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Jesus Obeys



Key Passages

- Luke 2:46-49; John 6:38; Hebrews 4:15

Lesson Focus

- Jesus obeyed. He did not sin.

Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will color the Wise Men Coloring Sheet as a review of Lesson 9 and/or play with play dough.



Circle Time

Prayer—Using the Flip Chart Prayer Page, discuss prayer and give each child the opportunity to pray after determining what type of prayer you will offer today.

God's Word—Students will hear how Jesus was obedient to God, His Father.

Song—Students will sing songs to help them remember the lesson of the day. Lyrics to the songs are found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.



Activity 1: Where Is Jesus?

Students will search for pictures of Jesus.



Activity 2: Search for Jesus Maze

Students will complete a maze to help Joseph and Mary find Jesus.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Students will review the memory verse as they play a game and recite/sing the verse. Give them an opportunity to repeat the verse with you or after you individually.



Applying God's Word/Snack

Students will review the lesson while enjoying the snack for the day.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



FOR THE TEACHER

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.



COME ON IN

- Print one Wise Men Coloring Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Provide play dough if appropriate.

- Wise Men Coloring Sheet for each student
- Crayons
- Play dough
- Cookie cutters



CIRCLE TIME

- Practice the songs on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.

- Lesson Flip Chart
- Bible
- Stuffed animal for prayer time



WHERE IS JESUS?

- Print one Where Is Jesus Illustration from the Resource DVD-ROM.

- Where Is Jesus Illustration(s)
- Optional: Blindfold



SEARCH FOR JESUS MAZE

- Print one Search for Jesus Maze from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- Search for Jesus Maze for each student
- Crayons



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW AND ACTIVITY

- Print and cut out one copy each of the six Follow the Leader Cards from the Resource DVD-ROM.
- Set out chairs and tables around the room.
- Attach cards to chairs and tables around the room.

- Memory Verse Flip Chart Page
- Six Follow the Leader Cards attached to chairs and tables around the room
- Tape



APPLYING GOD'S WORD/SNACK

- Prepare and bring snacks.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Lesson Flip Chart for Review
- Snacks



Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above along with this background.

Jesus is fully God and fully man. We have seen that He was born in the humblest of circumstances. Yet He was sought after by wise men who bowed before Him in worship and praise (Matthew 2:11). King Herod sought to kill him out of envy and hatred because of who He was destined to be (Matthew 2:16).

The Bible tells us that Jesus the man lived a life of perfect obedience to His Father and to the Law of God. He was without sin. Even as a child, He understood He was to be about His Father's business (Luke 2:49). And the Bible tells us that as a child He was subject to His parents and obeyed them in complete submission (Luke 2:51). Throughout His life, though tempted in all points as we are, Jesus did not succumb to the temptations, but lived a life without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

Christ's life had been preplanned by God the Father, and the man Jesus was careful to carry out every detail, obeying the Father's perfect will (Hebrews 10:7). Jesus told His disciples that He came to carry out the commandments of the one who sent Him (John 14:31). Jesus made it clear that He only did what He knew the Father would do (John 5:19). He did not come down from heaven to do His own will, but the will of the Father who sent Him (John 6:38). And this complete obedience led Him to the humiliation and suffering of death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:8).

It is important to grasp that while a man, Jesus obeyed the Law perfectly. His perfect obedience to His Father's will demonstrated His righteousness (1 John 2:1). And Jesus is the only person who was able to live out this full righteousness before God the Father. Why is this important to know?

The answer lies in our own sinfulness. Righteousness is something we could never acquire because of our sin nature. We have sinned and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). We were born in sin and in our own strength will never overcome it. God hates sin (Psalm 5:4–6) and cannot look on it because He is pure and holy (Isaiah 6:3). And yet, Jesus tells us that we are to be perfect just as our heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48). He instructs that if we love Him, we will keep His commandments (John 14:15). This is impossible for sinful humans. As Isaiah records, we are like an unclean thing, and our righteousness is like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). We are disobedient toward the holy, just God. We are not righteous. We can never measure

up to the standard of perfect obedience to God's Law and commandments. Yet that is what God demands.

This brings us back to the perfect obedience of Jesus Christ to the Law—the Law that is impossible for us to keep. You see, Jesus was born of a virgin. He did not inherit Adam's sin nature. He was the perfect Son of God. Jesus's sinless life of obedience fulfilled the righteousness God required (Matthew 3:15). And Jesus is the only one who could have ever fulfilled it. This is where we see the grace, mercy, wonder, and glory of God in His plan for believers. The very righteousness that only Christ could attain is available to us—to all who believe—through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22). Through our faith in the only righteous one, Jesus Christ, we are made righteous in God's sight. God imputes Christ's righteousness to us when we place our faith in Him. "Imputes" means that God looks on Jesus, sees His righteousness demonstrated through perfect obedience to God and His Law, then applies that righteousness to us.

This exchange was made possible when Christ, who knew no sin, became sin for us and died on the Cross (2 Corinthians 5:21). Christ's righteousness was credited to our account, and our sin was laid on the sinless Son of God. As He suffered for our sins, He made the payment that was due from our account so that the justice of a holy God could be satisfied.

Christ lived a perfect life, and through faith we gain His perfection. At the same time, though, believers still battle sin, as Paul talks about in Romans 6–8. Though we are perfect positionally, having the righteousness of Christ, we still must put to death the deeds of the flesh. That is what sanctification is all about—God changing us more and more into the likeness of Christ.

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

Grasping this idea of imputation is absolutely essential to understand your identity in Christ. Historically, we can actually talk about three imputations. The second and third imputations have been introduced above—the sin of man went to Christ's account when He died on the Cross, and Christ's righteousness was credited to all who would believe. We see the first imputation occurring in Genesis in Adam. Adam represented all of humanity when he rebelled against God. His sin was imputed to us—it was credited to our account (Romans 5:12). Every human throughout history has been born with a sin nature and sins in word,

thought, and deed. We carry a sin debt because of our disobedience to God. But God provided a way for the debt to be paid. God's eternal plan of redemption was put in place before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3–6). God's plan made it necessary for God to step into His creation at some point in history to deal with the problem of sin.

Let's make an analogy. Say you were born with a blackboard representing your heart. Each time you sinned against God, that sin was written on that blackboard as a record against you. The record of those sins will be used to judge you after you die, and the judgment will result in punishment in hell. But there is a solution. God can wipe away all of those sins because Jesus has taken the penalty for those sins on the Cross. Your sins were imputed to Him; He died in your place for your sins. So now you have a clean blackboard—but that doesn't make you righteous, just neutral. This is why Christ's active obedience during His life is important.

Not only is it important that your sins were imputed to Christ, but you need Christ's righteousness imputed to you so that on judgment day, God will see you as righteous. When you repent of your sins and trust in Christ for salvation, your blackboard is not only erased, but you are given a whiteboard. And all of the perfectly obedient acts that Christ ever did get written down on your whiteboard in gilded calligraphy! Adam's sin was imputed to you, your sin was imputed to Christ, and as a believer, Christ's righteousness is imputed to you—three imputations at the core of Christian doctrine. This perfect obedience of Christ is what Paul was referring to in the book of Romans when he stated that it is by Christ's life that we are saved:

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (Romans 5:10)

Throughout the last 2,000 years of church history, there have been those who have attempted to tamper with the doctrine of imputation and salvation in Christ alone. Pelagius was a false teacher in the fifth century who denied that Adam's sin was imputed to mankind.

He believed and taught that man could do good deeds and fulfill the Law on his own. This is a form of self-righteousness that denies the need for Christ to fulfill the Law on our behalf. But the Bible is clear that we can do nothing good that pleases God apart from the Holy Spirit enabling us (Romans 8:6–9). Rather than our works making us righteous, once we are made righteous in Christ, we are able to do the things that please God (Ephesians 2:8–10).

The Son of God humbled Himself, coming in the form of a man so that He might identify with us and become our representative. He obeyed in full the Law that we were not able to keep so that He could give us His righteousness. As God, Jesus was able to bear the infinite punishment for sin. Let us look to Christ, the God-man, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despised the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the Cross, that we might die to sin and live for righteousness (1 Peter 2:24). What a glorious mystery and hope-giving truth!



BEFORE THE THRONE

Lord Jesus, obedient, selfless, and righteous! You accomplished God's perfect will for your life, every day, every hour, every moment—including the humiliation and the suffering that led up to your death on the Cross. Your perfect obedience was necessary to appease a perfect God and Judge. You died for me, and for all believers, that we might live! Help me explain this mystery to my students. Quicken their young minds so they will come to you in humility, repentance, and faith. Move their hearts to understand the sacrifice Jesus made once for all, that they may be saved from an eternity in hell and, by faith and grace, enter into an eternity with the Creator and Sustainer of the universe!

➤ As you teach, refer often to the Lesson Flip Chart Page to keep the children engaged. When reading the lesson Scriptures, stand up, be enthusiastic, look at the children, and emphasize the answers to the questions you will be asking. This will help to keep the children interested.



COME ON IN

As children arrive . . .

- They will color the Wise Men Coloring Sheet as a review of Lesson 9.
- If there is time, they can play with play dough.

During this time you should be at the door welcoming the children as they come in and directing them to sit down at the tables and begin the activity. Have an aid/helper ready to engage the children with the activity.



REVIEW

Using the Flip Chart, quickly review the previous lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Flip Chart Pages. Remind the children of each lesson's focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Circle Time

In an orderly manner, have the children assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs. Bring your Lesson Flip Chart, Bible, stuffed animal for prayer time, and any other props you brought or prepared for this lesson.

PRAYER

This prayer time is designed to get children to begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to get them to understand that they can pray. Use a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—or appropriate object to pass around the circle as each child gets his/her turn to pray. Only the child with the stuffed animal is allowed to pray or speak during this time. Using the same stuffed animal or other object all year will add continuity and structure to this time.

We start our Bible study with prayer. Let's pray. Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer Page. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there. Then determine which type you want the children to pray today.

- I love you prayers—Adoration
- I'm sorry prayers—Confession
- Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
- Please prayers—Supplication

Today Adoration is suggested. You might proceed this way:

Today let's say prayers of adoration—and tell God how much we love Him.

The prayers you begin with should be specific to your needs. This will model to the children that you believe God does care about all the details of your life, and you pray to Him about these things. Your example will increase their confidence in praying to God.

I'll start. Dear God, you are great and good. I love you so much because . . .
(insert personal prayer).

➤ Prior to making your transition to Circle Time, we suggest you take time for restroom breaks and hand washing.

➤ Preschoolers need to move. This is a good opportunity to get them to move. Make an orderly transition to the Circle Time. You can have carpet squares if you want to sit on the floor, or help them to move their chairs into the circle.

Pass the stuffed animal around the circle giving all the children an opportunity to say a prayer telling God how much they love Him.

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll get into God's Word.

GOD'S WORD

These first five questions will be repeated each week this quarter. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? **Does God know all things?** *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*
- ? **Can you see God?** *No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.*
- ? **Can God do all things?** *Yes! God can do all His holy will.*
- ? **Where do you learn how to love and obey God?** *In the Bible alone.*
- ? **Is God's Word true?** *Yes! Every Word of God is true.*

The following activity should be repeated at the beginning of each lesson to encourage anticipation and enthusiasm for looking into the Word of God. Use a sticky note to mark today's passage before you begin.

Bible Pass Around

➤ Before Bible Pass Around, place a sticky note in your Bible to mark the first passage to be read.

➤ When the Bible Pass Around Activity is completed, continue with the lesson.

We are going to start out today by looking into God's Word, the Bible. *Hold up Bible.* **God's Word is true, and we can trust what it says. But where should we look? One of you will help me with that. We're going to play Bible Pass Around. Whoever ends up with the Bible must hold it very carefully until it is time to look in it. When it is time to read, you can bring it to me, and we'll open it to see what we are going to talk about! Here's what we're going to do. I want everyone to count with me up to the number** *choose a number. You may also choose to practice the alphabet, recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.* **We'll start right here.** *Hand the Bible to the first student.* **As we say each number (or word) you must carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you—remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready to start our lesson. Are you ready? Let's begin.** *You may want to have the student with the Bible stand next to you until it is time to open it. Continue with the lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around.*

We've been talking about someone very special in the past few weeks.

- ? **Who have we been learning about?** *Jesus.*

That's right. The Bible tells us a lot about His simple birth. Let's start today by singing the song, "This Little Baby," to help us remember what we've learned about Jesus's birth. *Turn to the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide. Stand and sing the song together. Refer to the pictures on Lessons 7, 8, and 9 Flip Chart Pages as you sing each verse. Lyrics are on Lessons 7 and 8 Flip Chart Pages.*

Refer to Lesson 8 Flip Chart Page. **Very good! Jesus was born in a very simple way.**

- ? **What was the name of the town where Jesus was born?** *Bethlehem.*

? And who did the angels tell about Jesus’s birth that night? *The shepherds.*

Refer to Lesson 9 Flip Chart Page. Many people were happy to hear about Jesus’s birth. Some men travelled a long, long way to find Jesus so they could worship Him and give gifts to Him.

? Who were those men? Do you remember? *The wise men.*

? What did God give them up in the sky as a guide so they could find Jesus?
A star.

Yes. The wise men found Jesus and worshipped Him by bowing down and giving Him gifts. But not everyone was happy about Jesus’s birth. Some people hated Jesus!

? Who was the man we talked about that hated Jesus? *King Herod.*

Yes. King Herod was afraid another king might take his power away. Herod got so angry that he wanted to kill Jesus—even while Jesus was still a baby! But remember, God protected Jesus from Herod. It wasn’t time for Jesus to die. We know that Jesus would die one day—but that would come much later.

Today, we’re going to find out some more about how Jesus lived His life.

? Where should we go to find answers about Jesus? *Hold up Bible. The Bible.*

? Who is Jesus? *Allow discussion.*

The Bible tells us that Jesus is God. You see, Jesus is man, like you and me, AND Jesus is God.

? Who sent Jesus to earth? *Allow discussion.*

The Bible says that God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth.

? And who was Jesus’s father on earth? *Joseph.*

Yes. Jesus’s father on earth was Joseph, Mary’s husband. Jesus always obeyed Joseph and Mary as He grew up. He never said “no!” to them or lied to them. He did everything they told Him to do. And He always obeyed the first time! Jesus obeyed perfectly because He was God. He did not sin.

The Bible tells us that Jesus’s real Father is God. The Bible also says that God sent His only Son to earth to make a way for sinners to be forgiven. When Jesus came to earth, He came to do what God, His Father, wanted Him to do. Jesus came to earth to do God’s will. God wanted Jesus to obey perfectly. And He did—Jesus did not sin. He never broke even one rule. Let’s see what the Bible has to say about this.

Let’s open the Bible to the book of Luke. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible, and he/she opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.*

Luke 2:46–49

➤ Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text. The children should hear God’s Word and know they can answer questions from it. It is not too hard for them.

Luke tells us about a time when Jesus was only twelve years old. He went to Jerusalem with His parents, Mary and Joseph. Now in those days, they would travel in big groups with family and friends. While they were on their way home, Mary and Joseph noticed that Jesus wasn’t with the group! Oh, no! He must be lost! Joseph and Mary turned around and went all the way back to Jerusalem, looking for Jesus. *Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page.* Where could He be? Joseph and Mary were worried as they searched for Jesus.

Listen as I read what happened. *Read Luke 2:46–49 with enthusiasm. This is a long passage, but they should be able to grasp the idea.*

? **How long did Mary and Joseph look for Jesus?** *Re-read Luke 2:46. Three days.*

? **Where did they find Jesus?** *Luke 2:46. In the Temple.*

Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page. **Wow! Three days is a long time. But Jesus was safe in the Temple. The Bible says that Jesus was sitting with the teachers in the Temple. He was listening to them and asking them questions! The teachers in the Temple knew this boy, Jesus, was someone special. And they were amazed at all that Jesus knew.**

? **When Mary and Joseph found Jesus, what did they say to Him?** *Re-read Luke 2:48. Why have you done this?*

? **How did Mary and Joseph feel while they were searching for Jesus in the city?** *Luke 2:48. Allow discussion. They were anxious.*

They were anxious—worried and nervous—maybe even scared. Jesus was only twelve years old, and His parents couldn’t find Him for three days!

Listen again to how Jesus answered them. *Re-read Luke 2:49.*

? **Who’s business was Jesus doing?** *His Father’s business.*

? **Who is Jesus’s Father? Who sent Jesus to earth?** *God.*

You see, Jesus knew that God the Father had sent Him. He knew that He must obey the Father and do His will. Jesus obeyed. Jesus did not sin.

Jesus talked many times about doing His Father’s will. Listen to this. It’s from the Gospel of John. *Read John 6:38.*

? **Why did Jesus come down from heaven?** *Allow discussion.*

Jesus did not come to earth just so He could do whatever He wanted to do. No, Jesus came to do what God the Father wanted Him to do. He came to do God’s will. Jesus came to obey His Father. Jesus obeyed. He never sinned.

Now let’s look at another verse in the Bible. We’re studying the Bible together! That’s great! God wants us to study His Word. In this verse in the

John 6:38

book of Hebrews, it talks about Jesus who is our High Priest. Listen to this.

Read Hebrews 4:15 emphasizing "without sin."

Did you hear that? This verse says that Jesus obeyed God the Father perfectly without sin.

? Did Jesus ever sin? *No!*

? Did Jesus obey God, His Father, all the time? *Yes!*

Refer to Memory Verse Flip Chart Page. Jesus was completely obedient. Our memory verse talks about this, too. Listen as I read it. *Refer to each picture. Emphasize "obedient."*

? Why did Jesus come to earth? How did He die? *He died on the Cross.*

That's right! Our memory verse tells us that Jesus was obedient even to death. He obeyed God in all things. He even obeyed God by going to the Cross and dying for sinners like me and you!

? Why did Jesus die? *Allow discussion.*

Jesus died on the Cross so that sinners could be forgiven. Jesus took the punishment for sinners. Jesus said that if we believe in Him and turn away from our sins, we will be forgiven and have eternal life.

Jesus came to do this for us. Jesus came to do the Father's will. Jesus obeyed. He did not sin.

SONG

Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page. Jesus came to earth for a reason: to do His Father's will. Let's sing "Jesus Came." *Teach the song by singing one phrase and having students repeat after you. Then sing through the whole song two or three times.*

We're going to sing "God Calls You." This song reminds us that we need to be obedient, too! *Teach and sing the song two or three times.*

We were reminded today that Jesus came so that He could die on the Cross to take the punishment for our sins! Jesus is the only one who can forgive us of our sins. When we are truly sorry for our sin and turn away from it, Jesus will forgive us. Our hearts can be made clean through Jesus. Let's sing the song about a clean heart. *Sing "Clean My Heart" together once or twice.*

Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Let's practice our memory verse now. Sing it with me. Here we go! *Sing the Memory Verse Song once or twice with enthusiasm!*

Repeat songs as time allows. You may want to add hand motions, stomping, marching, or instruments.

Lyrics can be found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the end of this Teacher Guide.

► Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page and Memory Verse Page during this part of the lesson.



Where Is Jesus?

MATERIALS

- Where Is Jesus Illustration(s)
- Optional: Blindfold

INSTRUCTIONS

Print one or more copies of the Where Is Jesus Illustration from the Resource DVD-ROM depending on the size of your class. Students will take turns going out of the room with an assistant (or covering their eyes) while you hide the Where Is Jesus Illustration somewhere in the classroom.

The student will come in and search for the illustration while the rest of the class gives hints: warmer, colder, yes, no, etc. You could choose a boy to be Joseph and a girl to be Mary and have them search together.

Remember how Joseph and Mary searched and searched for Jesus? Well, today we're going to pretend that some of you are Joseph and Mary looking for Jesus. I will choose two of you to go out in the hall (or cover your eyes). You will be Mary and Joseph returning to Jerusalem to look for Jesus. We are going to hide the picture of Jesus somewhere in the room. *Show illustration.* When you come back in, you will search for the picture and see if you can find it.

We will help you with hints, and we will all repeat the "Where is Jesus?" jingle. Ready?

Repeat this jingle with your class as the students look for Jesus:

Where is Jesus? Where is Jesus? We can't find you.

He's with teachers in the Temple, who are surprised at all He knew.

You are HOT! You almost found Him!

You are COLD! Can't find Him there!

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

After traveling away from Jerusalem for one whole day, Joseph and Mary could not find their son, Jesus! Joseph and Mary cared about Jesus. They were afraid that He was lost somewhere along the way. So they looked all around and even went all the way back to Jerusalem looking for Him. Finally, after three days of searching, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was talking with the teachers there. He was doing His Father's will. He was obedient to God! He did not sin!



Search for Jesus Maze

MATERIALS

- One Search for Jesus Maze for each student
- Crayons

INSTRUCTIONS

Print one Search for Jesus Maze for each student. Have the students follow the path through the maze to help Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple. If time allows, color the pictures.

- ? Look at the start of the maze. Who do you see there? *Mary and Joseph.*

That's right. Put your crayon there beside them. Now follow the path that leads them to where Jesus is.

- ? Where was Jesus? *In the Temple.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Jesus came to earth to do God's will. God is Jesus's father. Joseph and Mary cared a lot about Jesus, and they wanted Him to be safe. So they searched for Him until they found Him in the Temple doing the business of His Heavenly Father.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

MATERIALS

- Memory Verse Flip Chart Page
- Follow the Leader Cards attached to chairs and tables around the room
- Tape

INSTRUCTIONS

Print and cut out one copy of the Follow the Leader Cards. Tape each one to a chair or table and randomly place them around the room. You will lead the students around the room and stop at each card. Read the card and lead the children to do what the card says while reciting the memory verse. Then move around to the next one. You may want to repeat this activity if time allows or have students take turns leading.

We're going to practice our memory verse. Let's say it first. *Point to each picture as you say each word and have the students repeat. Practice the verse together using the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page.*

Good job! Now we're going to play a "Follow the Leader" game. I'm going to lead you around the room, and when we come to a chair or table with a sign on it, we will stop and do what the sign says while we say our verse together. So everyone line up. **Follow me!** *Play the game.*

You may want to sing the Memory Verse Song instead of saying the verse. When finished, see if anyone can say the verse using the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Jesus obeyed. He never sinned. He obeyed His earthly father, Joseph, and His mother, Mary. And He obeyed His Heavenly Father, God. Our verse reminds us that Jesus obeyed God completely. He knew that the only way for sinners to be saved was for Him to die on the Cross to pay for our sins. Jesus showed us great love by obeying God even to death of the Cross.



Applying God's Word/Snack

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

After thanking God for your snack, review today's lesson using the Flip Chart.

Because He is God, Jesus obeyed perfectly. He did not sin—ever! Mary and Joseph loved Him very much. But one day, they became really worried when they were traveling home from the big city of Jerusalem. Where was Jesus? They couldn't find Him. Finally, after looking for three days, Mary and Joseph found young Jesus talking to the teachers in the Temple. Jesus told them that He was doing His heavenly Father's business. He obeyed God completely. Jesus knew that He came to earth to do God's will. Jesus obeyed. He did not sin.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Jesus said many times that He came to obey His Father's will. God had a plan for Jesus to die on the Cross to save sinners. Jesus obeyed God's will completely. Like our memory verse says, Jesus was obedient even to death on a cross. When Jesus died on the Cross, He made a way for sinners to get to heaven! All who believe in Jesus, are sorry for their sins, and turn to Jesus Christ for forgiveness can be saved and live forever with Him in heaven. I'm so glad that Jesus obeyed and never sinned. He made a way for us to be forgiven!

➤ Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



Group Prayer Time

- Thank God for forgiveness through His Son, Jesus.
- Praise God for His perfect plan to take the punishment for sin.
- Pray that God will give us hearts to love and obey Him more and more each day.

Do you still have more time? Review the past quarters using the Flip Charts, add another coloring sheet, recite and review the current and past memory verses, sing more songs, bring out play dough. Keep the children occupied with intentional, God-centered activities until their parents come to pick them up.

Song Sheet

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

(To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

And being found in

(Are you sleeping?)

Appearance as a ma-an,

(Are you sleeping?)

He humbled Himself

(Brother John,)

Be-came-o-be-di-ent.

(Brother John.)

To the point of dea-eath,

(Morning bells are ringing,)

Even-the-death-of-the cro-oss.

(Morning bells are ringing.)

Phil-ip-pi-ans

(Ding, ding, dong!)

Two verse eight.

(Ding, ding, dong!)

JESUS CAME

(To the tune of "This Old Man")

Jesus came. Praise His name.

(This old man, he played one.)

I will never be the same.

(He played knick knack on his thumb.)

If I love and serve Him,

(With a knick knack paddy wack,)

Belie-ieve in His name,

(Give a dog a bone.)

I will never be the same!

(This old man came rolling home.)

GOD CALLS YOU!

(To the tune of "Skip, Skip, Skip to My Lou")

God calls you to obey.

(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou.)

God calls you to obey.

(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou.)

God calls you to obey.

(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou.)

Yes! I'll obey today, Lord!

(Skip to my Lou, my darlin!)

CLEAN MY HEART

(To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")

In my heart, what does God see?

(Jesus loves me, this I know,)

Is He the one I want to please?

(For the Bible tells me so.)

Or does my heart need help, Oh, Lord?

(Little ones to Him belong,)

Clean out the sin and make it yours!

(They are weak, but He is strong.)

Yes, I need Jesus!

(Yes, Jesus loves me!)

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Please, clean my heart today!

(The Bible tells me so.)

Think of fun ways to sing. Get children in a circle holding hands. They can go in one direction and at each verse quickly reverse direction. Put one or more than one child in the middle of the circle. Go around them then move in and back out! Get them into a straight line. Have them follow you around the room.