

# Obedience

This lesson is about obedience.  
When you have a relationship of willingness and loving submission to God, out of obedience to God, you will obey your parents, teachers, pastors etc. It will come naturally.



**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, thank You for another day, Thank You for Your guidance, Your mercy and Your love. Heavenly Father today we come to You and ask that You will open up our ears and our hearts to Your Word, help us understand. Lord we ask that You help us be obedient to You and to those around us. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.



## *Worship:* Fix my eyes- For king and Country

<p>Hit rewind Click delete Stand face to face with the younger me</p> <p>All of the mistakes All of her heartbreak Here's what I'd do differently</p> <p>I'd love like I'm not scared Give when it's not fair Live life for another Take time for a brother Fight for the weak ones Speak out for freedom Find faith in the battle Stand tall but above it all</p> <p>Fix my eyes on you, on you I learned the lines and talked the talk (Everybody knows that, everybody knows that) But the road less travelled is hard to walk (Everybody knows that, everybody knows) It takes a soldier Who knows his orders To walk the walk I'm supposed to walk</p>	<p>And love like I'm not scared Give when it's not fair Live life for another Take time for a brother Fight for the weak ones Speak out for freedom Find faith in the battle Stand tall but above it all</p> <p>Fix my eyes on you, on you The things of Earth are dimming In the light of Your glory and grace I'll set my sights upon Heaven I'm fixing my eyes on you, on you</p> <p>Love like I'm not scared Give when it's not fair Live life for another Take time for a brother Fight for the weak ones Speak out for freedom Find faith in the battle Stand tall but above it all</p> <p>Fix my eyes on you, on you</p>
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## Story time- Noah's Ark

During Noah's lifetime, people were acting very wickedly. This made God unhappy. It made Him sad because people seemed to be thinking more about themselves than about God. Noah, however, was a good man. He loved and obeyed God. And God loved Noah very much. God actually loved all the people as much as He loved Noah - but at the time, only Noah was listening to God.

God told Noah to build an ark - a big boat. So Noah followed God's plan and built a boat that was one-and-a-half soccer fields long. That's a huge boat! Noah's neighbours laughed at him because there wasn't any water in the desert where they lived. But God told Noah that a great flood was coming. Noah tried to warn the people to change their ways so that they could hear God too. But they wouldn't listen. They just kept on with their selfish lives.

God asked Noah to collect two of all the creatures of the earth and bring them into the ark. He also told the animals to find Noah - so it wasn't hard for Noah to gather them together. Pairs of each kind of animal were put safely inside the ark before it began to rain. Noah's wife, and his three sons, and their wives were also safe on the boat. When everyone was aboard, God shut the door.

Noah and his family and the animals lived in the ark for seven days before the first rain drops fell. Then it rained for forty days and forty nights. Soon the earth was covered with water. After it stopped raining, the water continued to rise for 150 days. The ark landed in the mountain range of Ararat during the seventh month of the flood. God sent a big wind and the waters began to evaporate. Noah and the floating zoo had to stay in the ark for several more months while the earth slowly dried out.

Finally, Noah sent a raven out of the ark's window to look for land. The raven never returned. Noah waited another week for the water level to go down and then sent a dove to do the same thing. The dove couldn't find a place to rest, so it returned to the ark. Another week passed, and then Noah sent the dove out again. This time it came back with an olive branch. Noah now knew that the water was low enough for a tree branch to show! When Noah sent off the dove a week later, it didn't return. The dove had found a place to live - on dry land.

Altogether, Noah and his family and the animals lived on the ark for 1 year, 1 month, and 27 days!

It was now time for all the creatures and Noah's family to move off the ark. Noah and his family and the animals needed to start life over again. After everyone left the ark, Noah prayed to God to thank Him for keeping them safe. Suddenly a bright rainbow filled the sky. This was God's promise that He would never flood the earth again.



Noah was a good man who was obedient to God. Even though people laughed at him and thought he was crazy, he knew that God was a good God and that, no matter what, he had to listen to God and stay obedient.

When you are faced with the choice to stay obedient or do whatever you want to do, just remember that you should stay obedient and the motive for that is because you want to honour God.

When you are obedient, not only to God but to all who are in authority over you (Mom, dad, Pastors, leaders, teachers etc), you will automatically receive favour from the Lord.

### How are you obedient??

The word "obey" comes from the words "to listen" ...

- Pay attention to what they have to say: When you are given an instruction, pay attention to the person giving it to you. There is a reason they are asking you to do something so listen to what they are saying.

The Lord often will ask you or instruct you to do things too. You need to pay attention to what He is saying and what He wants from you.



**For example:** You drive past the same homeless person everyday on your way to school. Each time you pass the person you feel something inside saying to you that you can help that person. You are prompted to take them a loaf of bread maybe. That could be the Lord asking you to do something.

- Be respectful: Sometimes being obedient is really hard. Especially if you have been asked or instructed to do something you don't really want to do. Like cleaning your room. Always remember who has given you the instruction and that the Lord alone put them in authority. Always be polite and considerate.

*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God..*[\(Romans 13:1\)](#)

- Practice self-control: We know that self-control is a fruit of the Spirit. Having self-control needs to be practiced daily for you to perfect it. When you have self-control you know that obedience not only brings rewards and favour from the Lord but you also know how to do the given task to the best of your ability. [\(2 Timothy 1:7\)](#) You have already been given self-control!!

### Questions:

- How are you obedient?
- Why should we choose to be obedient?
- Where you obedient this week? If yes how were you obedient? If no, how can you change that?

## Activation Time:

What you need:

1. Vase or empty jar
2. 2 signs ( 1 = Good choice and 1 = Bad choice)
3. An arrow
4. Water

Put the 2 signs on either side of the jar, and the arrow behind the jar facing bad choice. The jar represents you. Fill the jar up with water which represents the Holy Spirit. You will see when you look through the front of the jar that by being filled with the Holy Spirit and obeying Him, He will automatically turn bad choices you would normally make into making good choices.



# Activity Time



“Noah did (...)  
all that God  
commanded  
him.”

**Genesis**  
**6:22** ESV