaching. Be sure to praise the children for their efforts to build Christian character in their own lives!



## Unit 1



Use bright colours to colour the letters above. Try to make the picture look like a stained glass window.

To honour God means . . .

- to believe in Him
- to love Him
- to worship Him
- to admire Him
- to praise Him
- to value Him
- to think very highly of Him
- to behave reverently towards Him
- to use His name respectfully
- to obey His commands

# Activities for Honouring God

The activities below are a fun way to get children into the habit of praising and honouring God each day.



## Craft: Make a Collage

Provide magazines or old catalogues for the children. Have the children find pictures of things God has given them. Remind them that God takes care of all their needs. He also gives extra things that are just for fun. Tell the children to find and cut out pictures of some of these things, and glue them onto a large sheet of paper. Have them label their posters 'God Gives Great Gifts'. Read Matthew 7:9-11 to the children. Discuss the verses.

## Game: Keep it Going

Have the children sit in a circle with you. Tell them that they are going to honour God by thinking of some nice things to say about Him. Explain that they will be taking turns creating sentences honouring God. Tell the children that each child can only say one word. The person who starts the sentence will always say, 'God'. Then the next person adds a word to the sentence, and so on, until the sentence is finished. Then another sentence can be started. For example, child 1 says 'God'. Child 2 says, 'made'. Child 3 says 'the'. Child 4 says 'world', 'animals', or a different word. Explain to the children that they won't know what the sentence is going to be at first. They'll have to just keep adding to it until it is a complete sentence honouring God.

## Song

(tune: 'Jesus Loves Me')

I will honour God today.  
I will honour God this way;  
sing His praises all my days;  
use His name in reverent ways.

Yes, I will praise Him.  
Yes, I will praise Him.  
Yes, I will praise Him.  
I want to honour Him.



## Two Missionaries Honour God



In the New Testament, we can read about two men named Paul and Barnabas. They were missionaries. They travelled from town to town and country to country preaching the good news that Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross to save people from their sins. Sometimes they performed miracles with the power that God gave them.

One day, Paul and Barnabas went to a town called Lystra. They saw a man there who was crippled in his feet. He had been that way since he was born. He had never been able to walk. Paul looked at the man and called out, 'Stand on your feet!' And guess what happened – the man not only stood up, he jumped up! He could walk!

When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted, 'The gods have come down to us in human form!' The reason the people said that was because they believed in many false gods. They thought that Paul was a god named Hermes and that Barnabas was a god named Zeus. They brought bulls to the city gates to offer sacrifices to Paul and Barnabas and worshipped them.

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