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Matthew 21:23-32

(KBC Study Bible, page 1055)

Character Word

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With God’s help, I can obey with a happy and submissive spirit.

Memory Link

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only.”

James 1:22a (KBC Study Bible, page 1341)

Weekly Challenge

Work this week to always obey by doing what the Bible tells me to do. It won’t always be easy but you can ask God to help you. Get a piece of paper and put a sticker on it every time you obey your parents and teachers this week. Bring your sheet next week and we will celebrate your obedient choices.

DAY 1 READ: Matthew 21:28-31a (KBC Study Bible, page 1055)

DO: It’s never too late to change our behavior and seek forgiveness, just like the first son who changed his mind and did what was right. Create a “repentance and forgiveness” journal to write or draw about times you’ve made mistakes and how you made things right.

PRAY: Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to pay for my sin. Help me choose to obey. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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DAY 2 READ: Genesis 37:1-35 (KBC Study Bible, pages 45-47)

DO: Joseph showed incredible obedience to God even after his brothers sold him into bondage. Joseph was falsely placed in jail, but remained faithful and obedient to God saving many from famine.

PRAY: Dear Jesus, please give me faith like Joseph and help me to be obedient when I am treated wrong by my friends. In Jesus' name, amen!

DAY 3 READ: Exodus 3:11-18 (KBC Study Bible, page 65)

DO: Was Moses a mighty character of obedience? God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt and guided the people through the wilderness, being obedient to God's voice. Moses heard God's voice.

PRAY: Dear God, please give me open ears and an open heart to hear you just like Moses did when he heard your voice at the burning bush. Help me to be still and listen to you and to obey your word the Bible. In Jesus' name, amen!

DAY 4 READ: Luke 1:26-37 (KBC Study Bible, page 1101)

DO: Mary's obedience is evident in her acceptance of the angel Gabriel's message that she would give birth to a son whose name is Jesus. Her response represents her willingness to be obedient to God's plan.

PRAY: Dear Jesus, I don't always respond with a heart of obedience. Help me to serve you just like Mary. Help me to think of your plans and see that with you nothing is impossible and please forgive me when I don't. In Jesus' name, amen!

DAY 5 READ: Genesis 22:1-19 (KBC Study Bible, pages 25-26)

DO: Abraham is often talked about because of his faith and obedience, especially in the story of how God asked him to offer Isaac, his only son, back to God. Amazingly, while Abraham was prepared to obey God's command and give up his son, God saw Abraham's obedience, so an angel spoke and said there's a ram now let it replace Isaac for the burnt offering.

PRAY: Dear God, please guide me to live my life in obedience just like Abraham and let me see your way when I am not following your path. Help me to love your word to you read and to obey it. Thank you for loving me, hearing my prayer for giving me direction today. In Jesus' name, amen!

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