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Topic: God rewards 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 that God rewards obedience.



Lesson Takeaway:

God rewards those who obey Him. When we obey God, it shows that we love God.



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Bible References:

Psalm 1:1 – 3;  
Jeremiah 35:1 – 19;  
Isaiah 1:19; 1 John 5:3.



What does it mean to be obedient?

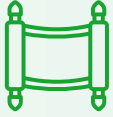
To be obedient is to diligently follow the commands or instructions that we have been given, especially by those who are above us like our parents and teachers, or those in authority like the government.

When we talk about obeying God, it means to diligently follow God's commands, laws, instructions and teachings.

Obedience to God involves knowing and listening to His instructions, then, acting according to what we know to be His will.

When we obey God, it shows that we love and trust God.





## How did God reward obedience in the Old Testament?

### 1. Abraham obeyed God

When God asked Abraham to give up his only son, Isaac, and offer him as a burnt offering, Abraham did not run away with Isaac. We don't know how he must have felt with this instruction, but the bible tells us that after he received the instruction, "Abraham rose early in the morning" and started his journey to where God asked him to go (Genesis 22:1 – 3).

Abraham did all that God asked him to and God was really pleased with him. First, God did not allow Isaac to die, He sent a ram to be sacrificed instead of Isaac. Secondly, God blessed Abraham by promising to make his descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the sand on the seashore (Genesis 22:15 -18). God fulfilled his promises to Abraham and made him great.

### 2. Rechabites obedience rewarded

In Jeremiah 35: 1 – 19, we read of a group of people called the Rechabites. God asked Jeremiah to test them to see if they would disobey the commandments that their father, Jonadab, gave them. They did not disobey. They told Jeremiah that they could not drink wine because their father told them never to drink wine. Even though their father was already dead, they continued to obey him. God blessed them and said, "Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me forever" (Jeremiah 35:19).

### 3. The walls fell flat

In Joshua 6: 15 – 20, the people of Israel marched round the city of Jericho, blew trumpets and shouted when Joshua asked them to. All these were direct instructions given by God for how they would conquer Jericho and take over the land. They obeyed God and God gave them victory over the city and people of Jericho.





## How did God reward obedience in the New Testament?

Let's look at some examples of obedience and the reward in the New Testament.

### 1. Joseph's flight to Egypt

In Matthew 2:13 – 15, an angel instructed Joseph to take young Jesus and Mary and run away to Egypt and stay there because King Herod was planning to kill Jesus. Joseph obeyed and the life of Jesus was kept safe.

When we obey godly instructions, we are kept safe from danger and harm.

### 2. Peter caught lots of fish

In Luke 5:1 – 11, Jesus asked Peter for his boat so he could sit in it and teach the people who came to listen to Him. By this time, Peter had worked all night long trying to catch fish but caught nothing. He was preparing to go home, but he allowed Jesus to use his boat.

After Jesus finished speaking to the people, He asked Peter to put his nets back into the sea. Peter obeyed and he caught so many fish that his nets were tearing apart. Later, Peter became a follower and disciple of Jesus.

### 3. Man born blind receives his sight

In John 9:1 – 11, Jesus saw a man that was born blind. He had never seen with his eyes. Jesus put clay on the eyes of the man and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam".

The man obeyed and went to the pool and his eyes were opened!

Obedience makes way for a blessing to follow.





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## How has God been rewarding obedience today?

Prophet Samuel said to King Saul, “to obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22) when King Saul chose to disobey what God asked him to do and offer sacrifices instead.

Indeed, it is better to do what God asks us to do. As we saw throughout the Old and New Testament, God blessed the obedient people.

Today, God still rewards the obedient. When we obey God, He fills us with His peace and joy. Like young Jesus in Egypt, obedience keeps us safe from the plans of the enemy.

When we obey God's instructions, we are given a taste of God's goodness. God can give us more opportunities that will make us grow as we continue to obey Him.



## How should you respond to God as the One who rewards obedience?

God rewards obedience. If you find it difficult obeying the commandments of God, ask Him to give you the grace to obey Him. He will give you His grace if you ask Him.

As there is reward for obedience, there is also a consequence for disobedience. But it is better to obey than to disobey.

Ask God to fill your heart with His love. You will be happy to obey God when you love Him sincerely.



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**Memorize:**

Isaiah 1:19 – If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.



**Questions:**

1. Mention some examples of how God rewarded obedience in the bible.
2. How can we show that we obey God today?



**Remember:**

God rewards those who obey Him. When we obey God, it shows that we love God.



**Let us pray:** Dear God, thank You very much for loving me. Your commandments for me are not hard. I know you reward obedience. Please help me to obey you Lord in all that I do. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.



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