

I Will Keep On Obeying God! From The Great Race Lesson 7

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - OBEDIENCE

Great leaders understand that great things can only be accomplished when you are obedient to God.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

The children will learn that we should obey God. Doing so will help us to live the best life possible.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The wall is completed and God's laws are read. (*Nehemiah 8, 9:1-4, 10*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: KEEP ON OBEYING

Nehemiah and the Jewish people heard the book of law and immediately began obeying God's laws. There are rules we need to obey, too. We need to obey what God tells us to do in the Bible and we need to obey our parents and teachers as well. This week, take a trip to a nearby playground or park. Play a game of "Follow the Leader" with your family. Let all family members take turns being the leader and making up the rules. When someone gets tired and wants to stop, remind him or her that we need to keep on obeying! When finished ask your family about some times that it is hard to keep obeying. Have family members rank the rules below from "easiest to keep obeying" to "hardest to keep obeying." The order may be different for each family member. Feel free to substitute rules that your children regularly have problems obeying.

- Fold and put away clothes before playing
- Do homework before watching TV
- Listen in class
- Go to bed on time without fussing

We all struggle sometimes with different rules that we have a hard time obeying. But we should remember that the rules are there for a reason. God put those rules in our life. And following God's rules will always bring about better results than breaking them. That is why we need to obey the rules, and keep on obeying them, no matter what.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"If you obey my decrees and my regulations, you will find life through them. I am the LORD."
Leviticus 18:5 (NLT)

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Main Point: I Will Keep On Obeying God!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *I Will Keep On Obeying God*
(Filename: Elevate_OBEDIENCE2_GR_L7_IWillKeepOnObeyingGod.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read Nehemiah 8, 9:1-4, and 10. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. Pastor Mike said that when you are traveling, lots of things can go wrong if you do not follow something. What was he talking about?
2. What are some of the rules that you need to follow if you are traveling on a plane?
3. What are some rules that you should follow if you are traveling in a car?
4. The rules are there for a reason. They were put in place to help us. Why did Pastor Mike say the rules are put in place?

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5. In the Leadership Story, Nehemiah had someone read God's rules to the people after the wall was completed. Who brought out the Book of the Law and read it?

6. Ezra started reading God's rules to the people early in the morning. At what time of day did he finish?

7. The people had not heard God's rules in a long time. After Ezra read the rules, the people realized that they had been breaking God's rules. When the people realized that they had not been following God's law, what did they do?

8. Fill in the encouraging words that Nehemiah said to the people in Nehemiah 8:10b (NLT).

Don't be dejected and _____, for the _____

_____ is your strength!

9. What did the Israelites do after Nehemiah's encouraging words?

10. The Israelites had learned that disobeying God brought bad things. What kind of things does obeying God bring?

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11. Just like the Israelites, we should celebrate God's rules and the rules that people give us in our lives. God gives us rules because He loves us and wants the best for us. The Israelites also promised to follow God's rules in the future. Think about some of the rules that God has given you in your life and write them down below. Here are a few reminders, if you can't think of anything. Obey your parents. Tell the truth. Help others. Give your tithe to the church. Write down at least five rules that you know you should obey.

12. Now write out a promise to obey these rules. You can copy the promise below if you want, or you can put it in your own words. After you have written it, sign your name on it, and have your parents hang it somewhere that you will all see it regularly.

Sample Promise:

Thank you, God, for giving me rules to keep me safe and guide me. I know that you gave me these rules because You love me and want the best for me. I promise to do my best to always follow Your rules. I love You. - Amen.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. Rules.
2. Obey the pilot and flight attendants. Stay in your seat when they say so. Stay quiet during the announcements.
3. Sit in the right seat. Keep your seat belt buckled. Keep your hands to yourself.
4. To keep you safe and help you get where you are going.
5. Ezra.
6. The middle of the day.
7. They were sad. They cried.
8. Sad. Joy. Of. The. Lord.
9. They celebrated.
10. Good things.
11. Answers may vary.
12. Answers may vary.