



Flight Plan

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Read James 3:9-10

Day 1

Have you ever seen your mom cleaning something around the house with a toothbrush and you thought, "That'd better not be MY toothbrush!"? Well, it probably wasn't your toothbrush, but if it had been, it would be a lot like how it is when we say we love God, but we also say disrespectful things to each other. You would never want the same toothbrush your mom uses to clean the toilets to be the one you brush your teeth with, and neither should you speak disrespectful words from a mouth that also praises God!

Go brush your teeth now and while you brush, think about all the nice, respectful things you can say to those around you today!



THANK God for a fresh start today to speak respectfully to others!

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3

Day 2

Have you ever had the real version of something and you can't go back to the fake or lesser version? Maybe you always get the name brand of a certain cereal, and one time you got the store brand and it tasted gross. Or maybe you always buy a certain shoe because it's really comfortable, but once you tried to buy something that was really trendy and you discovered it was actually super uncomfortable.

Settling for less than the best just to fit in is never a good idea. Neither is trying to fit in with others by speaking badly about someone. It might feel good in the moment, but it certainly won't last.

Write out today's Bible verse on a piece of paper and tape it to your cereal box or refrigerator. Read it every day this week as a reminder to choose the best: respect.

ASK God to help you respect everyone around you with the words you choose.



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Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2

Have you ever noticed that when people get behind the steering wheel in their car, they can suddenly become unkind and rude to other people? Or how about on the Internet—if you've ever seen comments on a video or message board, you know how people can be incredibly mean and disrespectful to each other.

It's hard to imagine that all those people act the same way in "real life" and face to face with those they love. In the same way, we should treat everyone with the respect we would give a close family member or friend who is standing right in front of us.

Draw a picture of a person you find it hard to respect. On another piece of paper, draw a picture of a person you love very much and find it pretty easy to respect. Cut around that person's face and tape it on top of the first picture you drew, but only put tape on top of the face, so that you can flip it up and see underneath. Now, anytime you struggle with respecting that person, picture the face of the person you easily love and respect instead, and treat that person the same way.

LOOK at everyone as deserving of respect and love.



Day 3

Day 4

**Read
Colossians 3:12-14**

God loves us. God forgives us. God is merciful and kind to us. So when we act that way toward others, we are showing them what God is like. Not only that, we're showing God how much we respect Him by speaking in love to each other.

Ask your parents if you can create a "Respect Jar." For the next month, every time your mom, dad, or another adult sees you choosing respectful words or actions, they can put something in the jar: maybe it's a nickel, an M&M, or some other small reward. At the end of the month, you'll see how respectful you were, and you'll have a fun treat too!

KNOW that choosing respectful words always tastes better!