

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 include: 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 - Ask students to ask a family member what honor means to them.

LESSON 2

Review the definition of **HONOR**. Read: **What does it mean to “honor your parents?”** (Answers: 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 a “thumbs down” if the action shows disrespect. **When your mother tells you to turn off the TV and do your homework, you are sarcastic, talk back, and ignore her.** (thumbs down) **Even though you don’t want to do what your parents ask, you answer with respectful words and actions.** (thumbs up) **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.** (thumbs down)

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 definition 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 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.

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

LESSON 4

Review the definition 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. (Examples include: 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 or collect them as a class project to send to a veteran’s organization.

School/Home Link - Ask students to talk with a family member about veterans they may know.

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 include: Fourth of July, President’s Day, Mother’s Day, Grandparents’ Day, etc.) Record student responses under the heading and ask them to tell how honor is shown on these different holidays.

School/Home Link - Ask 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.