

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will understand the character trait of deference, be able to identify situations where deference is important, and know how to show deference in your daily life.

Materials and Prep

- Bible
- Paper and pencil

No specific preparations needed, just an open mind and willingness to learn!

Activities

- Read a Bible verse about deference and discuss its meaning.

Find a verse like Philippians 2:3 - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." Talk about what this means and why deference is important.

- Read a story from the Bible or a character-building story that demonstrates deference.

Share the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) and discuss how this shows deference and humility.

- Create a list of everyday situations where you can show deference to others.

Think about scenarios like letting someone go first in line, listening to others without interrupting, or helping someone in need without expecting anything in return.

Talking Points

- Deference means showing respect and consideration for others.
- When we show deference, we put the needs and feelings of others before our own.
- It's important to practice deference in our daily lives to build strong relationships and show love to others.
- One way to show deference is by being a good listener and allowing others to speak without interrupting.
- Another way to show deference is by helping someone in need without expecting anything in return.