

# OBEYING GOD

Listening to God and doing what He wants us to do is very important. If we don't listen to God, He may put things in our way that will make us realise that we need to obey God all the time.



Bible Verse: Luke 11:28 New International Version (NIV)  
He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."



Dear God, we thank You for who You are. Thank You for all our blessings. You are always there when we need You. You always know what we need and when we need it. You are so perfect Lord. Thank You for giving us the Bible so that we can read and learn more everyday how to be like Your Son Jesus Christ. Please open our ears and eyes to the lesson we are going to learn today. We may do what You want us to do all the time. Amen



Song 1:

This little light of mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)  
Let it shine (x3)



Hide it under a bushel, NO!  
I'm gonna let it shine...  
All around the neighbourhood  
I'm gonna let it shine...  
Don't let Satan pfft- it out!  
I'm gonna let it shine...



Let it shine (x3)

Song 2:

Jesus loves the little children

Jesus loves the little children  
All the children of the world  
Red and yellow black and white  
They are precious in His sight



Jesus loves the little children of the world



(Repeat)

# It's story TIME

God wants us to do as He says. He always knows best but sometimes we do what we want to do. But God always shows us that no matter what we want to do, he will always get us back on the right track. Let's read a story about a man named Jonah, who God told to do something and He chose not to listen to God. Let's find out what happened to Jonah when we did not listen to God.

## Jonah and the Big Fish. (Jonah 1 - 4)

God wanted a man named Jonah to go to a place called Nineveh, which was far away. God wanted Jonah to there to tell the people that they need to stop their evil ways and turn to God. But Jonah did not want to go. So he disobeyed God instead and got onto a boat that was going in the opposite direction to where he was supposed to go.

But God sent a big storm and the boat was about to sink. Jonah knew that this was happening because of him and not listening to God and trying to escape. He told the men on the ship to throw him into the sea. They did that and immediately the storm stopped.



Jonah kept falling deeper and deeper into the water. He was sure he was going to die. God didn't forget about him and sent a big fish (a whale) that swallowed him up. Inside the fish, Jonah could breathe again and was safe. For three days and nights, Jonah sat inside the belly of the fish. He had lots of time to think about the mistakes and was feeling very sorry for himself. He prayed to God, thanking him and saying that he was so sorry for not listening to him.



After three days, God commanded the fish to spit Jonah up, unharmed onto dry land. Jonah was saved by God. When God asked him to back to Nineveh, Jonah was ready to do his will. Jonah promised from that on, he always listen to God and do what he wants him to do.

Reflection: Sometimes we learn lessons the hard way because we don't always do things God's way. God gave Jonah a job to do, and he ran away. He had to learn the hard way. God wants us to know that He loves everyone (after all He made us). He doesn't like to destroy people who are doing bad things. God would rather see us turn from our bad ways and do good again. God always wants us to be the best that we can be. Sometimes we want to do things on our own, without God. He has to remind us that he is in control. Often times, it feels like punishment, but God always comes through for us and makes everything ok again.



Craft

You will need – 2 paper plates  
- blue paint

- a permanent marker
- Scissors
- the picture of Jonah to paste on the paper plate (you can print this one or draw your own)



**The finished product**

