

LESSON OVERVIEW

**Big Idea:** Obedience is what you do when you become a Christian.

**Key Question:** Why is it important to obey your parents?

**Memory Verse:** Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. **Ephesians 6:1**

**Overview:** We're continuing our series called the Grid. Grid is just a fancy word for how you look at life. We've already learned that a Christian Grid means we see life like Jesus does. We've learned that we need God's truth in the Bible to guide us and that we need to love God and others. Last week, we learned about how important faith in Jesus is to a Christian grid. Faith is just a fancy word for trusting in Jesus. This week, we're learning about obedience. If you have a Christian grid, that means you want to be obedient to God. You will obey what the Bible says to do. And, guess what? The Bible says the best way you can obey God is by obeying your parents. God gives us parents to help us to live a life that honors God. They give us rules for our protection and they teach us important stuff. And, obeying our parents helps us when we become adults. You know why? Because if we train ourselves to obey as kids, we'll get really good at obedience. Then, when we become adults, we'll already be pros and will continue to obey God. Obedience is important. It honors God to do it and it keeps us out of trouble with our parents!

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min

**PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min

**WARM UP:** What are some rules in your house that you must obey? What about rules at school? What happens when you don't obey the rules?

5 min

**PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and 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 small group to finish this guide.

5 min

**RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

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?

10 min

**PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min

**CLOSE:**

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Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

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Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents.

TEACHER TIPS

**2nd-5th grade puzzle key:** Bible, God, obey. Phrase says "Be obedient"

Obeying the rules are important, whether at home or at school. Rules are for our protection. God cares about obedience, too. He wants us to follow his rules to keep us out of trouble.

**Answer: It keeps us out of trouble and it's good practice for the future.**

God gives us parents to help us out. They give us rules to protect us and they teach us important things we'll need to know when we become adults. For example: learning that lying isn't good or not cheating. And, obeying our parents as kids is good practice for obeying God as an adult. When we become adults, we don't have parents setting the rules for us anymore. We have to figure it out. So, the better you are at obeying as a kid, the better you will be at obeying God once you become an adult and your parents aren't telling you what to do anymore.

**Bonus Questions:** Why is it important to obey your parents? What are some of your parent's rules that are meant to protect you?

**4-5th:** What are some rules that adults have to follow? What happens when adults don't obey? What are some rules you have now that can help you when you are an adult?

Listening is great but that's only part of the solution. We also need to obey what we hear. When we obey, we're showing love and respect both to God and to our parents.

Make sure kids bring their Family guide home or tell them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](https://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson.

# ACTIVITY PAGE #2

## Classroom Activities **K-1st**

### Option #1

#### Obey Caterpillar Craft

- Give each kid a caterpillar template (**page 5**).
- Give each kid a clothes pin.
- Give each kid a large craft stick.
- Give each kid 2 pipe cleaner pieces.
- Glve each kid 2 eyeballs.
- Have kids clamp the clothes pin to one end of the craft stick. This will be for the head.
- Have kids cut out the template pieces.
- Have them glue the eyeballs onto the face
- Have them glue or tape the pipe cleaners at the top backside of the head to look like antennas.
- Then have them glue or tape the face to the clothes pin.
- Have them tape "BEY" along the craft stick so it says, "Obey"

#### Supplies needed

- Caterpillar template (pg 5), 1 set per kid
- Clothes pins, 1 per kid
- Large craft sticks, 1 per kid
- Pipe cleaners, cut in 3 in. pieces, 2 pieces per kid
- Eyeballs, 1 set per kid
- Tape/Glue
- Scissors

#### Bonus Activity:

Play **Memory verse game**.

Say the memory verse as a class. Say it again while **spinning** around. Say it again while **marching** in place.

### Option #2

#### Bible Jeopardy

- Have class get into two teams.
- Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Read a question from below to the class. First team to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get a point. If incorrect, the other team gets a chance to steal for 2 points.

Questions:

1. What is the book full of God's truth? (Bible)
2. What book is our memory verse from today?(Ephesians)
3. What kind of grid helps us see the world like Jesus does? (Christian)
4. Who should we obey? (God and parents)
5. What is the Big Idea today? (see teacher's notes)
6. What is the rock we learned about today that we need for a Christian grid? (Obedience)
7. True or False: God doesn't care if we follow the rules. (F)
8. Why did Jesus die for us?(pay for our sins)
9. Name another good idea rock we've learned about for having a Christian grid? (truth, love, faith)
10. Where did Jesus die for us?(cross)

#### Supplies needed

- Bells or ringers

#### Bonus Activity:

Play **Telephone**.

Have the class sit in a circle. Whisper the **Big Idea** in the ear of one kid. Have them whisper it to the kid on their right. Continue around the circle. Last kid has to say what message they heard.

# The Rock of Obedience | The Grid #4 (Kids)

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\_\_\_\_\_ is what you do when you become a Christian

It's so important that Jesus told his disciples to remind us to be obedient.

The best way to obey \_\_\_\_\_ is to obey your \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 6:1** *Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.*

Don't you love that verse? It tells you the reason you should obey. Because it's the right thing to do silly! But there's another reason.

Obedying your parents is the first commandment that comes with a \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 6:3** *If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."*

## Questions:

1. What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?
2. What are some rules in your house that you must obey? What about rules at school? What happens when you don't obey the rules?
3. What are some of God's rules in the Bible that we should obey?
4. Why do you think God cares that you obey your parents?
5. Why will your life be better if you obey your parents?
6. 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?
7. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

## Bonus Questions:

1. Read **Deuteronomy 5:33**. What does God say will happen when his people obey him? How has God blessed you when you've obeyed him or your parents?
2. Read **Proverbs 10:17**. What happens when you disobey? How can continued disobedience cause trouble in your life?
3. Read **Psalms 128:1**. Why are we happier when we obey God?

Answers: obedience, God, parents, promise

# ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

Kids

## BIG IDEA

Obedience is what  
you do when you  
become a Christian

## KEY QUESTION

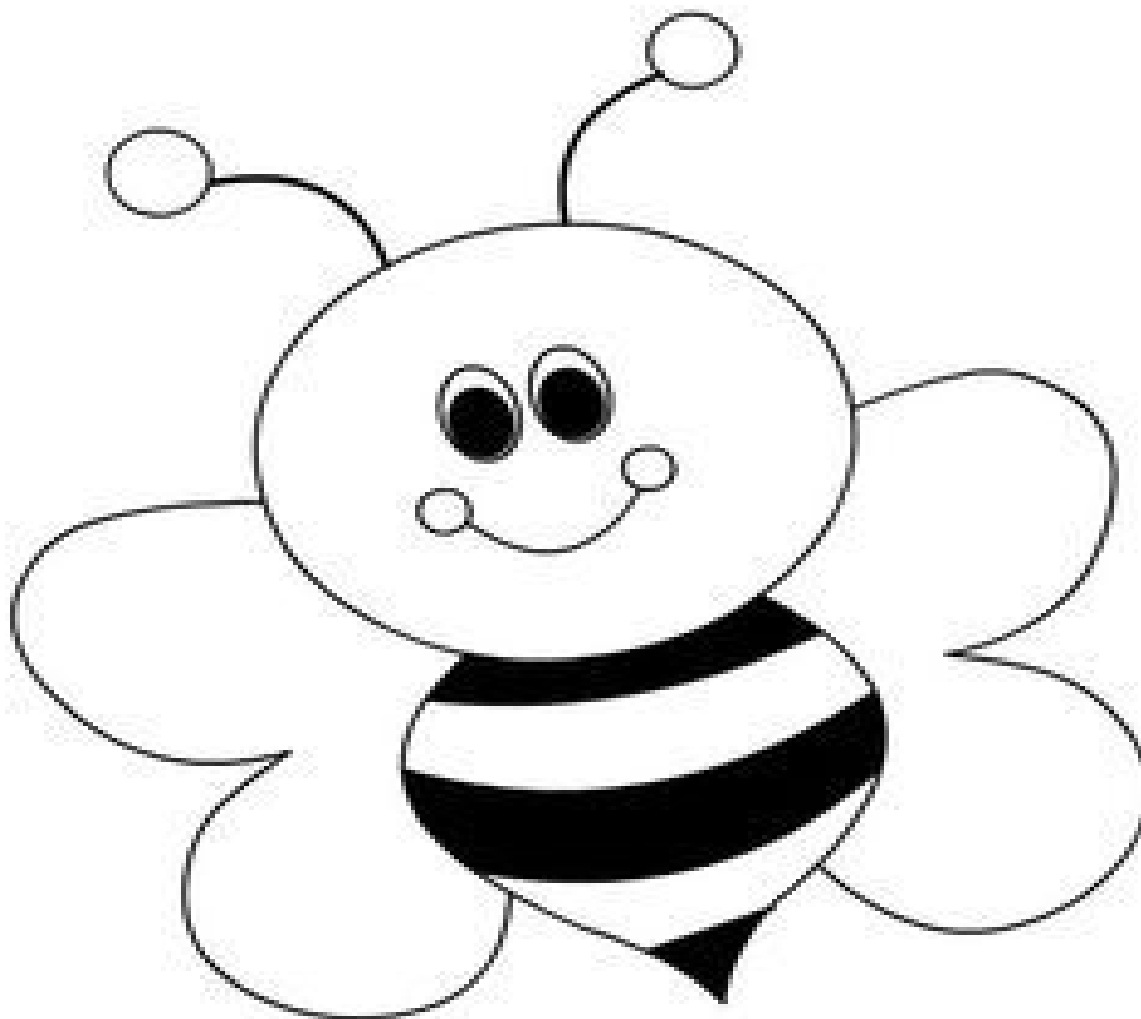
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## MEMORY VERSE

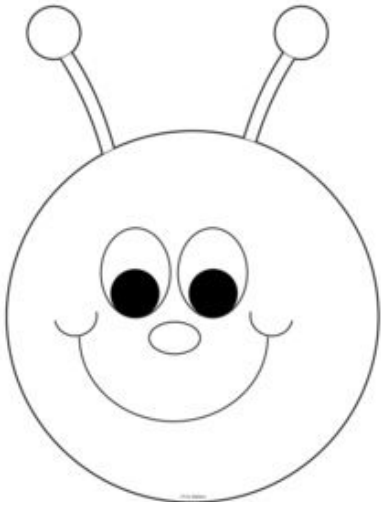
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**Ephesians 6:1**

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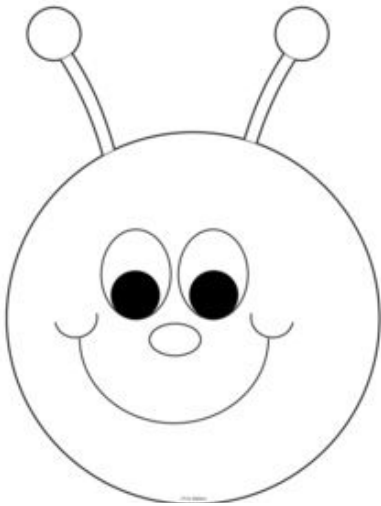
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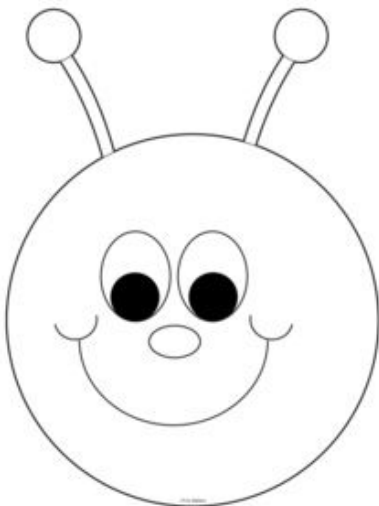
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