



Dear Parent/Guardian:
Please do the activities checked with your child.

Respect for Authority

Ages 8-10

1. Purpose of Authority

Make a list of people who are in authority over you and what the purpose of their authority is.

Person	Purpose of His/Her Authority

2. What We Appreciate

Each of you describe 2 things you like about the people who are in authority over you.

3. Short Stories

Each of you write a short story (2 or 3 paragraphs) about what you would do if you were in a position of authority over others. Read your stories to each other.

4. Benefits of Authority

Together, make a list of why it is important to have people in authority over you.

5. Respecting Authority

Together, make a list of actions each of you can take to show respect for authority.

STORY WISDOM



Finding Life Lessons in Children's Stories

1. Discuss how different characters in a story responded to people in authority and what happened.
2. Each of you write a letter of advice to a character about how he could have shown more respect for authority.
3. Discuss 2 different characters in a story and how they each showed or didn't show respect for authority.

MEDIA WATCH



Understanding Media Messages

1. Discuss different characters' attitudes towards authority on a TV program.
2. Discuss the words of a current popular song your child enjoys and whether the song encourages respect for authority.
3. Discuss what happened when characters in a movie did not show respect for authority.

DINNER DISCUSSIONS



Discussion Ideas for Meals Together

1. Have family members discuss times when it was hard to show respect for authority.
2. Discuss positive things people can do when they don't agree with someone in authority.
3. Have family members share one way that it is hard for them to respect and trust people in authority.

QUOTE CORNER



Thoughtful Sayings to Display & Discuss

Respect for one's parents is the highest duty of civil life.

--Chinese Proverb

Football is like life--it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority.

--Vince Lombardi

He who has not learned to obey cannot be a good commander.

--Aristotle

Parent/Guardian Signature

YES! Our family has done, or will do this week, the activity/activities checked.

X

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student

Date