

LESSON 1
“OBEDIENCE”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Genesis 6:6-22; 8:8-12
(KBC Study Bible, pages 8-11)

CHARACTER WORD

Obedience – doing what I am
told to do with a happy,
submissive spirit

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can obey God even in the face
of challenging situations.

MEMORY LINK

Genesis 6:22

“Thus Noah did; according to all
that God commanded him,
so he did.”

(KBC Study Bible, page 9)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED
THIS WEEK**

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang
10 pages, index cards, pens,
highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Fly swatter,
index cards

Option 2: Index cards

BIBLE CONNECTION

Bandana or strips of fabric

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10
pages, index cards,
pens, highlighters

**MAKE-IT-STICK
REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Bandana or
strips of fabric

Option 2: Fly swatters,
index cards

Noah Obeys God

WHAT’S THE POINT?

Noah’s story is about a man who was told of coming rain and was told to build an ark to save his family and animals. He works to complete this task for many years, then faithfully stays in the ark until all the water has safely receded and the land is ready for humans again. Imagine the faith and obedience it took to complete his God-given task.

We desire to help students understand that sometimes it takes a lot of effort to fully obey. Sometimes they want to only obey some things, but not all. Even though it’s not always easy to obey their parents or those in authority over them, they need to know it’s the right thing to do and they should always strive to obey what they are asked to do. They obey God when they obey others.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today’s lesson.

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- Our character word is obedience. What does that mean to you?
- Is it always easy to obey?
- Today we will hear about a man who didn’t give up. He obeyed all the instructions God gave him. What makes kids want to give up? What makes kids want to obey?
- What are ways you can show obedience at home and at school?



Guide students to locate and mark today’s Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing students’ hearts toward God

Remember, songs are tools and vehicles for worship. These song suggestions focus on God’s promises and our commitment to obey and serve Him because of His great love for us: “Oceans” by Hillsong United, “Your Promises” by Elevation Worship or “I Give You My Heart” by Hillsong.



BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story.

Bandana or strips of fabric

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Set the Stage

Invite two groups of two students to demonstrate the three-legged race. (Two sets or more of your oldest boys are suggested.) After the race, interview the participants and encourage them to reflect upon what helped them complete the task. Emphasize with the students that they had to match their steps with each other and they had to work together. Thank the helpers and send them back to the group.

Tell the Story

The Bible tells us of a man who walked with God. Turn to page 8 and read Genesis 6:9 from the KBC Study Bible. Think about the three-legged race you just saw. Walking with God means Noah had to listen to God and follow, or obey, his commands. Unfortunately, Noah was the only man on earth who listened and obeyed God. The world became so evil that the Bible said God was sorry He ever made man. But God remembered Noah. What did the Bible say about Noah? He was a just man, perfect, walked with God.

Read Genesis 6:13 aloud. Wow. God told Noah He was going to destroy the whole earth. So, in the following verses we read how God told Noah to build an ark, a very large boat. God told Noah what to make, how big to make it, what materials to use, and what to put in the ark. And the Bible said Noah did everything just as God commanded. Noah obeyed God.

How many of you have seen a picture of Noah's ark? Well, get this... Noah also had never seen an ark. He had never seen a flood. He had never even seen rain! But God instructed him to build an ark for the flood that was coming! Now remember, this was a long time ago – before machines and equipment that are used to build a ship or a boat today. So, Noah and his family had to build this boat by hand... and guess what? It took them about 120 years to complete it! How hard do you think it was for Noah to keep going to build the ark? Was he obeying God? What do you think Noah's neighbors were saying? They were probably laughing at him, wondering what he was building and why it was taking so long! Noah lived among people who didn't believe in God, but it didn't stop him. He kept on working until he finished the ark.

As You Prepare

Read Genesis chapters 6-8 for the complete story of Noah to help you prepare for this week's lesson. Think about some times in your own life when you were faithful and obedient to God. Did you follow just part of His teachings or all of them? How were your circumstances like Noah's? Pray that God will open the hearts of your students to obey God completely this week.

Teaching Tip

As you prepare to teach, always begin your study time in prayer. Listen to God speak to you through your study. Ask Him to guide you to present His word to students accurately and age appropriately. For more helpful tips on "Presenting God's Truth" see pages 18-21 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club® Essentials.

When the ark was finished, Noah continued to obey God. He filled the ark with food and loaded the animals and his family into the ark, just as God told him to do. Then our Bible tells us God closed the door. Did you catch that? God was the one that closed the door to the ark. Then it began to rain. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights and the water covered the earth for 150 days.

Then, the rained stopped but Noah waited for God to tell him what to do. Soon, God told Noah it was time to leave the ark. So, Noah and his family and all of the animals left. After he left the ark, the first thing Noah did was build an altar, a place to worship God. Noah and his family were saved from the flood because Noah listened and obeyed everything God told him to do.

God made a covenant, or a promise, to Noah. He placed a rainbow in the sky as a sign. His promise between Himself and every living creature on earth was that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood. So, remember that the next time you see a rainbow.

Application

Remember how people made fun of Noah when he was building the ark? I imagine that Noah tried to explain to them what God said, but they didn't listen. They chose to keep on sinning. They could have got on the ark with Noah and his family and would have been saved from the flood. Just like God provided a solution for Noah and his family to be saved, many people in the world need to know that God offers a solution to our sin problem through Jesus. Who can you tell the good news about Jesus this week? What will you tell them? Do you know what it means to walk with God?

Gospel Connection

God still wants people to walk with Him and obey Him like Noah did. The same way God told Noah the plan for how to build the ark, God's word tells us His plan for how people can become followers of Jesus. God wants us to ADMIT we have sin and ASK Him to forgive us of our sins and invite Him to come into our life. He wants us to BELIEVE that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, who died on a cross, was buried and on the third day rose from the grave and wants us to be in heaven with Him one day. God wants us to CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by turning away from our sin and choosing to obey God's way rather than our own way.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all of the decision supplies available.

Gospel Tip

In every Beach Club®, students should be given an opportunity to respond to what they've heard and be invited to make Jesus their Lord and Savior. These one-on-one conversations should be handled with care and led by the Holy Spirit. For more helpful tips, see Guiding Kids Toward Jesus on pages 27-30 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club® Essentials.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today’s Bible Connection and Character Word.



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Option 1 - THREE-LEGGED RACE

Bandana or strips of fabric

Instruct each surf team to line up and form pairs, matching students of similar height and build. Guide each player to stand next to each other and tie their ankles together. Ask their Surf Team Leaders to stand about 10 feet in front of them. On your signal, instruct each team to race around their Surf Team Leader and back to the front of their line. The first team back gets to answer the question. Continue play until all questions have been answered or time runs out. Discuss what helps them walk with their friend and help them make a connection to walking with God.

Option 2 - SWAT THAT ANSWER

One fly swatter and set of index cards per surf team

PREPARE

Write the answer to each question on a separate index card.

Explain that two surf teams will play against each other. Place the answer cards you prepared face up in the middle of each play area. One student from each surf team will hold a fly swatter and turn their backs to the answer cards. The leader reads a question and says, “go.” When clubbers hear the word “go,” they will turn around, look over the answer cards, and touch the correct answer card with the fly swatter. The first player to touch the correct answer gets a point for their team.

Remember some safety rules: 1) You may not hit another student with the fly swatter. 2) You may not throw the fly swatter at anyone. 3) You may not “block” another player with your arm or your body to prevent them from getting at an answer.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *What is today’s Character Word? (obedience)*
2. *In what book is today’s Memory Link found? (Genesis)*
3. *Who walked with God and followed His commands? (Noah)*
4. *How many days did it rain? (40)*
5. *What did God tell Noah to build? (ark)*
6. *What is the first thing Noah did when he and his family left the ark? (worshipped God)*
7. *What sign did God give as a reminder of his promise to never again destroy the world with water? (rainbow)*
8. *How did Noah show obedience? (built the ark, waited for the water to recede)*
9. *How can people today walk with God and obey His commands? (Answers may vary.)*
10. *Name a way you can show obedience at home or school. (Answers may vary.)*

Teaching Tip

Playing with a purpose. The game time is designed to help students make the truths they just learned stick in their minds and hearts. Fun, active review games are played to reinforce the Bible lesson, character word, and memory link. For more helpful tips on Making It Stick see pages 20-21 in the KBC Leadership Manual, Volume 2: Beach Club® Essentials.

Teaching Tip

Make It Stick is a high-energy portion of a Beach Club® so your energy level needs to project positive, fun and friendly competition. You are in charge so don’t let the competitive nature of students, or leaders, leave a sour taste at the end of club.

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Genesis 6:22

