

It Pays To Obey

Small Group Application Activity Lesson 7 - I Will Obey Jesus!

PURPOSE:

This activity will help the children see the benefits of obeying Jesus.

DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will look up verses where Jesus has made a specific promise related to obeying a specific command.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet and the Teacher Version of the "Promises Of Jesus Chart Lesson 7" from the Lesson Materials Folder. Each child, or pair of children, will need a Bible, and a "Promises Of Jesus Chart Lesson 7" from the Lesson Materials Folder.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. In our Bible Lesson, Jesus gave the disciples a command to obey and promised a result if they did.
2. What was the command and what was the promise? (*To throw the net on the other side of the boat. They would catch some fish.*)
3. What happened when the disciples obeyed Jesus? Did the thing that Jesus promised happen? (*Yes. They caught lots of fish.*)
4. In our lives, Jesus is not likely to tell us to throw a net on the other side of our boat. But Jesus has given us many commands to obey and many of them have promised results with them.

For detailed instructions on how to lead the activity, watch the Training Video.

DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. I will give you a verse to look up. As you look it up, I will read a description of either the promise that Jesus makes or the command we must obey.
2. If I give you the promise, you will try to figure out the command.
3. If I give you the command, you will try to figure out the promise.

Note: Refer to the Promises Of Jesus Chart. Give the verse reference first. Then read from the Teacher Version, either the promise or the command, and then help the children find the verse and figure out the answer.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. Many times in the Bible when Jesus gives His disciples a command, there is a promise of something good when they obey Jesus.
2. The promises that Jesus made to His disciples also apply to us today.
3. When we obey the commands of Jesus, we can know that the promises of Jesus will come true in our lives as well. Those are some amazing promises!
4. We will always have challenging times and problems in our lives, but it is good to know that if we obey Jesus we can have the best life possible.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

Just like Jesus promised good things to the disciples when they obeyed Him, Jesus promises good things to us when we obey Him. But if we don't obey, we may never experience all that Jesus has promised.