



Respect - content ideas for Christian collective worship

Definition: *We recognise the rights of others and our responsibilities towards them.*

Respect can be summarised in the words of Jesus: do to others as you would have them do to you. Respect has to do with recognising each other as fellow human beings made in the image of God with equal rights to ourselves. Respect does not mean that we always agree with the other person but that we are prepared to listen and share our views without rudeness or impatience. Respect needs to start with respect for ourselves and our own unique contribution to our homes, schools or communities. Respecting is also linked to the words honouring, esteeming, valuing and listening whole-heartedly.



Key Bible Character:

The Roman Centurion Luke 7:1-10

Many Jews hated the Romans at the time of Jesus as they had occupied their land. The centurion in this story is shown to be a respectful and kind man who looked after his Jewish servant, went out of his way for him, and built the Jews a synagogue. He also showed Jesus respect.

Questions - Who do you respect and why? What sort of behaviour earns respect? How will I earn the respect of others? What do I do to show I respect someone? When is it easy to show respect? When is it harder to show respect? What do you need to do to show respect? What is self-respect? Do you have to earn respect? And if so, how do you earn it?

Key Bible verse:

- Love one another warmly, and be eager to show respect for one another. - Romans 12:10
- Do to others what you would have them do to you. – Matthew 7:12

	Bible stories and verses linked to respect	Bible chapter and verse	Key message
1	Jesus and the Roman Centurion Lion Storyteller Bible – The centurion’s servant p.96	Matthew 8:5-13 Video - click here	The centurion must have really loved his servant to go out of his way to approach Jesus. His first word; ‘Lord’, shows how much respect the centurion had for Jesus and that he saw him as a great healer not just a teacher. He still showed respect to someone who was very different to him when he was used to telling others what to do. He could have spoken to Jesus very differently!

2	The 10 commandments	Exodus 20:1-17 Video - click here	We should have respect for rules. God gave people a set of rules to live by. These rules are called the Ten Commandments, and they were given to a man called Moses. Rules often keep us safe and help us live together in a way that works.
3	Elijah and the widow Lion Storyteller Bible – A Jar and a Jug p.60	1 Kings 17:7-16 Video - click here	The widow was a bit of an outsider and different from Elijah. At the end of the story she is no longer fearful and has learnt that, even if other people didn't have much respect for her, God loved her and had a plan for her. We should treat everyone we meet with respect.
4	The calling of Matthew	Matthew 9:9–13 Video - click here	Tax collectors were unpopular because they were dishonest. They often overcharged people and kept the extra money for themselves. Sometimes, we may feel unpopular or not included. But Jesus didn't consider anyone to be an outcast. He wanted everyone to feel wanted and loved. We all deserve to be treated with respect.
5	Jesus heals a man with leprosy or the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers Lion Storyteller Bible – The Man Who Came Back -p124	Matthew 8:1-4 video	Jesus interacted with people many wouldn't because he knew they were human beings made in God's image with value and importance.
6	God created Adam and Eve	Genesis 1:27	Christians believe everyone deserves respect because God has created all people in His image.
7	Jairus and the sick woman	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus interacted with two people who couldn't have been more different. Jairus was a wealthy leader whose daughter was dying. The sick woman was poor and alone. Despite coming from opposite sides of town, they were both in great need and had faith that Jesus was the only one who could help them. Jesus respected both of these people by taking the time to care for them.
8	The Good Samaritan Lion Storyteller Bible – The Kind Stranger p.104	Luke 10:25-37 video	We should treat others with respect– no matter who they are. Jesus wants us to show respect for people around us and treat them as we would like to be treated ourselves. I wonder about whom Jesus would choose to talk in this story, if he were telling it today using characters we might more readily recognise?