

Your life has value because you are created in the image of God and so are your children. You have an important job of raising your child to respect the value of life. Teaching respect comes as your kids watch the way you live and how you treat other people.

## Every human being is worthy of respect and dignity

- *Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us." Genesis 1:26 (NLT)*
- *You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 (NLT)*

## We demonstrate our love for God by loving others

- *This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 1 John 3:11 (NLT)*
- *Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7 (NLT)*
- *No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. 1 John 4:12 (NLT)*

## Making the Commitment

Raising your child to respect other people begins with modeling respect yourself. Do you show respect to your child, partner, co-workers, and friends? Your children watch your actions – if you are honest and trustworthy they see that. Modeling respect includes complimenting your child and trusting them. Keep your promises to your child and pay attention to them when they speak. Love yourself and love others because it is the right thing to do. You can have confidence that everything that you read in the Bible is true. Commit to teaching your child the truth from God's Word (the Bible).

## Prayer

*Dear God, thank you that you loved me so much you created me in your image. Teach me how to love like you. Please help me to be a good role model for my children. Amen.*