

S.A.F.E. Homes



“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.” - Hebrews 13:17

Obey and Be Blessed!

Obedience is behavior that is respectful and mindful of rules. At birth, you were given parents whose duty was to feed, clothe, and provide you a place to live. According to Proverbs 22:6, they were also given the duty to “Train up a child in the way he should go...” As you are growing up, your responsibility is to listen to your parents and to follow their instructions. It is important to learn how to be obedient to your parents for they are the first authority figures in your life. They are preparing you for the life that you will live in the world outside your home.

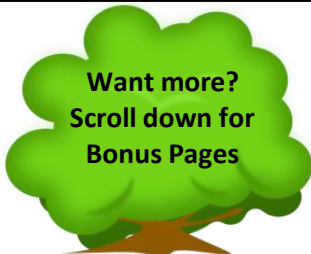
As you grow older there will be other authority figures in your life, such as, school teachers, employers, law officers, a pastor, etc. How you respect and respond to your parents at home where obedience is concerned will greatly affect how you respect and respond to these other authority figures. While obedience to these authority figures will help you to be a good productive citizen of society, your pastor will be there to help you prepare for the life that is beyond this present life.

Your pastor’s greatest concern is the state of your soul. His responsibility is not to make you happy but to make you holy. He rules over you in spiritual things. Your pastor is there to establish guidelines for your conduct and standards of lifestyle. It is important that you obey them that have the rule over you in these things, for then they can give a good account of your obedience to God and God will look upon you with favor. Obedience should be seen as the way to the blessings of God and not something we resist. Obey and be blessed!

Family Prayer: Lord, help us to obey Your Word. Help us to obey those that have rule over us, especially our pastor! We want Your blessings in our lives! In Jesus’ Name, Amen!



**Includes
Family
Activities**

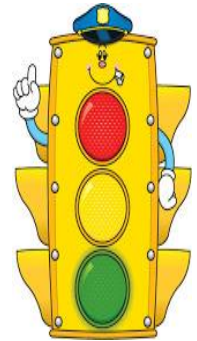


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Red Light, Green Light

This game teaches children obedience by listening to the 'stoplight.' Have an adult be the stoplight the first time and then give everyone a turn. The rest of the family will line up shoulder to shoulder about 20 feet away from the stoplight. When the stoplight says green light, the players will walk towards the stoplight. When the stoplight says 'red light', all players must immediately stop. Any player that doesn't stop has to return to the start line. The first player that reaches the stoplight is the winner.



Let's talk

Have you ever wrestled with the decision to listen to an authority figure, but were glad about the outcome when you chose to do what was right? How could your situation have turned out differently?

The Bible instructs us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves. That means come to church. Think of someone perhaps in your Sunday school class who has not been as obedient to this instruction as maybe they should. Make arrangements with your parents to help call this person this week and spend some time with them. Maybe getting ice cream, etc. Make sure you let them know you've missed them at church



Additional Challenges

In Jonah chapters 1-3 we read of Jonah's disobedience.

What did God instruct Jonah to do? Did he obey?

When the storm came, what was Jonah doing? What did the mariners do?

What did Jonah suggest should happen to him?

Did the Lord allow Jonah to perish in the sea? What did God prepare?

How long did Jonah suffer before he prayed? What was God's response?

What did God ask Jonah to do after he was freed?

What was the response of the people of Nineveh?

Because the man of God obeyed and the people obeyed, what did God do?

Puzzle Page

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

TYHRIATUO

A number line from 0 to 10. The segment from 0 to 2 is labeled '21' below it, and the segment from 2 to 3 is labeled '2' below it.

SOLU

A number line with four equal segments. The first segment is labeled 15, and the second segment is labeled 25.

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SAIRUPTIL

A horizontal number line is shown, ranging from 0 to 100. Major tick marks are labeled every 10 units (0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100). Minor tick marks are present between the major ones, representing 1-unit intervals. The numbers 23, 22, and 3 are written below the line. 23 is located between 20 and 30, 22 is located between 20 and 30, and 3 is located between 0 and 10.

TILNES

A horizontal number line is shown, divided into 6 equal segments by vertical tick marks. Below the fourth tick mark from the left, the number 8 is written.

TINRA

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1	2	3	4

5	6	7	8	9	10

11	12	13	14	15

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19	20	21	22

23	24	25	26

