LESSON 7 "OBEDIENCE" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Matthew 21:23-32 (KBC Study Bible, page 1055)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Obedience</u> – Doing what I am told to do with a happy, submissive spirit

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

With God's help, I can <u>obey</u> with a happy and submissive attitude.

MEMORY LINK

1 Samuel 17:46b "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only."

(KBC Study Bible, page 1341)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: Plastic cups

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BIBLE CONNECTION None

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Paper, bucket Option 2: Bucket, beanbag

Parable of the Two Sons

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Jesus tells a parable about a father with two sons. The first son says he won't work in the vineyard but later repents and <u>obeys</u>, while the second son says he will work but doesn't <u>obey</u>. Jesus uses this parable to illustrate that tax collectors and prostitutes, who initially rejected God, are entering the Kingdom of Heaven before the religious leaders, who claim to be righteous but do not follow through with their actions.

We want to not only help students <u>obey</u> those in authority the first time with a happy and submissive attitude, but we also want them to know it's imporant to not only hear something, but to act upon it. We want to help them understand their actions are more important than just saying the right thing. We want to help them understand that when they hear the Gospel and read their Bibles, to <u>obey</u> what it says and not let it just go in one ear and out the other.

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 students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is <u>obedience</u>. What does <u>obedience</u> mean to you?
- Do you always want to obey your parents or teachers?
- Tell about a time when you didn't want to obey but you did.

Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Think of song you sing in your children's church and teach them to your Beach Club[®] students. But if you need help, consider using these songs:

"Lay Me Down", by Chris Tomlin "Have It All", by Bethel Music, Brian Johnson "My Savior My God", by Aaron Shust

MEMORY LINK



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Psalm 86:5a

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only". (KBC Study Bible, page 1341)

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

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

Focus on the Bible 📖

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Today's Memory Link is found on page 1341 in your KBC Study Bible in the book of James chapter 1, verse 22a. Who would like to volunteer to read the verse while the others follow along? God wants us to be sorry for our sin, to repent (change our mind about our sin). He is ready to forgive us when we ask but we have to make the right choice to listen to God and do what He says. Our verse tells us that when we are told to do something we should obey and do it.

Option 1 – STACK 'EM UP

Plastic cups

Give each surf team 12 cups to create a pyramid. Instruct surf teams to sit in a circle. Hand the first student the cups and instruct them to create a pyramid while saying a word of the verse and the reference for each cup. When they finish they can restack the cups and pass them to the next student. Continue until all have a turn to say the verse. End with the Surf Team Leader creating a pyramid while all the students say the verse together out loud with their eyes closed. Reward the student(s) who can say the entire verse and reference without looking.

Option 2 – MOTHER MAY I?

No supplies

Give each student a Memory Link card. Instruct each surf team to stand in a single file line with their Surf Team Leader about five feet in front of them facing each other. Instruct the first student to ask, "Mother, May I?" When the Surf Team Leader (Mother or Father) says, "Yes, you may!", then the student will recite the entire verse, including the scripture reference. Once completed they will go to the end of their line. Continue playing until time is called or all have had a chance to say the verse.

For an exta challenge, see who can say their verse without looking at their Memory Link card or poster.

BIBLE CONNECTION



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

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Everywhere Jesus went he walked. He didn't complain, he walked in <u>obedience</u> doing His heavenly Father's work, and as He entered the city of Jerusalem, He entered the Jewish temple. While in the temple people came to learn about God, so Jesus began to teach them some of God's greatest character qualities like love, kindness, and how to live rightly with others.

Tell the Story

Our story today is found in the New Testament book of Matthew 21:23-31. Turn with me to page 1055 in your KBC Study Bible.

The chief priests and elders of the people liked to strictly follow the Jewish rules called the Laws of Moses, and they really liked to "lord" <u>obedience</u> over the people. When the Jewish leaders saw that many, many people were listening to Jesus they began to question His teachings.

So, the chief priests approached Jesus with the largest, hugest, most ginormous question. They asked, "By what authority are you teaching these things? Who gave you this authority to do these things?" WOW, can you imagine what Jesus was thinking? So He answered their big question with a big question concerning John the Baptist's baptism. Jesus asked, "Where did it come from? Was it from heaven or from man?" The Jewish leaders said, "We don't know!" Then Jesus said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I'm doing these things."

Now there were many more people listening and He wanted to help everyone understand God's plan of salvation was for everyone so He told them a parable, a short story with a powerful message. Who can tell me the bold words above verse 28? That's right. The Parabel of the Two Sons. It's about a father who had two sons. He asked the first son, go and work in the vineyard today. The son said no, he didn't want <u>obey</u> what his father told him. But later, he felt guilty, so he decided to go and work in the vineyard anyway.

Then the father went to the second son and said the same thing, "Son, go, work in my vineyard." The second son told his dad he would go. But NO he didn't, he never actually went and worked in the vineyard.

So, Jesus asked the Jewish leaders and everyone listening, "Which of the two sons <u>obeyed</u> what his father wanted?" "The first son," they answered, "because even though he said no, he changed his mind and decided to be <u>obedient</u> to his father's will and did the work."

"That's right," As Jesus summarized and said, "The first son represents people who at first may not have known about God for they knew they have made mistakes and are sinners. But, at some point they changed and began trusting in God and seeking forgiveness for their wrong actions. The second son represents those who say all the right things but never follow Jesus. They do not trust God and you can see it in the way they choose to live.

Bible 101 🛄

Invite students to turn to the Dictionary-Concordance in the back of their KBC Study Bible on page 1412 and read the definition of parable. Encourage students to learn more about how to find things in their Bible. People who trust God and make Jesus their Forever Friend are like the first son. They are the ones who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, not because they are good or bad, but because they choose to trust in Jesus.

Application

Which son can you relate to most? Are you often like the first son who pitches a fit when asked to do something he doesn't want to do, but then make the right choice to <u>obey</u>? Or are you like the second son who says they will obey what they're told but doesn't follow through with it? It's never too late to change our behavior, choose to <u>obey</u>, and seek forgiveness, just like the first son who changed his mind and did what was right. But wouldn't it be best if we simply <u>obeyed</u> the first time we're asked to do something with a happy, submissive spirit?

Gospel Connection

None of us are perfect, are we? God knows we're not perfect. In fact, the Bible tells us that every one of us has sinned. Romans 3:23 says we have all sinned and fall short of God's glory. None of us are perfect. We have chosen our way, not God's way. Because of our sin, we are separated from God. There is nothing we can do on our own to be united with God again.

Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages (or punishment) of sin is death." But wait. There's Good news! The rest of this verse says, "BUT the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment you and I deserve. Because Jesus took our sin on Himself, we have a chance to be forgiven.

Receiving God's forgiveness is as simple as ABC. ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is Lord and He is God's Son who came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin and then rose from the dead! Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus and make Him the boss of your life.

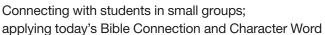
Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have decision supplis available.

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Gospel Tip

Make sure students understand it's important to <u>obey</u> God. It's not about performance. It's about the heart. God wants us to obey with a happy submissive spirit. Help them also understand we all sin and none of us can ever be good enough to earn salvation. It is a free gift from God. We are to simply <u>obey</u> Him because we love Him.

SURF TEAM TIME





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

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students 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?
- What do you think of the first brother's attitude when asked to obey his father? Have you ever pitched a fit like that?
- What do you think of the second brother's attitude and lack of obedience?
- Is it easy to always <u>obey</u> your parents and teachers with a happy, submissive spirit?

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and highlight today's Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages 📖

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

Let's look at Day 1 of the Hang 10. It encourages you to keep a "repentance and forgiveness" journal. Repentance means to change your mind about sin and turn away and do the right thing.

Pray

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

Dear Jesus, help me to <u>obey</u> my parents and teachers with a happy submissive spirit. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

If you have the opportunity to talk with a child who is having trouble with obedience use questions that build relationships such as, "Does this frustrate you? Do you know why I want you to do that? What can I do to help?" Avoid questions that destroy relationships such as, "When are you going to learn? What were you thinking? How many times do I have to tell you?"

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 – FOUR CORNER OBEDIENCE

4 Pieces of paper numbered 1-4, bucket or bag

Identify and number the corners 1-4. On "go" instruct students they are to pick a corner and stay there. Draw a number. The students in the corner you called get to answer the question. If they get the correct answer they continue playing. If they answer incorrectly they all sit down. Tell them they must <u>obey</u> your instructions while they're sitting quietly because they may earn the right to re-enter the game. On "go" tell the remaining students to pick another corner. Draw a number and ask that group a question. Continue playing until all questions have been answered or all students are sitting down.

Option 2 – BEAN BAG TOSS

Bucket, beanbag

Instruct each surf team to line up single file. Place a bucket or beach pail about 7' away. Hand the first student in line a beanbag. On "go," each Surf Team Leader will ask the first student in thier line a question. If the student answers correctly they get a point for their team and get a chance to toss the bean bag into the bucket. If they make it in the bucket they earn another point for their team. If the student misses the bucket they simply go to the end of their line and do not earn a point for their team.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (obedience)
- 2. Who was Jesus talking to in our story today? (the religous leaders)
- 3. Where was Jesus teaching? (the temple)
- 4. What question did the religous leaders ask Jesus? (By what authority are You teaching these things?)
- 5. How did Jesus' answer? (He asked them a question.)
- 6. What did Jesus tell them to make a point? (parable, story about two sons)
- 7. Which son obeyed his father? (the first one)
- 8. Recite our Memory Link. ("But be doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22a)
- 9. How does this Memory Link apply to our lesson today? (Answers will vary.)
- 10. How can you apply this Memory Link to your life? (Answers will vary.)

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

1 Samuel 17:46b



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