

A Heart of Obedience

A 31-Day Family Devotional Journey
in Hearing, Honoring, and Following God



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

— James 1:22 KJV

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Daily Devotional

Name: _____

Date: _____

BIBLE VERSE COPYWORK:

DISCUSSION:

MY REFLECTION:

PERSONAL PRAYER:

I WILL APPLY THIS FOR:

I AM THANKFUL FOR:

Sabbath Talks

Theme: _____:

BIBLE VERSE

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS VERSE MEANS?

HOW CAN WE APPLY THIS VERSE IN OUR DAILY LIFE?

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THIS VERSE?

**WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING THING YOU HAVE LEARNED
FROM THE BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK?**

Sabbath Talks

Theme: _____:

BIBLE VERSE

Week 1: The Foundation of Obedience (Hearing & Heart Attitude)

Focus: True obedience begins in the heart with a willingness to listen to God's voice and yield our desires to His.

Day 1: The Command to Hear

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving your own selves."

James 1:22 KJV

Discussion:

- Why do you think just listening to instructions without actually doing them is a form of lying to yourself?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: When an instruction is given by a parent or teacher today, look them in the eye, say "Yes, ma'am" or "Yes, sir," and execute it immediately without delay.

Family Prayer:

- Heavenly Father, open our ears to hear Your truth and grant us the immediate will to act upon it. Save us from the trap of empty listening. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Trust and Obey by Vagle Brothers
- Look up the Biblical definition of OBEDIENCE.

Week 1: The Foundation of Obedience (Hearing & Heart Attitude)

Focus: True obedience begins in the heart with a willingness to listen to God's voice and yield our desires to His.

Day 2: The Heart of Love

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

John 14:15 KJV

Discussion:

- How does our willingness to obey someone show how much we respect or love them?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Do one unprompted chore or helpful task for a family member today purely as an expression of love, without expecting any reward.

Family Prayer:

- Lord Jesus, let our obedience to You and to our parents flow from a heart of deep love and gratitude rather than simple obligation. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Trust and Obey by Vagle Brothers
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 1: The Foundation of Obedience (Hearing & Heart Attitude)

Focus: True obedience begins in the heart with a willingness to listen to God's voice and yield our desires to His.

Day 3: A Teachable Spirit

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father,
and forsake not the law of thy mother:"

Proverbs 1:8 KJV

Discussion:

- What is the difference between obeying with a bad attitude (rolling eyes, sighing) and obeying with a teachable spirit?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: The next time you receive correction or instruction today, pause for three seconds before responding to ensure your tone remains respectful and calm.

Family Prayer:

- Father, humble our hearts. Help us to receive instruction and correction with grace, knowing it is meant to guide and protect us. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Trust and Obey by Vagle Brothers
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 1: The Foundation of Obedience (Hearing & Heart Attitude)

Focus: True obedience begins in the heart with a willingness to listen to God's voice and yield our desires to His.

Day 4: Delayed Obedience is Disobedience

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments."

Psalm 119:60 KJV

Discussion:

- Why do we sometimes try to delay doing what we are asked? How does stalling reflect the condition of our heart?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Practice "first-time obedience" today. The moment you are asked to do something, drop what you are doing (if safe) and take care of it right away.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, quicken our steps. Remove the spirit of procrastination and hesitation from our home when it comes to doing what is right. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Trust and Obey by Vagle Brothers
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 1: The Foundation of Obedience (Hearing & Heart Attitude)

Focus: True obedience begins in the heart with a willingness to listen to God's voice and yield our desires to His.

Day 5: Obeying from the Heart

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers;
but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart:"
Ephesians 6:6 KJV

Discussion:

- What does "eyeservice" mean? Why does God care more about what we do when no one is looking than what we do when we have an audience?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Complete a school assignment or household cleaning task to the absolute best of your ability, even if no one checks your work afterward.

Family Prayer:

- Searcher of Hearts, help us to live and work for Your approval alone, doing what is right even when hidden from human eyes. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Trust and Obey by Vagle Brothers
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

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Day 6: The Way of Wisdom

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Good understanding giveth favour:
but the way of transgressors is hard."

Proverbs 13:15 KJV

Discussion:

- How does refusing to listen to advice or correction limit your own growth and wisdom?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Ask a parent or mentor today: "What is one area where you think I can improve my daily habits?"
Listen carefully without defending yourself.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, deliver us from a scornful or defensive spirit.
Grant us the wisdom of a child who is ready and willing to learn. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Trust and Obey by Vagle Brothers
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Day 7: Weekly Reflection & Object Lesson

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will
and to do of his good pleasure."

Philippians 2:13 KJV

Discussion:

- Looking back at this week, when did you find it hardest to obey? How can we rely on God's strength rather than just our own willpower?

Reflection:

- Daily Application: Share one specific area of struggle with the family, and commit to praying for each other in that specific area over the coming week.

Object Lesson:

The Blindfolded Obstacle Course

- Scatter a few safe items (chairs, pillows, boxes) across the room. Blindfold one person and have another family member verbally guide them through the maze to the other side using only calm, quiet instructions.
- The Lesson: To get through safely, the blindfolded person must tune out all other noise, trust the guide completely, and execute the directions exactly when spoken. This is how we must listen to and obey God's Word.

Family Prayer:

- Father, we thank You that You do not leave us to obey in our own weak strength. Work in us daily to desire and perform Your perfect will. Amen.

Week 2: Obedience to Authority (Parents, Leaders, & Law)

Focus: God places authorities in our lives for our protection, guidance, and refinement.

Day 8: The First Commandment with Promise

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Honour thy father and mother: which is the first commandment with promise:"

Ephesians 6:1-2 KJV

Discussion:

- What is the difference between simply obeying (the action) and honoring (the attitude) your parents?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Find an opportunity today to verbally thank your parents for a sacrifice they made or a lesson they taught you.

Family Prayer:

- Lord God, bless our family structure. Help our children to honor their parents, and help parents to lead with Christlike love. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord by Adelaide A. Pollard
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

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Day 9: Well Pleasing Unto the Lord

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Children, obey your parents in all things:
for this is well pleasing unto the lord."

Colossians 3:20 KJV

Discussion:

- Does "in all things" include the small, seemingly unimportant rules? Why do the small things matter to God?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Pay special attention to the minor household guidelines today (such as putting items back exactly where they belong) without needing a reminder.

Family Prayer:

- Jesus, may our daily conduct inside this home bring a smile to Your face and peace to our household. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord by Adelaide A. Pollard
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 2: Obedience to Authority (Parents, Leaders, & Law)

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Day 10: Protection from Harm

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.
When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee:"
Proverbs 6:20-22 KJV

Discussion:

- Can you think of a rule your parents have that is strictly designed to keep you safe from a danger you might not see?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Review your daily boundary lines or safety rules, and consciously choose to stay well within them today without pushing the limits.

Family Prayer:

- Father, thank You for the boundaries set by those who love us. Help us to see Your protective hand behind their rules. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord by Adelaide A. Pollard
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 2: Obedience to Authority (Parents, Leaders, & Law)

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Day 11: Submission to Authority

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.

For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

Romans 13:1 KJV

Discussion:

- Why is it important to respect civil laws and leaders, even when we do not agree with every personal choice they make?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Practice public respect today by keeping common spaces clean, respecting signs, or writing a brief thank-you note to a local leader or pastor.

Family Prayer:

- Sovereign Lord, we pray for our leaders and authorities. Give them wisdom, and give us a cooperative, law-abiding heart that reflects Your order. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord by Adelaide A. Pollard
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 2: Obedience to Authority (Parents, Leaders, & Law)

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Day 12: Respect for Spiritual Teachers

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves:
for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,
that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17 KJV

Discussion:

- Why is the responsibility of a pastor, elder, or Sunday school teacher so serious? How can we make their job joyful instead of stressful?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Sit up, eliminate distractions, and take active, focused notes during your next sermon, Bible study, or homeschool lesson.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, bless those who teach us Your Word. May we be responsive, attentive listeners who cause them joy and encouragement. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord by Adelaide A. Pollard
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 2: Obedience to Authority (Parents, Leaders, & Law)

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Day 13: Obeying God Over Man

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said,

We ought to obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:29 KJV

Discussion:

- When is the only time it is right to refuse to obey a human authority? How do we handle that situation with conviction but without unnecessary anger?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Evaluate your friendships. If a peer or authority figure asks you to do something that violates God's clear Word, practice saying a firm, polite "No."

Family Prayer:

- Almighty God, grant us courage. When faced with a choice between human approval and Your truth, give us the strength to stand firm for You. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord by Adelaide A. Pollard
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Day 14: Weekly Reflection & Object Lesson

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Take fast hold of instruction;
let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life."
Proverbs 4:13 KJV

Discussion:

- How does submission to proper authority actually give us more freedom and less anxiety in our lives?

Reflection:

- Daily Application: Identify one rule or instruction that you have struggled to accept lately. Pray specifically for a heart of compliance toward it today.

Object Lesson:

The Umbrella Test

- Bring an umbrella inside and open it. Have someone stand directly under it while you lightly sprinkle a small amount of water over the top (or simply use it to visualize a rainstorm). Have them step out from under the umbrella and note how quickly they get wet.
- The Lesson: Authority is like an umbrella. When you stay underneath it, you are protected from the storm. When you willfully step out from under your parents' or God's authority to do things your own way, you lose that protection and face the harsh elements alone.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, thank You for the safety found under the umbrella of godly authority. Keep our hearts yielding to Your order and structure. Amen.

Week 3: The Boundaries & Blessings of Obedience

Focus: True obedience requires keeping within God's boundaries, which always results in ultimate blessing and protection.

Day 15: Turning Neither Left Nor Right

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

Only be thou strong and very courageous,
that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law,
which Moses my servant commanded thee:
turn not from it to the right hand or to the left,
that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.
Joshua 1:7 KJV

Discussion:

- What happens to a traveler who wanders just a little bit off a safe, marked mountain trail? How applies to our spiritual lives?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Identify one area where you are tempted to compromise "just a little bit," and draw a hard line to stay completely on the right path today.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, keep our feet steady. Let us not wander into compromise or justification, but keep us walking straight along Your path. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Yield Not to Temptation by Horatio R. Palmer
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 3: The Boundaries & Blessings of Obedience

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Day 16: The Blessed Man

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord."

Psalm 119:1 KJV

Discussion:

- The world often treats rules as a burden that kills fun. Why does the Bible say that walking in God's law brings true happiness?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: List three specific blessings (peace, safety, clear conscience) you currently enjoy because you choose to do what is right.

Family Prayer:

- Gracious God, thank You for the deep joy and peace that comes from a clean conscience and a life aligned with Your truth. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Yield Not to Temptation by Horatio R. Palmer
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

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Day 17: Choosing Life and Good

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good,
and death and evil:"

Deuteronomy 30:15 KJV

Discussion:

- Since choices always bring natural consequences, how does choosing disobedience mean choosing our own hardship?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Before making any significant choices today, stop and ask yourself: "Will the consequence of this choice bring good or trouble?"

Family Prayer:

- Father, give us foresight. Help us to see past the temporary pleasure of temptation and choose the path that leads to life. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Yield Not to Temptation by Horatio R. Palmer
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 3: The Boundaries & Blessings of Obedience

Focus: True obedience requires keeping within God's boundaries, which always results in ultimate blessing and protection.

Day 18: Light for Your Path

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Psalm 119:105 KJV

Discussion:

- How does reading and obeying the Bible protect us from stumbling around blindly in dark, difficult situations

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Pick one verse you learned this week and memorize it completely so you can recall it when making decisions later.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, illuminate our steps. When the world around us is dark and confusing, let Your Word guide our daily choices clearly. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Yield Not to Temptation by Horatio R. Palmer
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 3: The Boundaries & Blessings of Obedience

Focus: True obedience requires keeping within God's boundaries, which always results in ultimate blessing and protection.

Day 19: The Safety of Commandment Keeping

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul;
but he that despiseth his ways shall die."

Proverbs 19:16 KJV

Discussion:

- In what ways does keeping God's commandments safeguard our emotional, mental, and physical well-being?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Clean or organize your workspace today without being asked, recognizing that physical order supports spiritual discipline.

Family Prayer:

- Keeper of our Souls, thank You for the incredible safety found within Your laws. Help us value them as tools for our protection. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Yield Not to Temptation by Horatio R. Palmer
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 3: The Boundaries & Blessings of Obedience

Focus: True obedience requires keeping within God's boundaries, which always results in ultimate blessing and protection.

Day 20: Stable on the Rock

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:
He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock:
and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it:
for it was founded upon a rock
Luke 6:47-48 KJV

Discussion:

- When a massive storm hits, what is the difference between the person who just listens to God and the person who actually does what He says?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: When an unexpected annoyance or "storm" happens today (a spilled item, a broken tool, a schedule change), respond with patience instead of anger.

Family Prayer:

- Lord Jesus, build our foundation deep on the rock of active obedience, so that when the storms of life come, we will stand firm. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Yield Not to Temptation by Horatio R. Palmer
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Day 21: Weekly Reflection & Object Lesson

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea,
I shall observe it with my whole heart."

Proverbs 4:13 KJV

Discussion:

- How have you seen God protect or bless your family or your schedule this week when everyone focused on staying within proper boundaries?

Reflection:

- Daily Application: Take a few moments to write down a brief testimony of a time God protected you from making a bad decision.

Object Lesson:

Baking Without Boundaries

- Head to the kitchen to bake a simple loaf of bread or quick cookies, but intentionally leave out the primary structural ingredients (like the yeast/baking powder or flour) or add three times the amount of salt required. Bake it and look at the ruinous results.
- The Lesson: Recipes have strict layout boundaries for a reason. If you ignore the boundaries because you think you know better, the final result is ruined and useless. God's laws are the perfect instructions for a successful life; skipping steps or changing His rules ruins the outcome.

Family Prayer:

- Father, fill us with understanding. May our lives be a wholehearted testimony of the safety and goodness found in Your service. Amen.

Week 4: The Fruits & Proof of Disobedience

Focus: Examining the consequences of rebellion helps us appreciate the beauty of a submissive spirit.

Day 22: The Deceitfulness of Sin

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man,
but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Proverbs 14:12 KJV

Discussion:

- Why does doing our own thing or breaking a rule often seem like a great idea at the exact moment we choose it?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: If you find yourself trying to justify a small wrong action today, stop immediately, admit the truth to yourself, and turn away from it.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, save us from self-deception. Give us eyes to see sin for what it truly is, rather than what it promises to be. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: I Surrender All by Judson W. Van DeVenter
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 4: The Fruits & Proof of Disobedience

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Day 23: The Hard Way

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns:
but the way of the righteous is made plain."

Proverbs 15:19 KJV

Discussion:

- How does making excuses or refusing to obey instructions create a "hedge of thorns" (unnecessary pain and problems) in your daily routine?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: If you find yourself trying to cut corners or delay an instruction today, stop and realize you are just planting thorns for yourself. Do it completely and correctly the first time.

Family Prayer:

- Father, protect us from making our own paths unnecessarily difficult through laziness or stubbornness. Clear our way and give us a cooperative, smooth spirit. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: I Surrender All by Judson W. Van DeVenter
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 4: The Fruits & Proof of Disobedience

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Day 24: Whatsoever a Man Soweth

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Be not deceived: God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Galatians 6:7 KJV

Discussion:

- If we plant seeds of laziness, arguments, or small deceptions today, what kind of crop will we have to harvest in our future?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Spend 15 minutes today planting "good seeds" by serving someone else or organizing an area that benefits the whole family.

Family Prayer:

- Holy Lord, remind us daily that our choices are seeds. Help us to sow righteousness so that we may reap Your blessings.
Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: I Surrender All by Judson W. Van DeVenter
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 4: The Fruits & Proof of Disobedience

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Day 25: The Trap of Pride

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

Proverbs 16:18 KJV

Discussion:

- Why is pride the primary fuel behind disobedience? Why do we dislike being told what to do?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: When someone else is right and you are wrong today, say clearly: "You are right. I was mistaken. I am sorry."

Family Prayer:

- Lord, dismantle our pride. Replace our haughty, independent thoughts with a gentle, humble spirit that is easy to guide. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: I Surrender All by Judson W. Van DeVenter
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 4: The Fruits & Proof of Disobedience

Focus: Examining the consequences of rebellion helps us appreciate the beauty of a submissive spirit.

Day 26: God Resisteth the Proud

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder.

Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility:
for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:5 KJV

Discussion:

- What does it mean to have God "resist" you? Why is His grace worth more than having our own way?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Yield your preference in a small matter today (such as what to eat, what game to play, or who goes first) to a sibling or parent.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, we never want to find ourselves fighting against You. Clothe our family in true humility so we may receive Your grace. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: I Surrender All by Judson W. Van DeVenter
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 4: The Fruits & Proof of Disobedience

Focus: Examining the consequences of rebellion helps us appreciate the beauty of a submissive spirit.

Day 27: Correction is Love

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; n
either be weary of his correction:
For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth;
even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
Proverbs 3:11-12 KJV

Discussion:

- If a parent didn't care about you at all, would they bother correcting your bad habits? Why is correction a proof of love?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: The next time a parent corrects a behavior or mistake today, thank them for caring enough about your future to address it.

Family Prayer:

- Father, thank You for loving us too much to leave us in our wrongdoing. Help us accept correction with a thankful heart.
Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: I Surrender All by Judson W. Van DeVenter
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Day 28: Weekly Reflection & Object Lesson

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word."

Psalm 119:67 KJV

Discussion:

- How does experiencing the unpleasant consequences of our mistakes actually help steer us back toward a better path?

Reflection:

- Daily Application: Reflect silently on an area where you have experienced correction recently, and consciously choose to walk completely right in that area today.

Object Lesson:

The Bleach and Iodine Demonstration

- Fill a clear glass with water (representing a clean life/heart). Drop a few drops of dark dark liquid (like iodine or dark food coloring) into the water to turn it murky, representing the staining consequence of disobedience and deceit. Then, pour a small splash of liquid bleach (representing forgiveness and correction) into the glass and watch the water turn completely clear again.
- The Lesson: Disobedience leaves a dark trace on our lives, characters, and relationships. It ruins our transparency. But when we accept correction and confess our errors, God cleanses our hearts entirely and restores us.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, use every trial, correction, and consequence to draw our hearts back closer to Your perfect word. Amen.

Week 5: Wholehearted & Lifelong Devotion

Focus: Cultivating an enduring, genuine commitment to follow God all the days of our lives.

Day 29: With the Whole Heart

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
and that seek him with the whole heart."

Psalm 119:2 KJV

Discussion:

- What does partial obedience look like? Why does God look for a whole heart rather than half-hearted effort?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Pick one task you dislike doing today and execute it with 100% effort, enthusiasm, and attention to detail.

Family Prayer:

- God, deliver us from half-hearted compliance. Take our entire heart and make it completely single-minded in its desire to serve You. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Take My Life, and Let It Be by Frances R. Havergal
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 5: Wholehearted & Lifelong Devotion

Focus: Cultivating an enduring, genuine commitment to follow God all the days of our lives.

Day 30: Cleansing Your Way

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Psalm 119:9 KJV

Discussion:

- As you grow older and gain more independence, how will keeping God's Word close protect you from the traps of the world?

Reflection:

- Younger kids: Draw a picture about today's verse.
- Older kids: Write a sentence or two about today's verse.
- Daily Application: Spend some quiet time setting up your study area or bedroom to minimize distractions, creating space to focus on truth.

Family Prayer:

- Lord, protect the paths of these young people. Keep their ways pure as they learn to filter every life choice through Your holy Word. Amen.

Optional Activities:

- Hymn: Take My Life, and Let It Be by Frances R. Havergal
- Choose an activity from the Devotional Activity Sheets pack.

Week 5: Wholehearted & Lifelong Devotion

Day 31: Fearing God and Keeping His Commandments & Object Lesson

BIBLE VERSE/COPYWORK:

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God,
and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Ecclesiastes 12:13 KJV

Discussion:

- Now that we have spent 31 days exploring obedience, how would you summarize what it means to truly fear God and walk in His ways?

Reflection:

- Write down a personal commitment or prayer for obedience on an index card and place it inside your Bible or on your desk as a long-term reminder.

Object Lesson:

The Toy Boat and the Magnet.

- Place a small plastic item or a paper boat in a bowl of water and blow on it to show how easily it drifts around with the slightest breeze. Then, take a heavy metal object or a strong magnet anchored to the bottom or side of the bowl, and tie the boat securely to it with a piece of twine. Blow on it again.
- The Lesson: The world has many cultural currents and winds that will try to drift your life into bad choices as you grow up. Wholehearted obedience to God's commandments is the heavy anchor that holds you perfectly in place, no matter how hard the wind blows.

Family Prayer:

- Great Sovereign Lord, thank You for leading us through this study. May the lessons of this month anchor our hearts forever. Let our family's legacy be one of quiet faithfulness, love, and wholehearted obedience to You. Amen.

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