

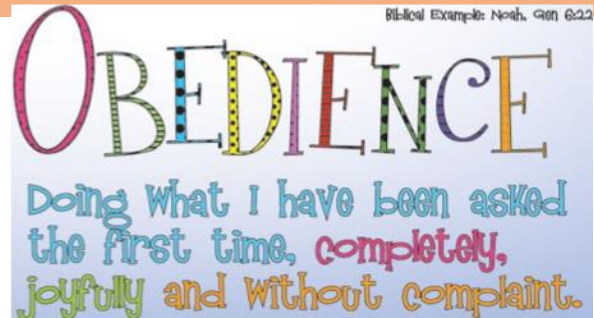
Obedience

a relationship of willing and loving submission to God!



Memory Verse: Luke 11: 28

He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."



Something to remember:

The Lord is always talking and
He is always guiding you, we
need to be aware of His voice
and obey Him fully

o·be·di·ence [oh-bee-dee-uhns] is a noun

1. the act or practice of obeying; dutiful or submissive compliance
2. the rule or authority that exacts such conformance.

3. the act of carrying out commands



Pray

Obey

LORD. help me to obey.
With a good attitude.
right away. all the way.
every day.

with a happy heart!

God asked Noah to do a big job. He asked him to build a boat when there wasn't even a lake or an ocean around. God told Noah that He was going to flood the whole earth with water. The boat that God asked him to build was to be huge! It was to be large enough to hold Noah and his family and also some of each kind of animal that lived on the earth. It may have seemed like a strange request from God, but Noah obeyed. Sometimes we (your parents) ask you to do things you don't understand, such as "Don't touch that," or "Don't play over there," and you wonder why you have to obey. Even though the requests seem strange, it is still very important for you to obey your parents' instructions. Disobeying can be the difference between life and death.

(We want our children to learn to obey. If they can't obey us, how will they have the discipline to obey God? We have wanted first time obedience. A lesson I try to teach my school learners is, "We obey right away, all the way and with a happy heart.")

A nice way to teach or to encourage obedience is through:

Obedience "I Will" Statements

1. I will follow directions right away.
2. I will follow directions completely.
3. I will have a happy heart while doing what I am asked.
4. I will learn what God asks of me.

Thought for today: Do you have a hard time obeying your parents, a teacher? What about forgiving your brother or sister when they do something wrong toward you, have you forgiven them?

Jesus says in John 14:21a, "Those who obey my commandments are the ones who love me..." (NLT)

A big part of doing what is right is learning to be obedience and the best time to start being a more obedient person is right now!

A wise man says this about being obeying our Saviour. "Obedience is the outward expression of your love for God." Are you willing to obey Him and show your love for God by keeping His commandments? Obedience is the very best way!

Do not willingly put yourself in situations where you might be easily tempted to disobey God.



Story Time:

NOAH'S ARK

Lesson Focus: Trust, Obedience, God's Promise

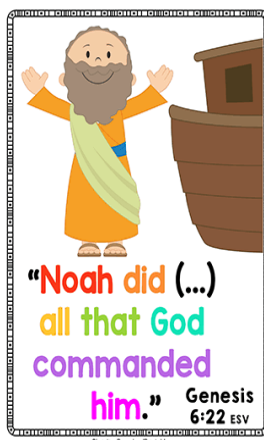
Let's read Genesis 6 verses 9-14

"Noah was a godly man. He was without blame among the people of his time. He walked with God. Noah had three sons. Their names were Shem, Ham and Japheth. The earth was very sinful in God's eyes. It was full of mean and harmful acts. God saw how sinful the earth had become. All of the people on earth were leading very sinful lives. So God said to Noah, 'I am going to put an end to all people. They have filled the earth with their harmful acts. So make yourself an ark from cypress wood. Make rooms in it. Cover it with tar inside and out.'"



The ark that Noah built was not your average-sized boat. It was one and a half times the

length of a football field, and four stories high. It was as large as some of the ships that sail the oceans today. It was built exactly the way God told Noah to build it.



But greater than the ark (or boat) was Noah's obedience to God. Think of what it must have been like for Noah and his family. They were building a huge boat in an area that was not near a lake or the ocean.

It was too large for anyone to move it to a lake or the ocean. The bible does not say this, but if there were other people in Noah's

neighborhood, they were probably wondering why Noah was building an ark.

Did Noah care what people thought? I'm sure he probably felt just like you or I would if

people were laughing at us and trying to make us feel foolish He must have had many days when he asked God if it was really necessary for him to build this boat.

Questions for Family Discussion?

1. Do you think it was easy for Noah to obey?
2. What do you think the people who were watching Noah build the ark said?
3. What would have happened if Noah hadn't obeyed God?
4. How did God reward Noah's obedience?
5. What are some things that your parents ask you to do that seem strange?
(You may wish to use some of the examples below. Use the accompanying questions to prompt further discussion.)

Parent: "Always get off your bike to cross the road."

Parent: "What could happen if a car didn't have time to stop?"

Parent: "Don't touch the candle, please."

Child: "The flickering flame looks so interesting. I want to touch it."



Worship:

Best Friends

Hillsong Young & Free

I don't want to be on my phone but I
can't be alone
Welcome to the modern way
Trying to be somebody I'm not but it's
not what I want
Tell me there's another way

All of the lights
I chased are now faded
All the cheap thrills
Were only time wasted
Tell me why society's plan should define
who I am
Surely there's a higher way

All of my best friends
Are sick of pretending
We want the truth (we want it, we want
it)
So much is missing
So give us the real thing
I know it's You
(Na-na, na-na, na)

I don't want a stereotype
To decide who I am
It never knew me anyway
I'm over trying to find the next hype
'Cause the high never lasts
I'ma go another way

All of the lights
I chased are now faded
Dylan was right
The times they are changing
Tell me why society's plan should define
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(Na-na, na-na, na)
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Activity

