

LESSON 3
“OBEDIENCE”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Exodus 19-20:1-17 (pages 84-86)

CHARACTER WORD

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

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can choose to obey God.

MEMORY LINK

John 14:15

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1171)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards, timer

Option 2: Index cards, straws

BIBLE CONNECTION

KBC Study Bibles, Resource Item Bookmarks

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Index cards, music, tape

Option 2: None

God Gives Ten Commandments

WHAT’S THE POINT?

Obedience is doing what one is told to do with a happy, submissive spirit. When someone obeys, they change their way of thinking, behavior or actions to follow a rule or to someone who is higher in authority. As teachers and parents, we often remind kids the value of having rules and the importance of obeying them.

God gave Israel the Ten Commandments to establish a relationship with His people. The commandments show how people should relate to God and how they should relate to others. He knows what is best for us and His commandments are an expression of love to us, showing how we can be the best we can possibly be.

An important emphasis of this lesson is that the Ten Commandments, along with the rest of the Law given to Moses, reveals our sinfulness. In Romans 7, Paul shows that the Law reveals the sin in our hearts and shows that people are incapable of obeying the Law perfectly. Since none of us can keep the Law perfectly, we know that we fall short of God’s standards and know in our hearts that we need help to be rescued in order to have a relationship with God.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today’s lesson



No supplies needed

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- *Do you have rules at home that your mom or dad require you to follow? What are some of those rules?*
- *This week our character word is obedience. What do you think it means to be obedient?*
- *What are some ways that you obeyed today?*
- *Was there a time when you disobeyed this week?*
- *What are some consequences that you have experienced when you disobeyed?*



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

Worship Tip

Kids come to club excited and happy to be arounds friends, some of whom they may not see throughout the day. Before singing, remind them that we sing not just to have fun and get energy out, although many songs are that; instead, we sing to praise the Lord of the universe, celebrating His name and what He has done in our lives. Prompt the kids to sing in such a way that they are worshipping the Lord.

MEMORY LINK



Teaching a Bible verse to clubbers; helping them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Ask the kids to hold their Bibles high in the air. Count how many kids brought a Bible. Tell the kids that if they have never received a KBC Bible they will receive one on Great Treasure Day! *Today's memory link is in the New Testament book of John. John is one of four books that tell about the life of Jesus and together form the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). The gospel of John tells us many of the sayings and commands of Jesus. Jesus taught people to obey God so that they would have a better life. Today's memory link tells us that when we obey God's rules and Jesus' commands, we show that we love God.*

Focus on today's Memory Link

Instruct the kids to open their KBC Study Bibles to John 14:15 (KBC Study Bible page 1171). Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud. *This verse tells us that when we obey, it matters. It's not something we can do selectively because obedience is a way that we show love. When we obey our parents, we show that we respect and love them. It's also a way we can show a high regard for our parents and teachers. This is probably a different way of looking at rules and commands, but this is the truth. When we choose obedience, we please the one we're obeying. At the same time we show that we respect and love them enough to obey.*

Option 1 - BIBLE VERSE SCRAMBLE

Timer, index cards

Write each word of the memory link verse on an index card. Give one card to each child. Ask the kids to scramble or wander around holding their card. On your signal, ask them to come back together and work to put the verse in order. Time the kids as they work together. Repeat the scramble several times as they seek a faster time and are able to recite the verse without looking at the cards.

Option 2 - STRAW RELAY

Straws, index cards

Cut drinking straws in half (approximately 4-inch pieces), and give one to each child. Wide straws are best. Write each word of the memory link verse on an index card. As a relay race, each team member must pick up a card with the end of their straw by sucking in air through it to keep the suction on the card. Once they are able to pick it up they must carry the card back to their team. The first team to bring back all of their cards and assemble them in memory verse order wins.

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John 14:15

"If you love Me, keep My commandments."

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Teaching Tip

Kids Beach Club begins when the first child arrives. It's tempting to talk and catch up with our co-leaders, but we must resist the urge to do so. Make sure someone greets the clubbers by name, give high fives, and talks with them the moment they arrive. Sometimes it can make the difference between that child having a good experience or a bad one.

Teaching Tip

Make plans for your Great Treasure Day. Invite senior adults from your church to help on that day. Brainstorm with the kids ways they can remember to bring their Bible to KBC each week. For the kids who already have a KBC Bible, consider giving a gold seal or sticker to each of them to put in their Bible to mark how many years they have attended.

BIBLE CONNECTION




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Teaching today's character word through gospel-centered Bible story

KBC Study Bible, Resource Item-Ten Commandments bookmarks

Introduce the Story

Illustrate the character word, obedience, by inviting several kids up front to play a hopping game. Give very little instruction and say, "Ok, everybody hop." After they hop a bit, stop and say, "Who won?" They will answer that no one won since the object or the rules of the game were unknown. Then, set up a finish line and instruct them to race each other as they hop to the finish line and back. Afterwards, talk with the children: "How did knowing the rules help? Was it better playing with rules or without?" When God gives rules to live by He is doing it to help us, not to harm us. God's rules help us live a happy, successful life, just as rules for games help us have a happy, successful time together.

 Invite kids to open their KBC Study Bibles to Exodus 19 (page 84) and follow along as you tell the story.

Exodus 19:1-6

In our Bible story for today, God had just rescued the Israelites from Egypt where they had been slaves. He brought them through the Red Sea, escaping the Egyptian army, and then brought them to camp at Mount Sinai just as He promised Moses at the burning bush. Once there, He summoned Moses up the mountain to give him instructions. Listen for today's character word as I read you part of what God said to Moses. Read Exodus 19:4-5 (page 84) aloud.

Talk About It

What happens at your house when you obey? (you get praised or rewarded) God told Moses that if the Israelites will obey Him and His rules, they will become His "treasured possession." They will have special value to Him. He had already graciously rescued them and brought them to this mountain, and now He wants their relationship with Him to be more personal.

Exodus 19:7-9

Having heard from the Lord, Moses went back to the people and told them what He said. How did the people respond? Ask a volunteer to read Exodus 19:8 (page 84) aloud. The people were ready and willing to obey everything the Lord said. They committed to follow the Lord God who rescued them from slavery.

Memory Link Connection

God does not give us rules because He is uncaring, nor does He demand obedience as a rigid standard. God calls us to obey because through obeying His commands, we show our love for Him. Recite the memory link verse with me: "If you love Me you will keep My commands." (John 14:15). Just like our parents see obedience as an act of love and respect, so our obedience to God shows that we love and trust Him.

Exodus 19:10-25

Now, the Israelites were ready to hear from the Lord. They bathed and washed their clothes and set themselves apart for this special opportunity. They also put limits around the mountain so no one got too close to it. They were, after all, about to hear from their powerful, holy God. And then, they experience something amazing. Ask a volunteer to read Exodus 19:16-18 (page 85) aloud.

Teaching Tip

As you teach, walk around the group with Bible in hand. Often, when kids are disruptive or talking, they will settle down when you walk around them as you continue to teach. Consider placing visuals around the room that you can pick up and refer to as you walk and teach.



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