

# Obedience

## Small Group Lesson Parents' Summary

Follow along with GKidz as we develop the character value of Obedience in the Timothy Club P1-3 children over the next four weeks!



Dear Parents,

Obedience is a key character value that we want to see developed in our children. God promises us from John 14:23 that when we love Him and obey His teaching, God will come to us and make His home with us.

But more than outward compliance to instructions and commands, we want to see our children obey God and other authorities in their lives with the right heart attitude, and not obey out of duty or fear of punishment.

We obey with the right heart when we submit to God and to the authorities He has put in our lives. We submit to God when we recognize that He is a good God who gives us commands for our good and protection.

May your children catch that God and authorities in their lives provide protection and covering over them, and having recognized that, that they will have a submissive spirit and follow in God's ways.

God bless you with an awesome Family Altar Time each week.

Partnering with you to raise a righteous generation,  
Ps Alexandra Wee

### The 5 "I wills" of Obedience

- 1 I will obey my authorities immediately.
- 2 I will have a cheerful attitude.
- 3 I will complete all that I am expected to do.
- 4 I will not complain.
- 5 I will go the "extra mile".

### Memory verse

"Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love him. We will come to him and make our home with him.'" John 14:23

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## Obedience Lesson #1: God Gives What We Need

### I will obey my authorities immediately

#### Scripture text: Exodus 16

This week's lesson focuses on the story about how God provided manna for the Israelites, and the instructions that He wanted them to obey exactly and immediately. Some Israelites followed God's instructions carefully, and had manna, God's provision, for each day. Some Israelites, however, did not follow God's instructions at the right time – some were too early and ended up with a yucky, smelly mess, while others were too late or didn't listen to God's instructions and ended up with nothing to eat on the Sabbath Day.

#### Going Deeper / Application

God is the ultimate authority in our life. God puts authorities in our lives, like our parents, our teachers, our GKidz leaders and pastors. When we follow and obey them, we will be protected by them, just like how an umbrella protects us from rain or sun.

When we obey the authorities in our lives, we need to obey immediately. If we obey when we want to, or only when we feel like it, that is not obedience, but disobedience, or delayed obedience.

#### Suggested Activities, Questions or Discussion Points for Family Altar Time

- What are some of the things that parents protect children from? What are some of the things that God protects us from?
- Share with your children about a time that you didn't obey an instruction immediately. What were some of the consequences that resulted? How would have obeying immediately in that situation resulted in a different outcome?
- Is there something that as a family you are trusting God to provide for you? God is Jehovah Jireh, our Provider. Bring that need before God together, and trust that He will provide for your family just as He provided daily exactly what the Israelites needed.

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## Obedience Lesson #2: God's Laws Bring Freedom I will have a cheerful attitude

### Scripture text: Exodus 19:1-8, 20:1-17

This week's lesson talks about how God establishes His covenant with the Israelites, telling them how they will be His special treasure if they keep His commandments. God also provides the Israelites with His law, starting with the Ten Commandments.

### Going Deeper / Application

Traffic rules are there to protect us and keep us safe. In the same way, God's commands are there to protect us and help us to do the right thing. However, God is not just concerned with outward compliance but is also concerned about our heart's attitude when we obey. He doesn't want us to obey grudgingly, but with a cheerful heart. When we realize that God's commands and the commands of the authorities in our lives are there to protect us and guard us from greater danger (and even ourselves!), then it can become a joy to obey these commands. Let's ask God to bring that revelation to our children.

### Suggested Activities, Questions or Discussion Points for Family Altar Time

- Ask your Timothy Club children to teach everyone in the family about the Ten Commandments using the card with the 10 pictures that they received this week at GKidz. Why do you think God gave us these commandments? Choose a few commandments and discuss why God chose to include them. What do they protect us from?
- Ask everyone to share - what is a command - either one of God's commands, or one given by an authority in your life - that you find difficult to obey with a cheerful heart? Close the time of sharing with a word of prayer, asking God to help us to obey cheerfully and to give us a cheerful and teachable heart.
- If you have the Character Development Toolkit, use it to discuss specific ways to apply the "I will"s from the past two weeks. Track your child's progress using the Star Action Chart in the toolkit.



Obedience Lesson #3:  
God shows His Compassion through His Presence  
**I will complete all that I am expected to do.**



Obedience Lesson #4:  
God Delivers Israel  
**I will not complain. I will go the extra mile.**

**Coming soon!**