

WEEK 1

HEBREWS 13:17

Honoring authority now brings more freedom later.

WEEK 2

1 SAMUEL 24:3-4

1 SAMUEL 24:12-15

When you honor authority, you honor God.

THINK ABOUT THIS

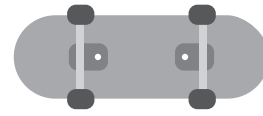
WEEK 1: Your middle schooler is probably feeling some tension with authority, and that's totally normal. They're growing older and wanting more responsibility, but aren't yet old enough to have all the freedoms they desire.

WEEK 2: Your kids are at an age where they're feeling particularly restricted by any rules and regulations placed on them. Be patient as they test their boundaries and resist authority.

REMEMBER THIS

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."

Hebrews 13:17 NIV



DO THIS



MORNING TIME

Reverse roles in your house by letting your kid be the boss for an afternoon. Let them make all the decisions during those few hours to get a sense of what it really feels like to have the weight of authority on their shoulders.



DRIVE TIME

We've all been in trouble for disobeying the authority figures in our lives. This week, share with your middle schooler a funny story from your own life about just that!



MEAL TIME

Sometimes your kids forget that even you as a parent have to answer to authority. Share with them about one authority figure you have in your life right now (a boss, a church leader, a coworker, etc.). Talk to them about how you work to respect and honor that person even when it's sometimes challenging.



BED TIME

As a family, review the four steps you can take when you disagree with authority (speak gently, argue respectfully, forgive gracefully, and follow thoughtfully). Pick one that you as a family will focus on doing this week.

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