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"OBEDIENCE"
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Numbers 21:4-9 (page 168)

CHARACTER WORD

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

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can know there are consequences for sin and I can choose to obey God.

MEMORY LINK

John 12:32

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1168)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Envelopes, index cards
Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

Broom, bag, white paper squares, red paper squares

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Plastic cone, three sponge balls
Option 2: Bandana

Moses Makes a Bronze Serpent

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Obedience is probably one of the most difficult disciplines for Christ followers. Our sin nature often wins out over our desire to obey Christ. Paul understood it well. He wrote in Romans 7:15, "I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate." (NLT)

God's word is clear that obedience delivers blessings and disobedience brings consequences, which is the focus for today's lesson. As you teach kids, help them understand that although God desires obedience, our salvation is not dependent on our ability to continually do the right thing. Praise God that His grace covers our sin and that Jesus' death on the cross is the ONLY thing that brings salvation. Obedience is our way to express thanks to God for His mercy (not giving the punishment we deserve) and His grace (giving blessings we don't deserve).

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Pass out Memory Link cards, index cards and pens. Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

Lead kids in a quick round of Simon Says. Discuss the importance of obeying Simon's instructions. Explain that the consequences of disobeying Simon's instructions are that you are out of the game.

- *Today's character word is obedience. How do you define obedience? Let's read the back of our Memory Link card to find the definition of obedience.*
- *Can you complain and still obey? Discuss. Did you know that complaining and grumbling is a kind of disobedience?*



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 TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

Consider these song selections or feel free to repeat two of your favorites!

"Walk By Faith" by Jeremy Camp

"Never Be Shaken" by Seeds Family Worship



MEMORY LINK



2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to clubbers
 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on Today's Memory Link

Explain that today's Memory Link is something Jesus said. Read John 12:32 aloud and ask, "When was Jesus lifted up?" (When He was crucified.) Why was Jesus lifted up? (To pay for sins.)

Please don't explain any more here. Save the explanation for the Bible Connection leader.

Option 1 – WORD MIX

Envelopes, index cards

Prepare

For each Surf Team, write each word of the verse on an index card and place in an envelope.

Give an envelope to each Surf Team leader. On a signal the surf team leader will take the cards out and hand them to the first student. They find the first word, place it on the floor and hand the stack to the next student. Play continues until all the words to the verse are placed in correct order. Invite the clubbers to say the verse two times together. Then use the remaining time to turn over a card at a time and recite the verse. Your goal is to have all students be able to say the verse from memory.

Option 2 – MEMORY LINK WAVE

No supplies needed

Ask kids if they have ever done the wave at a sporting event by standing up and putting their hands up in the air in sequence with the other fans. Lead the entire club to do the wave together. Explain that today we will do the Memory Link wave.

Guide Surf Teams to sit in a straight line. Explain that each kid will stand up, put their hands in the air, and say the next word of the verse. If there are more kids than words, simply send the wave back the other direction. Repeat several times.

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John 12:32

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

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Bible 101

Review the two parts of the Bible today. Today our lesson is in the Old Testament and our memory verse is in the New Testament. God used an Old Testament story to show how He would save the world. The New Testament tells us how God came to earth as a baby, lived a sinless life on earth, died, was buried and rose again so we could have eternal life.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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

Broom, bag, white paper squares, red paper squares

Set the Stage

Before the lesson pick two students to model obedience and grumbling. As you start your lesson look around the room and invite the two students to come up and help you. Ask them both to pick up the trash. One will obey by responding happily and start. The other will show disobedience by throwing a temper tantrum or grumbling and complaining, etc. After a few seconds, thank each student for helping you.

Tell the Story

In today’s lesson, we will see God’s people acting like our friend who disobeyed and threw a big fit because he didn’t want to do what was asked of him.

Turn to Numbers 21:4-9 in your KBC Study Bible (page 168). Moses was the leader of an entire nation of people. With God’s help, he led them out of captivity in Egypt. The whole nation was on a journey from Egypt to the new land God had promised to them. As the people walked through the desert from Egypt on their way to the promised land, Moses talked to God and taught the people God’s laws. God provided for their every need. He provided food and water. He showed them the way with a cloud in the sky during the day and a special fire in the sky at night.

But the people soon forgot how God loved them and cared for them. They whined and complained about many things. In your best whiny voice, say, “It’s hot. I’m tired of walking. My feet are sore. I’m sick of eating the same food every day.” And on and on they complained and became so negative in the way that they spoke against God and against Moses. They simply griped and complained about everything and didn’t want to obey anything God told them to do.

Therefore, they experienced a consequence for their disobedience. God sent poisonous snakes into the camp. The Bible calls them fiery serpents. The snakes bit many people and some of them even died.

Now the people realized they had a problem that they couldn’t fix on their own. They needed God’s help. They went to Moses and told him they had disobeyed God and sinned. They had spoken against God and against Moses, and they told him they were sorry. They asked Moses to pray and ask God to take away the snakes!

So Moses prayed and asked God what to do. God told Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it up on a pole. Everyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the snake on the pole and live. God provided a solution to their sin problem.

Moses obeyed God and did exactly as He said. He made a bronze serpent and set it up high on a pole and told the people if a serpent bit them, all they had to do was look at the serpent on the pole and live.

As You Prepare

Take some time to review the book of Numbers. In the preceding chapters the people have grumbled and failed time and again to follow God’s commands. God forgave them, but they still had to suffer the consequences of their disobedience.

God didn't remove the consequence from the people, but He did provide a way to rescue them. You see, just like God solved the snake problem when the bronze snake was lifted up on a pole, He also solved your sin problem and mine when Jesus was lifted up on a cross.

Turn in your KBC Study Bible to John 12:32 (page 1168) and read it aloud. Guide kids to recite today's Memory Link from memory.

Application

I would like you to pretend this broom is the bronze serpent lifted up on a pole. In the bag are white pieces of paper and red pieces of paper. If you draw out a white piece of paper you are safe. If you draw out a red piece of paper you will pretend to be bitten by a poisonous snake and you will then look at the bronze serpent (the broom) and recite today's Memory Link – John 12:32 – in order to be healed.

Make your way through the group, allowing kids to draw out of the bag. Kids should return squares to the bag after their turn. Only allow a few students to participate because of time.

Gospel Connection

The people should have died when the snakes bit them, but God provided a solution for them to be healed. By simply looking at the bronze serpent they could live. In the same way, the Bible says that the punishment we deserve for our sin is death. But God provided a solution to our sin problem. He wants us to look to Jesus, place our trust in Him and we will live forever.

It's as simple as ABC. ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son and that He came to earth, lived a perfect life and died on the cross and rose from the dead on the third day and is alive in heaven. Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus and invite Him to come into your life to be your forever friend. You can do this today! Please come talk with me or your surf team leader after I pray.

Invite children wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one.

Gospel Tip

In the weeks following a child's decision, connect with the child individually to affirm the decision, suggest ways to grow in faith and to help solidify their commitment to Jesus.



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SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with kids in small groups;
 applying today’s Bible Connection and Character Word

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

Today’s Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible Connection leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.

- *What questions do you have about today’s story?*

Use the Bible

Review today’s Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today’s story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today’s Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 1 of the Hang 10. Do adults have rules to follow? This week you will talk with an adult at your house about rules that they have to obey. Find out how they obey even when they don’t feel like it.

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your surf team this week.

Jesus, we thank You that You were the perfect sacrifice for our sins, and that we can look to You to take care of our sin problem. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Connection Tip

Next week is your last Beach Club this year. Consider doing something special. One idea is to take time to pray over the students that will be moving on to the next campus and no longer able to attend your Beach Club. Take time to plan and brainstorm what you would like your last meeting to look like. Your KBC club relations specialist will be happy to share with you ideas that other Beach Clubs have done.

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