

2.16 FRIENDS OF GOD OBEY GOD

Topic: Becoming a Friend of God

Subtopic: Friends of God Obey God

2A. Prayer and Worship

Class: Standard II (2nd Grade)

Objectives:

Knowledge: When students are asked to name another characteristic for becoming a friend of God, they will say obedience to God.

Attitude: Students will recognize that obedience is the better way of life.

Materials Needed:

Memory Verse Exercise Book

Exercise Book

Scripture:

References: Genesis 12:1-8

Memory Verse: “We must obey God...”
Acts 5:29

TEACHER ACTIVITIES

Introduction:

1. What are some ways to build a friendship with God?
2. Another way is to obey God. What does it mean to obey God?

Bible Story:

3. Listen to this story of Abram from Genesis 12:1-8. Did Abram obey God?

Suggested Discussion Questions

4. Abram was an old man. What did Abram do when God told him to leave his home?
5. Why do you think Abram was able to make this decision?
6. Why is it important to obey God?
7. But is it easy to always obey?

Application:

8. When your mother asks you to do something and you fail to obey, how do you feel?
9. Is obeying God less important than obeying your mother?
10. How can we know what God wants us to do?

Evaluation:

11. What does our new Memory Verse tell us about obeying God?

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Introduction:

1. Students will respond with worship, prayer, listening to God
2. Obey means to do what you know God wants you to do.

Bible Story:

3. Students will listen to the story and agree that Abram was obedient.

Possible Answers to Questions:

4. He packed up his family and left his home for the land God said He would take him to.
5. He believed God would take care of him.
6. God has a plan for us and His plan is best. Obeying is part of being a friend of God.
7. No. Abram could have said he was too old or he didn't see why he had to leave his extended family.

Application:

8. Students express their feelings. Mother usually finds out and things aren't too good.
9. It is important to obey God.
10. Many times we learn from reading God's word or listening to God when we pray.

Evaluation:

11. Repeat the memory verse using motions.

Extension Activities

1. Memory Verse: Have the students write the memory verse in the Memory Verse Exercise book: “We must obey God.” Acts 5:29
2. In the other exercise book, write “Friends of God Obey God” Underneath draw a picture of Abram being obedient.
3. Game: “May I?” This game reinforces obedience. Name someone to be “It”. Have the children line up facing the person who is “It”. [If you have a large class, select 6-10 children to participate in this game and the others can observe.] The person who is “It” tells the first child to do something like shake her teacher’s hand or run to the tree or stand on her head or take two steps forward. The child must ask, “May I?” and “It” must say, “Yes” before the child can do the activity. If the student forgets to ask, “May I?”, she loses that turn. The children can all get involved by listening carefully for each person to ask, “May I?”, before they do the activity.
4. Learn this chant: “Obey God in the morning. Obey God in the evening. Obey God all day long because we want to worship Him.”

NOTES FOR TEACHERS

Highlights for the Telling the Bible Story

1. You can introduce the story by using some examples common to children to be obedient such as mother’s telling them to come home immediately from school or doing what the teacher asks them to do. Sometimes we are asked to do difficult things. We will learn about being obedient from a man called Abram.
2. Abram was comfortably settled in with his father who had chosen to leave his familiar home and moved into a trade center.
3. Then the Lord spoke to Abram and said, “Leave your country, your people, and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.” [Genesis 12:1]
4. It was probably not very common for someone to leave his extended family and go to a far away place to live.
5. God promised He would give Abram many descendants and make him a great nation.
6. Abram was 75 years old so he could easily have said he was too old to make this kind of move. But that’s not what he did.
7. He gathered his wife and his nephew and trusted God to show him where he was to go. He believed God would take care of them.
8. God did take care of them and brought them safely to a place called Canaan where Abram built an altar and worshiped God.

Key Points

God knows He can trust us if we obey what He tells us to do. Obedience is another way to become a friend of God.

Motions to Help Learn the Memory Verse

With the use of this sign language, people who are not able to hear can know what is being said. For the word “we”, point to yourself. Then put your pointer finger up and

move down with two fingers out for the word “must”. For the word “obey”, point to your head, then put two thumbs up. For God, start with your right hand at the level of your head and pull down to the waist. We have just learned how to say, in sign language, “We must obey God...” Acts 5:29

Teacher Evaluation

Am I providing a good example of being obedient to God?