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Topic: Uzzah – Showing respect for God.



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 the importance of respecting God and obeying His commands.



Lesson Takeaway:

God wants us to obey His commands and respect Him.



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Bible References:

2 Samuel 6:1–7



Who was Uzzah?

In the book of 2 Samuel 6, King David was transporting the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. Uzzah was one of the men assigned the important task of moving the Ark.



What did Uzzah do?

In 2 Samuel 6:1-7, King David and all the people of Israel were celebrating as they transported the Ark of the Covenant on a new cart. They were moving the Ark to Jerusalem. As they danced, walked and moved the Ark, something happened.

The bible says, “And when they came to Nachon’s threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God” (2 Samuel 6:6-7).

From the bible verses above, we understand that:

- Uzzah was one of the men responsible for transporting the Ark. This shows that he was a responsible person with an important and sacred task.
- When the oxen stumbled, Uzzah reached out to stabilize the Ark and keep it from falling. While this looks like a good thing to do, it was against God’s command that no one should touch the Holy Ark (Numbers 4:15).





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What did Uzzah do? (Contd.)

- Despite Uzzah's good intentions to keep the Ark from falling, the act of touching the Ark resulted in immediate death. God is serious when He gives a command, and it is important that we obey it.



What can we learn from Uzzah?

Uzzah's story teaches us important lessons about obedience, the consequences of our actions and honoring and respecting God.

- The Ark of the Covenant represented God's holy presence, and handling it required reverence and respect. God is holy and should be treated with reverence (Hebrews 12:28–29). We are not to treat holy things carelessly without respect (Leviticus 10:3). Uzzah's story teaches that it is important to treat God and holy things with respect and reverence.
- God's instructions about the Ark were clear: it was not to be touched (see Numbers 4:15). Uzzah had good intentions to prevent the Ark from falling; however, his good intentions meant he disobeyed God's instructions concerning the Ark. His disobedience led to severe consequences. This teaches us the importance of following God's commands exactly as God had instructed (Deuteronomy 12:32).
- Sometimes, as humans, we might have a very good reason for doing something the way we have done them. By the standards of man, our actions may be justified. However, we need to remember that God's ways are different from the ways of humans. When God gives instructions, they have specific purposes. We may not fully understand why God wants us to do something; but we can trust that His ways are perfect, and His instructions are good. He is a faithful and good God.





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What can we learn from Uzzah? (contd.)

- When Uzzah disobeyed God's instructions concerning the Ark, the consequence was instant and severe – he dropped dead. This event should remind us about the seriousness of disobedience or any sin against God. Sin comes with consequences (Romans 6:23; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Romans 1:18). Be encouraged to live in obedience to the instructions of God.



Memorize:

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding (Proverbs 9:10).



Scenario Review:

Imagine that after the church service on Sunday, you stumbled on a group of children who were throwing rubbish around the church hall, making a mess and laughing at the mess they made. Your friend, Hayley, sees you and invites you to join them in making a mess. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



Remember: God wants us to obey His commands and respect Him.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You because You are the Holy God. I exalt and praise You. Please help me to respect, honour and obey Your commands. Teach me to trust in Your ways and to act with the respect and honor that You deserve. Help me to always seek to follow Your will. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!

