

April 2017 | *Narwhal*

HONOR

A stylized illustration of a narwhal's head in profile, facing left. The narwhal is grey with a white underbelly and a white tusk. The tusk is a light brown color with darker brown stripes and passes through the center of the word 'HONOR'. The background is a dark blue gradient with a lighter blue wavy pattern at the top, suggesting water and sky.

Letting someone know that you see how valuable they really are.


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When you think of honor, you may think of an award. I mean, sure, everyone wants a trophy or a medal, but did you ever think that thanking your boss, hugging your mom, or obeying the rules are ways you can honor people in your life? So, parents...who is valuable to you? And how can you let them know?

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SAY IT:

Honor is letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- What things do you think are valuable?
- How can people be valuable?
- Who do you know that should be honored for something?

Ask a grown up:

- Share about a time when you gave someone a chance and were surprised by what you found.
- Who are some groups of people that might be overlooked?
- How can we honor those who don't get a lot of recognition?

SEE IT:

Medals of Honor are the highest awards that can be given to people serving in the military. This month is Veteran's Day, and even though we can't give everyone a Medal of Honor, we can still thank them for their service. As a family, decide to honor men and women who have served our country. Invite a veteran that you know over for dinner and ask them questions about their service and listen to their experiences.

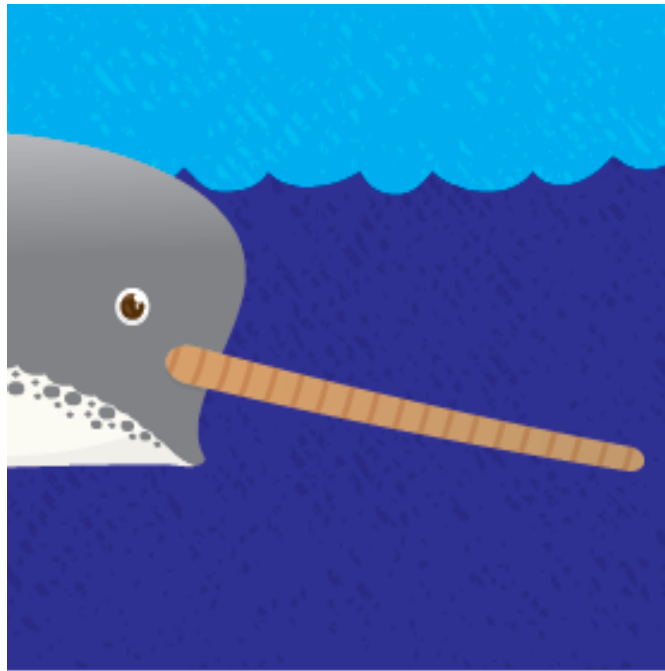
BE IT:

Gather your family for an awards night! Have everyone dress in his or her best clothes and plan a fun meal. Each family member will give awards to the other family members using objects you can find around your house or by making certificates with markers and construction paper. Be creative, have fun, and let your family know you see how valuable they really are!

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Announcements

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Day 1:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. This month we will learn about honor, discovering what we should do and then doing it. Our color this month is purple and our animal is the narwhal. Does it ever take courage to let someone know how valuable they really are? Think about how last month's Big Idea, courage, relates to honor.

Day 2:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Just as in the previous few months, we will continue to talk about important value words called Big Ideas. Each month, we will talk about a Big Idea, learn about it, look for it in others and then practice living it ourselves. Think about how you can live out honoring someone this month.

Day 3:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Our animal this month is the narwhal. A narwhal is in the same family as the beluga whale but is darker and has one long tusk from one jaw that extends out in front of the whale. This gives them the nickname "unicorn of the sea" This tusk can be up to eleven feet long. One in 500 males has two tusks. We give honor to the narwhal because of its unique appearance and its important role in the life of the sea.

Day 4:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Our color this month is purple. Purple is a composite color, being made up of red and blue. Purple is considered to be a royal color because in ancient times, the color purple used to dye fabrics was made from difficult to acquire mollusks, so it was very expensive. Only royalty (or very rich people) could afford purple cloth. They were the only ones who were honored enough to wear purple. Fortunately, that is not true today!

Day 5:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Can you think of ways to honor someone who you think deserves recognition? Throughout history people have designed celebrations to honor those who have done something noteworthy including banquets, parades and giving out awards such as medals or trophies. Ask your parents and friends if they know of some ways that people can feel honored and appreciated.

Day 6:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Think about the Big 3: treat others right, make smart decisions and maximizing your potential. How would honoring someone help you to treat others right?

Day 7:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. "Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny." Have you ever heard this quote? What does this quote have to do with honoring others?

Day 8:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. People who say purple is their favorite color are often very artistic and creative. They are dreamers and have a great imagination. Those same people may be considered very unique individuals who don't want to follow the crowd; instead they do their own thing. Some of our greatest artists, inventors and performers might have been fans of purple. How many of these types of people do you know who have been honored as a result of their creativity?

Day 9:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Our animal this month, the narwhal, has an extraordinary tusk. Millions of nerve endings in the tusk send information to the brain about the water. When one whale rubs tusks with another whale, they are communicating information about water conditions, almost like a weather forecast for underwater. Amazing! We honor the mysterious and ingenious narwhal this month.

Day 10:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Our calendars are full of days that are called Appreciation Day. There is Boss's Day, Secretary's Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, Bus Driver Appreciation; appreciation for Lunchroom Workers, Counselors, and the list goes on and on. Mother's Day is for honoring mothers; Father's Day is for fathers, then Grandparents' Day honors grandparents. But we are learning this month that honoring people doesn't happen just one day a year. We should honor those around us every day with our actions and our words.

Day 11:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. The contributions of great people are often honored when a building is named for them. Can you think of a building in your town like that? Who is someone in your life that you would like to honor? What building would you like to see named after this person and why?

Day 12:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Think again about the Big 3: treat others right, make smart decisions and maximize your potential. How would it be a smart decision to let someone know how valuable they really are?

Day 13:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. President Calvin Coolidge once said: "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." We tend to think of being honored and receiving an award, but that usually is because that person gave of their time, their talents or of their courage to help someone else out. Has anyone in your family been honored before? Have you? What would you like to be honored for?

Day 14:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Think about the Big 3: treat others right, make smart decisions and maximizing your potential. How would letting someone know how valuable they really are maximize your potential?

Day 15:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Winston Churchill was the prime minister of England during World War II. He once said, "All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope." His words, on many occasions, helped the British people find courage and strength while they were being bombed and invaded daily. He encouraged his fellow Brits to act in such a way as to bring honor to themselves and their families.

Day 16:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Writer H.L. Mencken once said, "Honor is simply the morality of superior men." What do you think that means? Morals are the rules that people live by, especially when no one else is around. Living honorably is how superior men (and women) should conduct themselves.

Day 17:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Purple is used by the American Cancer Society in their campaign each year to raise money for research by honoring survivors. Almost every one of us knows someone who has survived cancer. Think of someone you know who is alive today because of the work of this group. Purple t-shirts are worn by survivors at various events and purple ribbons on mailboxes, trees and doors show support for the continued work to find a cure for all types of cancer.

Day 18:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. Narwhals are on the list of animals that are "near threatened to be extinct." Humans are the main predators of narwhals, along with killer whales and polar bears. Governments in the areas where they live keep a close eye on narwhal numbers and only native people who use them as food are allowed to hunt them. Scientists catch narwhals and install satellite trackers so they can learn more and try to help them from disappearing altogether. How can we honor the narwhal with what we say and do to show they are valuable to the planet?

Day 19:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. The great philosopher Sophocles once said, "I would prefer even to fail with honor than win by cheating." Have you ever known anyone who cheated in order to get ahead? It is frustrating when we do the right thing and watch others try to take shortcuts. Those people may seem as though they are winning right now, but in the end, they will lose. When the time comes for them to have knowledge and character, they won't have it. Additionally, they have to live with the knowledge that they cheated.

Day 20:

The Big Idea this month is honor. Honor means letting someone know how valuable you think they are. This month we've learned about honoring others, about the color purple and about the narwhal. When you let others know how valuable they really are by what you say and do you are demonstrating the value of honor.



Big Idea Online

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[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=wmdQxUf_TKQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmdQxUf_TKQ)

Title: Honor Virtue Video v2

Length: 1:40

Grade Level: K-5



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Shout Out Loud

Chorus

This is my SHOUT (shout) OUT (out) LOUD for you (3x)

This is my, shout out

Shout, shout, shout out FOR you

Sometimes it's easier to think only about me

Sometimes I forget that is not the way it should be

You outta know the exceptional you

You outta know all the great things you do

You outta know all the beauty I see

You outta know, and you should hear it from me

I may sound a bit exaggerated

But who you are is never overrated

So I will say the things I've only contemplated

Sometimes I get caught up in my own things, yeah it's true

Sometimes I forget just how much you've helped me through

You outta know the exceptional you

You outta know all the great things you do

You outta know all the beauty I see

You outta know, and you should hear it from me

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Chorus

Put you on a trampoline and jump you high as you can be

Fly your name behind an aero-plane for everyone to see

Put a blinking arrow on the spot where you stand

Tell a thousand people in the room to rise and give you a hand

You deserve awards and trophies

Here's hoping that you know how awesome you are

Like a star (Shine bright)

Like a diamond

I'm just remindin' you

And everybody who is listening

Oh please don't miss this

Want you to hear this

I may sound a bit exaggerated

But who you are is never overrated

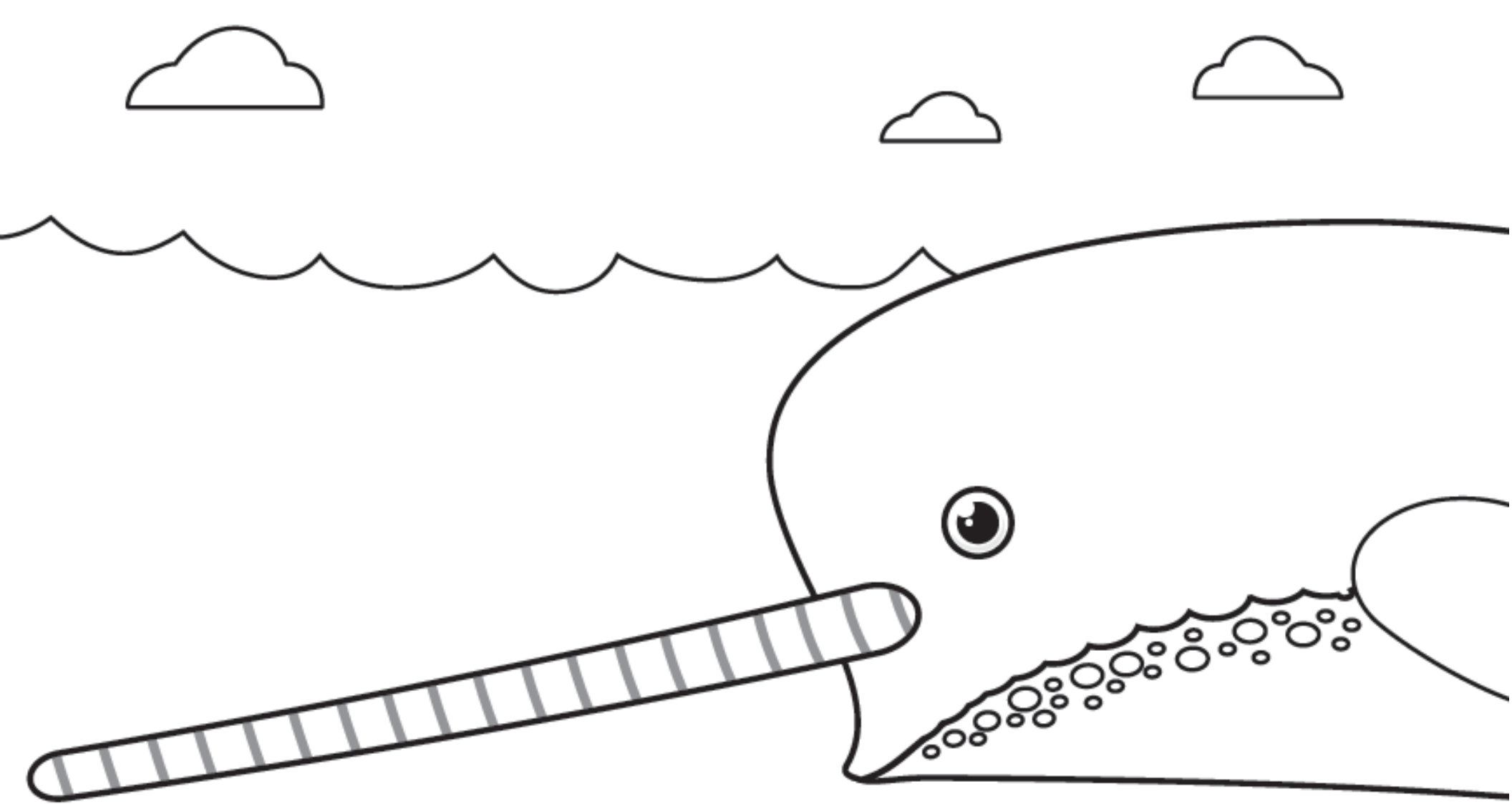
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Chorus (2x)

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