

# Honor

**HONOR** means to hold someone or something in high regard. It is the utmost respect and admiration.

## LESSON 1

Read the definition of **HONOR** to students. Say: **Honor should be a familiar word because it is used often at home (such as: “honoring parents”), school (such as: “honor roll”), and in our country (such as: “honor the flag”).** Draw a sun on the board with several rays extending outward from the center. Write the word **HONOR** in the middle of the sun. Ask the class what comes to mind when they hear the word “*honor*.” Examples may include words such as: award, medal, parents, respect, admire, etc. Write student responses at the end of each ray, creating a concept map (graphic organizer). As time allows, ask students to describe what honor means to them.

***School/Home Link*** - Tell students to ask a family member what honor means to them.

## LESSON 2

Review the meaning of **HONOR**. Read: **What does it mean to “Honor your parents?”** (Respect, obey, help, etc.) **Discuss the qualities of children who honor and respect their parents.** Write student responses on the board and discuss their ideas. Tell students to give a “thumbs up” if the following scenarios show honor to parents or “thumbs down” if the action shows disrespect. Have students change negative examples into honorable behavior.

- When your mother tells you to turn off the TV and do your home work, you are sarcastic, talk back, and ignore her.
- Even though you don’t want to do what your parents ask, you answer with respectful words and actions.
- You promised your father you would be home at 5:00 to help with yard work, but you forget and stay at your friend’s house instead.

Emphasize to students that showing honor to parents shows respect to them.

***School/Home Link*** - Ask students to show honor to their parents with their words and actions.

## LESSON 3

Review the meaning of **HONOR**. Read: **The word honor is often used in regard to our nation. There are many ways we can show honor for our country.** Brainstorm ways students can show honor for their nation. Examples could include: supporting the American troops, proudly displaying the American flag, saluting an officer, serving in the Armed Forces, singing patriotic songs, etc. Explain that placing their hand over their heart when saying the Pledge of Allegiance shows honor for the United States. Ask students to stand, place their right hand over their heart and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Instruct them to think about the words and the placement of their hand when saying it.

***School/Home Link*** - Tell students to explain to a family member that saying the Pledge of Allegiance and placing one’s right hand over the heart demonstrates honor to our nation.

## LESSON 4

Review the meaning of **HONOR**. Tell students that veterans are people who have fought in a war defending our country and freedom. Explain that they were willing to fight and even die to protect us and keep our land free. Teach students that soldiers continue to fight and sometimes die for us. Discuss some of the sacrifices soldiers make while protecting our freedoms. (They are away from their families, they face danger every day, they see many sad things happen, etc.) It is important to respect and HONOR these brave people. As time allows, have students design a “Medal of Honor” for a veteran. Encourage students to send their “Medal of Honor,” to a veteran they may know or collect them as a class project to send to a local Veteran’s Organization.

***School/Home Link*** - Tell students to talk with a family member about any ancestors who are or were veterans.

## LESSON 5

Review the meaning of **HONOR**. Explain that there are many days throughout the year that pay tribute to certain people or events. Write the heading **Special Days** on the board. Ask students to think of special days that are set-aside during the year to honor or celebrate someone or something. (Examples could include Fourth of July, Washington’s Birthday, President’s Day, Thanksgiving, Mother’s Day, Grandparents Day, etc.) Record student responses under the heading and ask them to tell how honor is shown on the different holidays.

***School/Home Link*** - Tell students to ask a family member to name special days and holidays that show honor to someone or something and describe what happens on that day.