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FAITH BASICS

## Obey Your Parents

[PursueGOD.org](http://PursueGOD.org)**Lesson Overview**

Today, we're talking about something every kid needs to know because it's for your protection. It begins with the letter "O". Can you guess? We're going to learn about obedience, specifically about the importance of obeying your parents! Did you know that God tells you to obey your parents in the Bible? He does, and if God tells us to do something, we better listen. There are 3 important reasons why you should obey. First, God tells you to obey. Second, it makes God happy when you do. Third, it protects you from trouble. Your parents give you rules to protect you and to keep you out of trouble. So, kids, remember to obey your parents. It's more important than even brushing your teeth or eating your veggies!

## Classroom Agenda

**Big Idea***Kids should obey their parents.***Key Question***Why is it important to obey?***Memory Verse***Colossians 3:20 "Obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord."*

- (5 min) PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1. 2nd-3rd puzzle key: Obedience, Rules, Protection. Phrase: Obey your parents.**
- (5 min) WARM UP: What are some rules you have to follow at school? What are some rules parents have to obey?** (Tip: Your teacher has rules in class to keep everyone safe so you can learn. Parents have to follow rules, too. For example, they have to obey the rules when driving so not to hit someone else.)
- (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).
- (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
- (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
- (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because God tells us to and it keeps us out of trouble.** (God knows what's best for us so we need to listen to what he has to say. God gives us parents who help us to grow up to be responsible adults. They give us rules to keep us safe and to teach us what is right and wrong. Our job is to follow those rules. Choosing to disobey makes God sad and will only get us into trouble.)
  - Bonus Questions:** Who tells us to obey our parents? Why should we obey? **4-5th:** What are some of your parents' rules that are meant to keep you safe?
- (5 min) EXPLORE: Read [John 15:14](#). What does Jesus mean that we are friends if we keep his commands?** (Answer: When we love someone, we want to honor them, listen to them and make them proud. So, obeying your parents and what the Bible says, will show your parents and God how much you love them. Commands is just a fancy word for rules. So, Jesus is saying that we are his friends when we obey his rules because our obedience shows our love and respect for him.)
- (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (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 [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: OBEY YOUR PARENTS STOPLIGHT

**Instructions:**

- Give each kid a stoplight template (page 5).
- Have kids cut out each item.
- Have kids color the circles (STOP-RED, THINK-YELLOW, GO-GREEN)
- Then have kids glue their circles onto the stoplight, in this order (Red, Yellow, Green)
- As the kids work, remind them how important it is to obey their parents. Encourage them to use their stoplight to remind them to obey. Before they do anything, they should stop and think about the rules. Then, they should go and obey the rules.

**Supplies needed:** Stoplight template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Glue

## OPTION 2: FOLLOW THE LEADER GAME

**Instructions:**

- Have kids take turns being the leader. The rest of the class lines up behind them. Encourage the leader to be creative as they lead the class around the room. Everyone else has to follow and obey exactly what the leader is doing.
- After the game, ask the class what happened when kids didn't listen and obey the leader. (kids got lost or hurt, made the game less fun, or made it hard for others to play)
- Remind the kids how important it is to obey their parents.

**Supplies needed:** None

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You don't have to obey your dog or your little sister. But you do have to obey your parents. Before we get into the reasons why you should obey, let's make sure you know what we're talking about when we say your parents. It means when your parents tell you do something like stop picking your nose, or stop hitting your little sister, then you listen and stop doing those things. Now, those are two silly examples but it also means you listen when they tell to do things like finish your homework or clean up your room.

**Because the \_\_\_\_\_ Says So**

Did you know that obeying your parents is one of the only things it says in the Bible specifically for kids? It's true! It doesn't tell us to get a job or to exercise everyday. It simply tells us to listen to our parents and do what they say.

**Because It \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord**

That means that it makes God happy. You want to make God happy, don't you? We should all want that, it's what we are supposed to do as Christians – even adult Christians! And if you want to be really good at making God happy when you're older, you need to start right now while you're young. Obeying your parents is one of the easiest ways to please God as a kid. So, do it!

**Because It \_\_\_\_\_ Us**

Let me demonstrate. Let's take a Hula hoop. Look, at it as a big "O". "O" is for obedience! The Bible says that the rules God has given us and our parents are for our protection. When we obey, we are safe. When we disobey, we are in danger.

Answers: Obey, Bible, Pleases, Protects

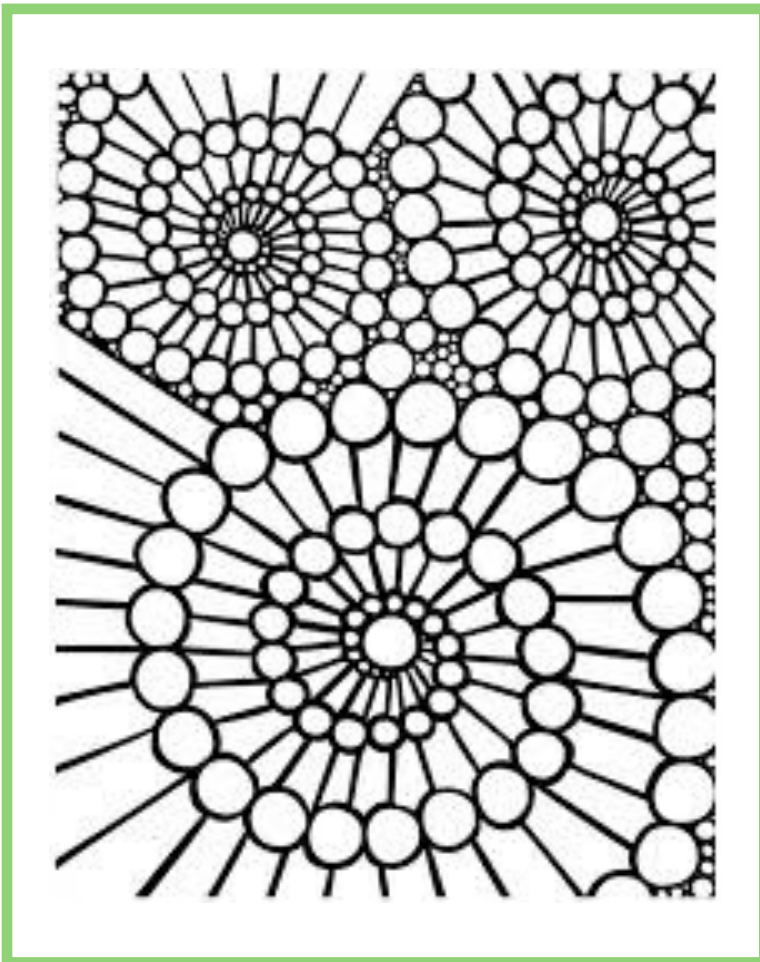
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**Questions:**

1. What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?
2. What are some rules you have to follow at school? What are some rules parents have to obey?
3. What book tells us to obey our parents?
4. In your own words, explain how obedience protects us?
5. Read [John 15:14](#). What does Jesus mean that we are friends if we keep his commands?
6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Color the picture and solve the puzzle.



**Big Idea**

**Key Question**

**Memory Verse**

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