

Lesson 9 / August 2, 2009

# On My Honor

for use as

## STEP 1

### Lesson 9 Focus:

God blesses families  
who worship and honor  
Him.

### Lesson 9 Bible Basis:

God promises to bless  
David's family  
(1 Chronicles 17; 2  
Chronicles 7:1-10).







To help your tweens understand the concept of honoring God, they will discuss ways society honors well-known people.

When the “King of Pop,” Michael Jackson, died at age 50 on June 25, fans around the world mourned his death. Many considered him the greatest entertainer that ever lived. Our society places much emphasis on success and material wealth, so it’s no wonder his death caused fans to hold tributes in his honor.

Shortly after his death, BET (Black Entertainment Television) celebrated his life with a tribute during their annual awards show. While many feel the tributes are vital to keeping Jackson’s superstar status alive, others feel the frenzy is highly over-rated.

Facebook, Twitter, and other social networks are asking their users to vote in a poll asking if Michael Jackson should get his own national holiday. Reverend Al Sharpton and Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee propose a postage stamp in Jackson’s memory.

Discuss:

-  Does anyone know what the word *honor* means? (Answers may include respect, admiration, high regard.)
-  How do you feel about the tributes honoring Michael Jackson?
-  Do you think Michael Jackson should be given his own national holiday and a postage stamp in his honor? Why or why not?
-  Who are some people that you have honored?
-  In what ways have you honored them? (celebrations, parties, sending cards, giving gifts.)
-  Does anyone know what it means to worship someone or something? (Answers may include love, adore, respect.)

The words *honor* and *worship* have similar meanings, don’t they? The main

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—Revelation 4:11

difference is that we should not worship people or things, only God. Yet many people treat certain individuals, especially celebrities, with a worshipful attitude that should be reserved for our Lord.

Let's find out about a man who wanted to truly honor and worship the one true God.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your *Upper Elementary Teacher's Guide*; your Step 4 appears below.)

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For more information on Michael Jackson, see  
[<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,529343,00.html>],  
[<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/31552029>], and  
[<http://www.kltv.com/Global/story.asp?s=10662863>]

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## STEP 4

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God blesses families who worship and honor Him.

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**Supplies needed:**

- slips of paper
- envelope for each student
- pens or pencils

**E**arlier, we learned about some ways people want to honor Michael Jackson—a musical tribute, a national day in his honor, and a postage stamp to keep his memory alive. These are a few ways our society likes to honor people, though it's not very realistic for us in our everyday lives, is it?

Discuss:

- What are some ways we can honor or worship God every day?** (*Let your class brainstorm and write the suggestions on the chalk or whiteboard.*)
- Are there special ways your family worships or honors God?** (*Encourage your tweens to talk, and if you have something to share, feel free to do so.*)
- How do you feel after you've worshipped God?**
- What are some ways you can remember to honor God?** (*Pray, attend church and Sunday school, hang out with other Christians, read your Bible daily.*)

Pass out a pen or pencil, slip of paper, and an envelope to each tween. We learned in our Bible lesson today the importance of honoring and worshipping God. Using the list on the board or a suggestion of your own, choose at least three ways that you are willing to commit to this week as a way to honor God. Try to choose commitments that will be a bit of a challenge for you. Then write them down on your slip of paper. When you're finished, put your paper in the envelope, seal it, and write your name and address on the front.

In the next few days, I will mail the envelopes to you. When you receive it, open it, and see how many of the commitments you've remembered to do. If you've forgotten all about your list, you will still have plenty of time left during the week to fulfill your commitment.

Honoring God should become habit-forming for us, a natural part of our

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daily lives. Once it becomes a habit, it will be hard to break.

When the class has finished with the activity, gather the envelopes to mail later. Close with a prayer similar to the following: **Dear Lord, thank You for loving us and help us to remember to worship only You in our everyday lives. Teach us with Your love and guidance to honor You, so that we may grow in our faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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