



Do You Desire to Obey God – Signs of Life
March 12, 2023

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God. **1 John 5:13 NKJV**

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. **John 20:31 NKJV**

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Living in obedience shows we are forgiven by Jesus

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **1 John 2:1 NKJV**

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. **1 John 2:2 NKJV**

...I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. **1 John 2:12 NKJV**

...I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. **1 John 2:13 NKJV**

Is your obedience showing gratitude for Jesus?

Living in obedience shows we know Jesus

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. **1 John 2:3 NKJV**

He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **1 John 2:4 NKJV**

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. **1 John 2:5 NKJV**

Is your obedience showing you know Jesus?

Living in obedience shows we look like Jesus

By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. **1 John 2:6 NKJV**

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: **1 Peter 2:21 NKJV**

Is your obedience showing you look like Jesus?

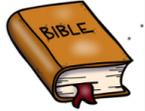
This Week's New Testament+ reading plan:

1. *1 Timothy 1*
2. *1 Timothy 2*
3. *1 Timothy 3*
4. *1 Timothy 4*
5. *1 Timothy 5*
6. *Ezekiel 18*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

NURSERY

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S BOOK

JOSIAH FINDS THE BOOK OF LAW



Memory Verse: The Bible is God's book. 2 Timothy 3:16 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Gave Us the Bible Because He Loves Us

Parent Connect: In our story today we learned about when King Josiah finds part of the Bible while he's cleaning out the temple. Retell the story to your toddler and then play a game of hide and seek with a Bible (2 Chronicles 34:1-35:19). Take turns hiding and finding it.

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MIRACLES AND MINISTRY

THE LIFE OF JESUS



Memory Verse: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

Heart of the Lesson: Remember to be Thankful – 10 Lepers - Luke 17:11-19

Parent Connect: Find times this week to count to 10 with your kid. Each time, remind your kid that our story this week was about 10 lepers that were very sick asking Jesus for help. Does your kid remember how many told Jesus thank you? Practice saying thank you prayers to Jesus this week.

ELEMENTARY

GAME ON!

HOW TO SAY "SORRY", NO TO GREED, AND WHAT DO WHEN THINGS GET CRAZY!



You can learn a lot about a person by playing a board game. In our series, Game On, we will look at different board games that reflect Jesus' teachings. Things like how to say sorry, not be greedy, and what to do when life gets crazy. Then we will act out to learn what is Palm Sunday and discover the clues that point to Jesus' Resurrection.

Memory Verse: "For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are." - Romans 3:20

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus warns us about being greedy – Luke 12:13-21

Parent Connect: The Bible teaches us to guard against greed and to be generous. Talk to your kids how they can guard against greed and as a family come up with one way you can, and will, be generous this week.



The main theme of the book of 1 John is the word “KNOW”. In this series, we will be following the adults series “Signs of Life” to understand how we can KNOW that we have Jesus, and help others KNOW Him too!

Memory Verse: I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

Heart of the Lesson: Do you obey God? - 1 John 2:1-6

Parent Connect: How would you answer a friend who asked you, how does obeying God show that you love Him?



When we choose to follow Jesus, He saves us from our sins and He invites us to be a part of God's forever family! But it can be tempting to doubt if we truly are saved by Jesus and part of His family. How can we know for sure? This series, we are learning how we can be confident we are in God's forever family!

Memory Verse: 1 John 5:13 (NIRV) *I'm writing these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God. I'm writing so you will know that you have eternal life.*

Heart of the Lesson: Do you desire to obey God? (1 John 2:1-6)

Parent Connect: Who can you share your story with?

- What do we receive because Jesus died for us?
- How do we know that we are a follower of Jesus?
- What does it look like when we live like Jesus did?
- How can we show others that we are a follower of Jesus?