

**Respect  
God  
above all else.**

**Chain of Command**

What's the chain of command at your house? Are you good at showing respect to those "above" you?



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Read Matthew 8:8-9 now.

A soldier understands what "chain of command" means: who's in charge of whom:



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When the centurion asked Jesus to heal his servant, he knew his chain of command was:

- ↓ Jesus / God
- ↓ Caesar Tiberius (other civil authorities)
- His commanding officers
- Centurion
- 100 soldiers

centurion = military officer in charge of 100 soldiers

**Attitude**

What do you think of God? What's your attitude toward Him? Think about that a moment, then

read Isaiah 40:21-25.

God made everything, has control over everything, and outranks everyone. No one knows more, is more powerful, or is better—in any way—than God. In other words, He's the Boss over everything and everyone because He's GOD. No one deserves respect more than God.

Thank God for being who He is.

Unscramble the letters to find out more about who God is:

The ROLD (Exodus 20:2)

GOD MIGHALTY (Genesis 17:1)

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**Words**

Words matter. Words are powerful. Our words not only show respect for others, they show respect for God. Think about and answer these questions:

- How often do you THINK about God?
- Do you TALK to Him regularly, like every day?
- What do you THANK and PRAISE Him for most?
- Have you ever TALKED with a friend about God?
- Do you SAY His name respectfully?

Pray Psalm 19:14 by reading it out loud.



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**Actions**

Read Psalm 111:10 first.

"Fear" is one of those strange Bible words that can have different meanings. It can mean "to be afraid of." It can also mean "to have respect for." When you know that fear can mean respect, you'll understand today's verse better: 1. We'll start becoming wise when we respect God. 2. One way to respect God is to obey His commands. 3. God deserves our praise and respect.

When we show respect for God (by obeying Him), we benefit in many ways. Get with a friend or family member to play this game.

Player 1: Ask Player 2 the following questions:

1. Telling the truth can help me avoid getting in \_\_\_\_\_. (trouble)
2. We can show respect for God with words or \_\_\_\_\_. (actions)
3. We need to show respect to God because He's in charge of \_\_\_\_\_. (everything)

Ask God to help you obey Him by showing respect in these ways.

- Player 2: Say the following words or phrases one at a time. Player 1 should say a negative consequence of each.
1. Back talk
  2. Cheating
  3. Gossip

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