



# Flight Plan

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## Read Romans 13:1

## Day 1

Who's in charge at home? \_\_\_\_\_

Who's in charge on the bus? \_\_\_\_\_

Who's in charge at school? \_\_\_\_\_

Who's in charge at your after-school activity? \_\_\_\_\_

Now go back and answer the same questions, except this time, write the name of the person that God put in charge in each place.

Oh wait, it's the same person each time, isn't it? That's right! Write GOD in really big letters over the whole thing. God is the One who put all of those people in authority over you, which means when you respect those people, you're respecting God too!



## THANK

God for all of the authorities in your life, and ask Him to help you show all of them respect.

## Read Hebrews 13:17

## Day 2

Have you ever been in charge of something or someone who just wouldn't obey? Maybe your mom asked you to watch your little brother for a couple of minutes while she walked to the neighbor's house, and your brother wouldn't do anything you asked him to do. Or maybe you were taking your dog for a walk and she kept barking at all the other dogs in the neighborhood no matter how many times you asked her to be quiet.

How does it feel to be in charge of someone who won't listen and obey? \_\_\_\_\_

The next time you're tempted to disrespect and disobey someone in authority over you, imagine yourself as a barking dog who is ruining the walk for her owner and disrupting everyone in the neighborhood.

**ASK** God to help you obey those in charge over you.



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## Read Proverbs 25:6

Grab whoever's around—your mom and dad, brothers or sisters, friends—and play a quick game of musical chairs.

It's fun to steal someone's chair in a silly game like that, but can you imagine how weird it would be if you tried to sit in your teacher's chair or at the principal's desk at school? Or maybe your grandpa has a certain chair he always sits in—if you ran ahead of him to steal his seat, it'd be pretty disrespectful, wouldn't it?

Where someone sits isn't really all that important, but it's usually a sign of who's in charge. And if you've ever been around someone who wasn't in charge but acted like they were, you know how disrespectful it can be to the person who's really the authority.

**LOOK** for ways to show respect to those in charge.



## Day 3

## Day 4

## Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

If you have some toy cars, get one out and roll it on the table, pushing it hard and letting go. (If you don't have a car, you can do the same thing with a ball or anything else that rolls.) What happens? It falls off, right? Now make some guardrails, you can use anything like magazines, books, or even other toys, to make a path and a roadblock to close it off at the end of the table. Now push the car again. This time it stays on the table. All it took was something to guide the car and stop it if it got too close to the edge.

It's never all that fun to have someone correct you or tell you what you're doing is wrong, is it? But if that person is in charge, then their correction is usually meant to help you. In fact, God often uses those in authority over us to be a guide for us to teach us how to live and to keep us on the right track.

**KNOW** that respecting the correction of those in charge is the right thing to do.