

## Spirit-Filled and Able to Obey

**Parents:** We praise God for the role models He has given us in our moms and dads. On Father's Day, we especially thank Him for fathers. We know it's not possible to be perfect parents, but we serve a God who is completely perfect and holy. When our earthly dads point us to God, and help us obey Him, that's a true gift. Let's take a look in the Bible at how Peter and the apostles obeyed.

**Read:** *Acts 5:29-39 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."*

**Discuss:** Can you give an example of what it means to obey? *Ex. I follow my teacher's directions in class.*

Look in the passage and circle what our Prince and Savior, Jesus, brought Israel to along with you and me? *He brought us to repentance and forgiveness of our sins. By His grace we regret not obeying God and we are forgiven.*

How do we know how to obey God? *We read the Bible.* Who does God give to those who obey Him? *The Holy Spirit.*

### Key Point: We Love and Obey God

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(Place both hands over your heart)

(Lift hands slowly from heart to above your head)

**Family Activity:** Play Follow the Leader. How does this teach kids to obey? It teaches them to copy whatever the leader is doing. If the leader claps, they clap. If the leader takes two steps to the left, they take two steps to the left. It's a classic game that can teach how important it is for everyone to follow the leaders that God has placed in their lives.

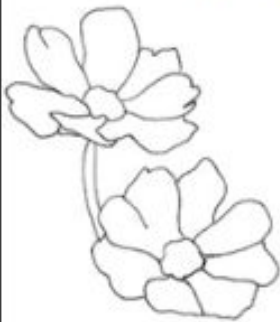
**Prayer:** Dear God, we praise you and thank you for the Bible that shows us the rules that we should have in our lives, especially obeying those in authority like our parents. Help our parents to be patient with us, just like you are. Help them to teach us how to obey and follow you. Send us your Spirit to help us obey and when we don't, remind us that we are forgiven because of Jesus. We thank you and we love you. Amen.

**Next Steps:** Color the sheet below. When your parents ask you to do something today, smile and say yes, and do it the first time they ask. Remember to listen, obey, and do it right away.

# Obedience



Doing what I have been asked the  
first time completely, joyfully, and  
with I♥ve for Jesus and others.



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