

Obey Way

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

PURPOSE:

This activity will show the children examples of the consequences of disobeying Jesus and the benefits of obedience.

DESCRIPTION:

In this activity, the children will hear three stories of children who have an opportunity to obey or disobey a command of Jesus. After they choose, they will face the consequences of their choices, both good and bad.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

For this activity, you will need this Help Sheet and the "Obey Way Stories Lesson 7" from the Lesson Materials Folder. Each child, or pair of children, will need a Bible.

TO INTRODUCE THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. In our Bible Lesson the disciples obeyed Jesus and had an amazing result.
2. What happened when they obeyed Jesus? (*They caught a lot of fish.*)
3. In our lives, obeying Jesus will look differently than throwing a net on the other side of the boat.
4. I'm going to read you some short stories about kids who have the chance to obey one of Jesus' commands.

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

DURING THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. I will read the first part of the story. Then, we will look up the command that Jesus gave.
2. After this, you will decide what the person in the story should do.
3. Then, I will finish reading the story and we will see if the person obeyed, and if it turned out well or it turned out badly.

Note: Read the stories, pausing where indicated to interact with the children.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY SAY:

1. How did things turn out for the people in our stories when they did not obey Jesus? (*Things turned out badly.*)
2. Things turned out well for Warner because he obeyed Jesus.
3. Obeying Jesus does not mean that we will get everything that we want or that we will always be happy.
4. For example, look at Peter and the disciples. The disciples did amazing things, but they also faced very difficult times. But it was through those difficulties that they were able to reach people all across the world with the Good News of Jesus.
5. If they had not obeyed Jesus, you and I would never have heard the Good News! Just like the disciples did amazing things by obeying Jesus, we will do amazing things by obeying Jesus.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

Just like Jesus had amazing things in store for the disciples when they obeyed Him, Jesus has amazing things in store for us when we obey Him. But if we don't obey, we may never experience all that Jesus has planned for us.