

LESSON 7
“OBEDIENCE”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Luke 5:1-11
(page 1110)

CHARACTER WORD

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

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can obey God and people in
authority over me.

MEMORY LINK

John 14:15

“If you love Me, keep My
commandments.”
(KBC Study Bible pg. 1171)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED
THIS WEEK**

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Painter’s tape
Option 2: Bandana

BIBLE CONNECTION

Copies of the
“Fisherman’s Rap” song

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

**MAKE-IT-STICK
REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Beach ball, jump rope
Option 2: Plastic cones

Peter Goes Fishing

WHAT’S THE POINT?

Love and trust are key components of obedience. The Bible tells us that God is love and that He is faithful even when we are not. Therefore, we should faithfully obey God’s word, for what He commands us to do is based upon His love for us and for our good. However, not all children have experienced a loving father. Therefore, the element of trust might be much harder for them. It is important to convey the connection of trust and obedience to your students. We want them to know that as they obey their loving Heavenly Father, He can be trusted! The old song says it well, “Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey!”

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 kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- Today’s Character Word is obedience. What does it mean to be obedient?
- Obedience is a choice. Our choices reveal our respect toward the one we obey. What does it mean to respect someone?
- Ask the kids to share examples of obedience and disobedience.
- Share with your students a time when God asked you to do something and you either obeyed or disobeyed and how that impacted your relationship with Him.



Guide students 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

Worship is spending time with God. Worship is letting Him know that He is your best friend and that you love Him very much. Worship is thanking Him for who He is in your life. We worship when we change our focus from all that is going on around us to the Holy God whom we love. We worship when we pray, read our Bible, sing or simply obey God. Let’s spend some time now worshipping the One True God as we sing. Optional song choices: “Here I Am to Worship” by Hillsong and “Open the Eyes of My Heart” by Paul Baloche.



MEMORY LINK

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



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No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Who brought a Bible? Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bible. Encourage kids to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total each week and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today’s Memory Link

Today’s Character Word obedience, means that you do what you’re told with a happy, submissive spirit. Our obedience is based on the trust we have in a relationship. If you don’t trust someone, it’s difficult to obey them. Rules without relationship will lead to rebellion. Jesus is the ultimate authority and will always be faithful. He can be trusted in every situation. In today’s story, you’ll hear about a fisherman named Simon Peter, who obeyed Jesus because he trusted Jesus’ authority.

Today’s Memory Link is something Jesus said to the disciples. Guide kids to find John 14:15 in their KBC Study Bibles and read the verse aloud together. (Page 1171) How did Jesus say you show that you love Him? By keeping His commandments or obeying Him. God’s authority requires our obedience and in our obedience to Him, we show Him our respect and love for Him.

Option 1 – Memory Jump

Painter’s tape

Prepare

Mark eight Xs on the floor with your tape. The kids will jump from one to the other, so be mindful of how far you space them.

One at a time, students will jump from X to X. As they jump to each X, they must say one word of the memory verse, ending on the last X by saying the scripture reference. First jump, “If,” second jump, “you,” third jump “love” and so on. The child then goes to the back of the line and the group continues to cycle through. Lead your group to say the verse aloud together once everyone has a turn. Repeat until the leader calls time.

Option 2 - Giant Triangle

Bandana

The Memory Link leader will toss the bandana in the air. The kids will attempt to say the entire verse before the bandana touches the floor. Recite the verse in a large group, in smaller groups or individually. Each time, toss the bandana from a lower point and encourage kids to say the verse faster and faster.

John 14:15

*“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”
(KBC Study Bible pg. 1171)*

Connection Tip

Follow up is key! This is one of the most important aspects of Beach Club. Kids who make decisions need to be handled with **High Importance** and **Accountability**. Please make sure your club follows up promptly with the families of kids making decisions and take care to enter the data into the KiDs Online Management System immediately. This lets your church know you had professions of faith during your club so they too can follow up and move kids toward next steps.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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

Copies of the “Fisherman’s Rap” song

Set the Stage

Tell the kids each of the following situations. After each one, kids will indicate whether the situation is an example of obedience or disobedience by giving thumbs up (obedience) or thumbs down (disobedience). Discuss each situation briefly.

- *Your parents gave you five things to do and you did all of them but one.*
- *You cleaned your room, but you complained about it the whole time.*
- *You lied and told your dad you finished your homework when you did not.*
- *Your mom asked you to play with your little sister for a while. You didn’t feel like playing with her, but you did it anyway and it was pretty fun.*
- *You only did what you were told because your mom promised you ten dollars for doing it.*

Obedience is tough! But we know that true obedience is doing what you are told with a happy, submissive spirit. Let’s read a true story from the Bible that tells about a man who obeyed Jesus even when he thought Jesus’ idea was a bad one.

Tell the Story

Simon Peter was a fisherman. He most likely was raised by his father and grandfather to be a fisherman just like they had been. He knew everything about fishing. He knew where, when, and how to catch fish. He made his living catching fish. Let’s see what happened when Jesus told Simon Peter how to fish in a different way.

Ask everyone to open his or her KBC Study Bibles to Luke 5:1-11 (page 1110). Read Luke 5:1-11 as the students follow along in their Bibles. Explain that the name Simon refers to Peter, one of Jesus’ most well-known disciples. “Simon” is his given name. “Peter” is a nickname Jesus gave him later.

One day, Jesus was preaching God’s word to the people next to a lake. So many people came close to hear Jesus teaching that Jesus needed a better place to teach from so more people could hear Him. Jesus saw some fishermen in their boats cleaning their nets. It was the perfect place! Jesus got into one of the boats, the boat that belonged to Simon Peter, and asked him to push out the boat a little from the land. Jesus sat down and taught a big crowd of people. Simon Peter listened to Jesus.

When Jesus finished teaching, he commanded Simon Peter to take his boat out in the lake and fish some more. Simon Peter was an experienced fisherman. He knew that the middle of the day was no time for catching fish. But he trusted Jesus, so he replied, “Master, we fished all night long and didn’t catch anything, but because you say so we will go out and fish some more.” Peter launched the boat and set out for the deep water of the lake.

Teaching Tip

Move around as you tell the story. Get down on their level if you can for a minute. Look students in the eyes. Every once in a while, ask students a question to make sure they’re listening. You could pass out treasure tickets to those that could answer your questions as you went along.

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