

Session Seven: God Wants Me to Obey Him



Today's Point: God wants me to obey his instructions.

Bible Verse: Joshua 24:24

CSB: So the people said to Joshua, "We will worship the Lord our God and obey him." Joshua 24:24

KJV: And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. Joshua 24:24

Today's Bible Skill:

- Continue working on memorizing Joshua 24:24
- Be able to answer questions about the New Testament.

Bible Truth: Ways God Wants Us to Obey Him

Materials:

Paper strips

Prepare:

Print each of the following verses on a strip of paper

- Exodus 20:12
- Exodus 20:13
- Exodus 20:15
- Deuteronomy 6:5
- Matthew 22:37
- Matthew 22:39
- John 14:15
- John 15:12
- Ephesians 4:32
- Ephesians 6:1
- Colossians 3:9
- Colossian 3:20
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Instructions:

Last week we learned that Joshua asked the Israelites to do three things:

First - to fear the Lord (which means to have a sense of reverence and awe for God),

Second – to worship him in sincerity and truth (which means with a true heart – one that is motivated by love for God and not a desire to impress people)

Third – get rid of all of the foreign or false gods they have and worship the Lord.

The Israelites told Joshua: “we will worship the Lord our God and obey him.”.

Today we are going to look at a few verses and discover some ways God wants us to obey him.

[Depending on size of group – give a verse to either a child or a group of children].

Instruct kids to look up verse, read it, and be ready to share how God wants us to obey.

- Exodus 20:12 [honor your father and your mother]
- Exodus 20:13 [do not murder]
- Exodus 20:15 [do not steal]
- Deuteronomy 6:5 [Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength]
- Matthew 22:37 [Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.]
- Matthew 22:39 [Love your neighbor as yourself]
- John 14:15 [If you love me you will keep my commands]
- John 15:12 [This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you.]
- Ephesians 4:32 [Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you.]
- Ephesians 6:1 [Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right.]
- Colossians 3:9 [Do not lie to one another]
- Colossian 3:20 [Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord]
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 [Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus]

SAY: The Bible is filled with instructions from God on how he wants us to obey him. Are any of the ways the Bible tells us God wants us to obey him hard for you? (Allow kids to respond if they want to – or just let them think about the ones that are hard) SAY: It isn’t always easy to obey God, but we show that we love God when we obey him. I want you to choose one of the ways to obey that is hard for you, and this week I encourage you to work hard at obeying in it.

PRAY: Thank God for the Bible that helps us understand how God wants us to obey him. Ask God to help your kids make choices this week that will be in obedience to him.

Bible Verse Activity: Verse Sort – Joshua 24:24

Materials:

Index Cards – 18 CSB/21 KJV – one set per group of 2 kids

Thin tip markers or Crayons

Prepare:

Write one word of Joshua 24:24 on an index card.

Instructions:

Invite kids to select a partner. Give each group a set of index cards. Instruct kids that when they hear “Obey Him” they will work together to put index cards in the correct order. Once they have the verse in order they are to stand up. The leader will verify the verse is correct and ask kids to repeat the verse together.

Bible Skills Activity: New Testament Bible Skills Twister®:**Materials:**

Twister® game mat and spinner
Red, Blue, Yellow, Green Cardstock

Prepare:

Print Bible Skills on colored cardstock.

Possible Skill Questions – you may want to create your own.

- **How many books are in the New Testament?**
- **Name one book of the New Testament that begins with “T.”**
- **Name the four Gospels**
- **What is the last book of the Bible?**
- **Name a book of the New Testament that begins with “R”**
- **Name the book after the book of Galatians.**
- **What is the first book of the New Testament?**
- **Name a book of the New Testament that begins with “J.”**
- **Name the book before and after the book of Acts.**
- **Start with any New Testament book and name that book and the 5 books following it.**

Instructions:

Player one spins the game spinner and draws a game card from the corresponding color on which the spinner lands. If the player can answer the question, the player completes the move on the spinner. (ex. right foot red) While player one holds his position, player two joins the game by spinning the spinner, answering the question, and if answered correctly, completing the move.

4-6 players can play on one mat.

Continue playing until all players have had an opportunity to spin, answer, and complete the tasks or if time allows until one kid remains standing. Questions can be repeated. Kids who “fall” are out of the game.

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