

Hot Topics

LEADER authority figures GUIDE

Note to Leaders: This can be a tricky issue for teens. This could be an awesome opportunity for you to challenge your girls to make changes in their relationships with their parents, the way they treat their teachers, and even the way they view their government.

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Which authority figure(s) in your life do you find it most difficult to respect?

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What are some examples of authority figures?

Talk about the different attitudes and actions we're supposed to demonstrate. What do they each mean?

Read Romans 13:1,2

Why do you think God create a hierarchy of authority?

What makes an authority figure easy to respect and obey? What makes an authority figure hard to respect and obey?

What should you do if you don't like or respect your authority figure?

Think of some of the authority figures from the Bible. What was life like for the people he or she had authority over?

Read Colossians 3:20

What is your reaction to this verse? Is this hard for you or easy?

Talk about a time when your parents asked you to do something you didn't want to do, and you pleased the Lord by obeying them.

Read Ephesians 6:1-3

Why are we supposed to obey our parents?

What is the promise that comes if we obey our parents? What does that mean?

What are some ways you can better honor and obey your parents?

Read Matthew 28:18

Who is our ultimate authority? Why is this important to remember?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1,2

Why is it sometimes hard to pray or give thanks for our authority figures?

Talk about a time when you had a really hard time being okay with something that happened with an authority figure. How did you handle it?

Read Philippians 2:3,4

Think back to the life of Jesus. How did He act in His relationships with other people? How can we have a Christ-centered mindset when it comes to our authority figures?



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