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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to talk about obedience. Think about your home and your school. I bet you have rules to follow in both of those places. At home, you probably need to keep your room clean, do your homework and brush your teeth. At school, you need to be quiet when the teacher is talking and be kind to other kids. These rules are meant to help you and to keep you safe. Well, did you know that God has some rules for us, too? He does and we find them in the Bible. The Bible is like our instruction manual for life. It tells us what's right and wrong. Our job is to obey the rules, just like at home and at school. Obedience is a big deal to God so we should work hard to be good at it. Here are three things to keep in mind about obedience. First, we should obey the first time. When we're told to do something, we shouldn't question why or ignore it. We should listen and obey right away. Second, we should choose to hang out with friends who are also obedient. They will help us to stay on track. Third, we should never stop being obedient, even when we become adults. God has rules for us to follow and when we obey them, we're kept safe and out of danger.

Big Idea

A wise kid will be obedient.

Key Question

What happens when we disobey?

Memory Verse

Psalm 119:44 "I will keep on obeying your instructions forever and ever."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Name 3 rules you have at home. Name 2 rules you have at school. What happens if you disobey the rules?.** (Tip: Rules are for our protection, and if we break them, we get in trouble.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **We get into trouble.** (God's rules and our parents rules are for our protection. God doesn't give us rules because he's mean or because he doesn't want us to have fun. He gives us rules to keep us safe. He knows what's best for us so we need to follow his rules, not ours. And, being obedient keeps us out of trouble like being grounded from friends or video games.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What happens when we disobey? How can breaking rules put us in danger? **4-5th** What are some rules your parents have that are meant to keep you safe? Why does God know what's best?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read [James 1:22-24](#). Why isn't just listening enough to please God? What does our obedience say to God or to our parents?** (Answer: It isn't enough to just know the rules. We need to obey them or they can't help or protect us. When we obey, we're showing our love and respect for God and our parents. Disobeying is disrespectful and hurtful.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Before class, cut up the Memory verse words (pages 5-6) and place in a bowl or basket.
- Have kids take turns coming up and pulling a word from the basket. Each time, tape the word on the board.
- Once all the words are on the board, work as a class to get them in the correct order to say the memory verse.

Supplies needed: Memory verse words (pg. 5-6, pre cut), Bowl/Basket, Tape

OPTION 2: KEYS TO OBEDIENCE CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Key template (page 7). Give each kid a piece of yarn.
- Have them cut out and color each key.
- Then, go around and help the kids punch a hole in the top of each key so they can thread the yarn through them to make a key chain. Have them tie a knot in the yarn to keep the keys on the chain.
- As they work, remind the kids how important obedience is to keeping them safe and out of danger. Review each key and why each one is important
 - **Obey the first time.** Don't wait to obey. As soon as you're told to do something, you should do it.
 - **Choose obedient friends.** Our friends influence our choices so hanging around with obedient kids helps us to be obedient, too.
 - **Never stop obeying.** Even adults need to be obedient to God, to the rules of the road and to their employers.

Supplies needed: Key template (pg. 7, 1 set per kid), Yarn (cut into 5 in pieces, 1 per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Hole Punches

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KIDS' WISDOM

Wise Kids Are Obedient

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The smartest kids in the world are the ones who obey their parents and God. Here's three things you need to know about obedience.

Key Points:

- Obey the _____ . Psalm 119:60
- Hang out with _____ . Psalm 119:63
- Never stop _____ ! Psalm 119:44

Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Name 3 rules you have at home. Name 2 rules you have at school. What happens if you disobey the rules?*
3. *What book is full of God's rules for us?*
4. *What are the 3 keys to obedience?*
5. *Read James 1:22-24. Why isn't just listening enough to please God? What does your obedience say to God or to our parents?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

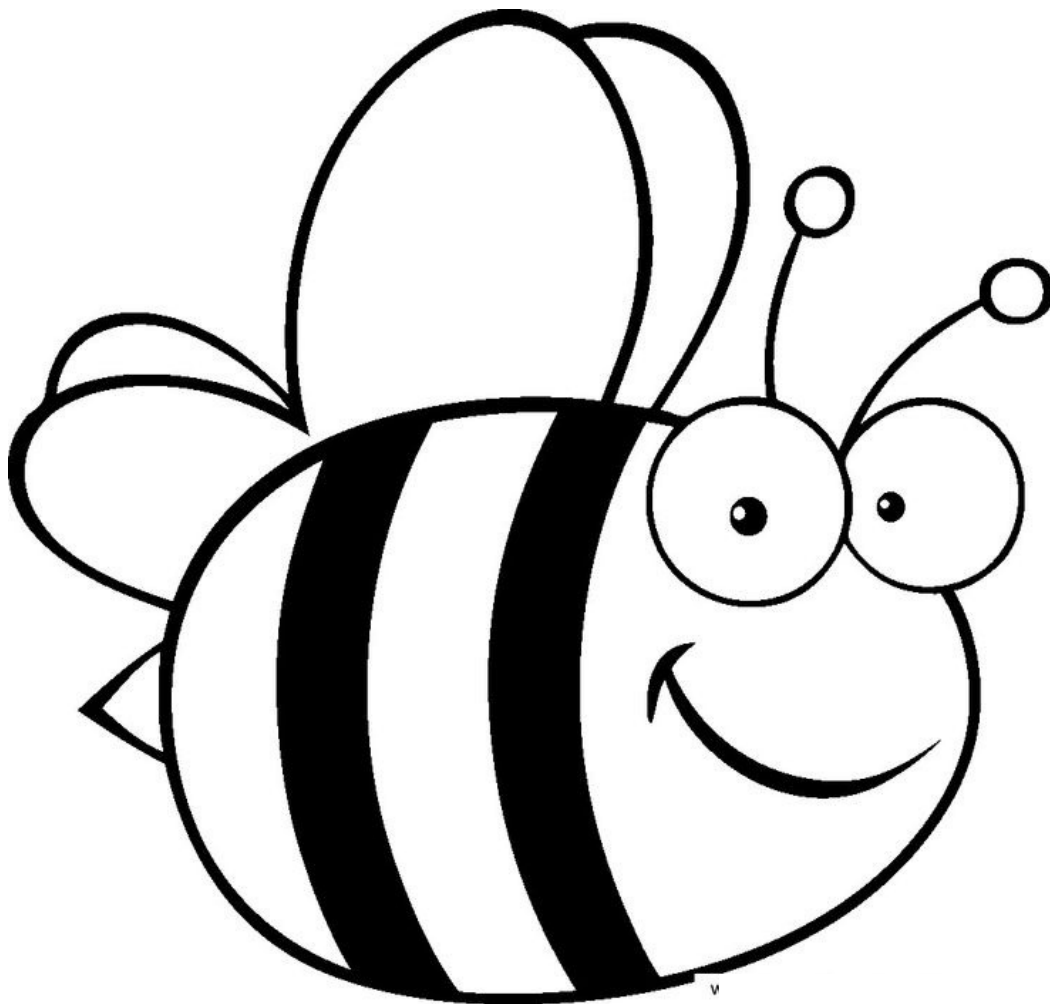
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