

Taking the Lesson Home
January 31st, 2010

Fishermen Are Astonished by a Miraculous Catch

Luke 5:1-11

Bible Point: We show our love for Jesus by obeying him.

Memory Verse: “If you love me, you will obey what I command” (John 14:15).

Discussion Starters

Preschoolers

- What does it mean to obey?
- Who should we obey?

Elementary Students

- Why should we obey Jesus?
- What does it mean to obey Jesus?

Youth

- What does it mean to obey God?
- Why should we obey God? Why is it sometimes hard?

Talk Topics

- Talk about someone your family knows well who’s obeyed Jesus consistently. What did this person do? What was the effect of obedience in this person’s life? If possible, invite that person to your house for an evening meal.
- Use construction paper and markers to make symbols of things that represent obedience in your family. Consider shapes that represent family rules or God’s laws. When you’re finished, talk about what you’ve created. Then tell about areas in your life in which you need to obey God better.
- Share about a time you didn’t obey God. (Make sure you share an age-appropriate mistake with your children.) Tell your children what you did and what impact that decision had on your relationship with God and others. Allow all family members to share similar experiences.

Through the Week

Use these passages in your devotional time to explore obedience.

Monday—Philippians 2:14

Tuesday—Jeremiah 1:4-5

Wednesday—Jeremiah 29:11

Thursday—Proverbs 3:5-6

Friday—Proverbs 10:8

Saturday—Psalm 37:5-6

Daily Challenges

Choose one or more of these activities to do this week:

- Confess to God an area in your life in which you’ve been disobedient. Ask God to show you how to be obedient. Take every step needed to turn aside from your disobedience and begin to obey God wholeheartedly.
- Use a concordance to look up Bible verses about obedience. Choose one to memorize. Print out the verse and keep it in the visor of your car or post it on the bathroom mirror to help you remember the importance of obedience.
- Play a game to explore the value of obedience.
- Choose one family member to be the leader, and have that person give specific instructions to the rest of the family. Explain that the instructions must be positive, and that the instructed activity shouldn’t take more than two minutes. For example, the leader might say, “Pretend to have a carrot for a snack” or “Give each other back rubs.” Allow each family member a chance to be the leader. Then discuss together what it was like to obey (or not obey) and how it felt to lead when others chose to be disobedient. Discuss what effect obedience and disobedience have on your family and on your relationship with God.