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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 4 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:
OBEDIENCE



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To explain to students the importance of obeying God's instructions.



Lesson Takeaway:

Obeying God's instructions is very important and shows that you love God.



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Bible References:

1 Samuel 15: 10 – 26;

Ephesians 6:5 – 8.



Explain the meaning of obedience.

Obedience is the act of doing what you are asked to do. When your mother asks you to tidy up your bed after you wake up in the morning, and you tidy it up, then, you have obeyed. If you did not tidy it up, then, you have disobeyed.

In this study, we will focus on obedience to God and those who are leading us like our parents, teachers, etc.



What does the bible say about obedience?

Let's look at some bible verses to learn more about obedience.

In John 14:15, we understand that if we love God, then, we will keep or obey His commandments. Keeping God's commandments becomes easy when we love God. Just like you will do everything to make your friend happy. You wouldn't do what you know that they don't like as that might break your friendship with that person. So, with God, disobeying His commandments is a sin and breaks our friendship with God.

When we need to decide whether to obey an instruction that is ungodly, we can remember what Peter and the disciples said, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). This does not mean we don't obey our leaders, but what it means is that if we have been given a sinful instruction, then, we cannot obey that.



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What does the bible say about obedience? (Contd.)

For example, if a teacher is asking you to tell lies, or smoke cigarettes and drink alcohol, then, you need to say no.

The commandments of God are not hard to obey, and they are for our own good if we obey them (1 John 5:3).

Obedience comes with a blessing. When we obey, we enjoy the blessings of God including long life, prosperity, success (Joshua 1:7 – 8; Exodus 19:5 – 6; Isaiah 1:19). There is also punishment for disobeying God's instructions (Jeremiah 11:1 – 3; 1 Samuel 12:15).

Obedience is more important than what we give to God like worship, praise, money, or our talents (Psalm 40:6 – 8; Proverbs 21:3; 1 Samuel 15:22).



How can we live a life of obedience today?

Sometimes, we disobey God's instructions because:

- i. We don't think they are relevant or important in our world today.
- ii. We don't understand the instructions, or it does not make sense to us.
- iii. We think we have a better way of solving our problems – we trust ourselves more than we trust God.
- iv. We can't tell the difference between God's instructions and the lies of the deceiver or the devil.

To live a life of obedience to God today:

- We need to trust that what God is asking us to do is the best for us. We need to trust that God has the perfect plan for us and is always thinking good about us (Jeremiah 29:11 – 13).



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How can we live a life of obedience today? (Contd.)

- We need to trust and accept the unfailing love of God for us (Jeremiah 31:3).
- We need to be familiar with the voice of God, know the voice of God by reading the bible always (John 10:27 – 28).

Obedying God is good for us. God can help us obey Him instead of disobeying Him – just ask Him to help you. Again, obeying God is easy when we love God. Do you love God?



Memorize:

John 14:15 – “If you love Me, keep My commandments”.



Questions:

- i. What are some of the benefits of obeying God’s instructions?
- ii. Why do we sometimes disobey God’s instructions?



Remember:

Obeying God’s instructions is very important and shows that you love God.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for giving me the bible where I can read and know about your instructions for me. Your instructions are for my benefit; please help me to obey and not disobey them. I ask this in Jesus’ name, amen!



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