

Palm Sunday / April 5, 2020

Jesus Is Obedient

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for use as
STEP 1

**Lesson****Focus:**

Become humble and obedient to God's will.

Lesson**Bible Basis:**

Mark 14:32-65; 15:16-18

Lesson**Memory Verse:**

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
—Philippians 2:8

Students will watch a video about obedient dogs and one that has a mind of its own to introduce them to the lesson topic on becoming obedient to God's will.

Materials:

Internet access

➤ **What does it mean to be obedient?** (Students may say obedience is doing what someone else says, complying with an order, or following instructions.)

➤ **Think of a time when you were obedient. What happened?** (Answers will vary. Students may talk about obeying a parent, a coach, or a teacher.)

Listen to this definition of obedience: “Willing to do as told by someone in authority: willing to obey.” Being able to submit to authority and follow orders are important qualities for students, employees, and people in general.

Let's watch a video about obedience in action.

Share the following video [1:52]:

Hilarious Golden Retriever Really Wants to Race But ... First Things First —

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iTTNRE-njM>

➤ **What did the first two dogs do in the competition?** (Students may say the first two dogs obeyed their masters and did not get sidetracked by treats or toys.)

➤ **What did Golden Retriever do?** (Students may say the retriever was not obedient. He got distracted by what he wanted—treats and toys—and ignored his master. He lost the competition.)

➤ **Have you ever felt like the third dog, distracted from obedience by your own desires?** (Allow students to discuss and share a few personal experiences; be prepared to share your own age-appropriate experiences.)

A dog's obedience is based on good training, its breed, the master's control, and the individual temperament of the dog. But our obedience as humans can have many different

motivations, including fear, respect for authority, and a desire for peace. Jesus set an example of extreme obedience. Let's look at what the Bible shows us about His humility and obedience.

Additional Resources:

Kids definition of *obedience*

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/obedient>

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Internet access
- Paper
- Pen/pencils

Jesus was obedient to His Father. He came to Earth as a Man and did everything His Father asked of Him including dying on the Cross for sins. The definition of *humble* is “not regarding others as inferior, not overly proud, and low in rank or condition.” We can become humble and obedient to God’s will, too. Ask a volunteer to read today’s memory verse (Philippians 2:8).

➤ **What are some ways you can follow Jesus’ example of humility and obedience?** (Answers will vary. Students may talk about following God’s commands in the Bible, putting other people before themselves, saying no to temptation, following God’s path for their lives, etc.)

If you know Jesus as your Savior, you can become humble and obedient. Get a piece of paper and draw a circle in the middle. Write the word “Obey” inside the circle. Draw lines coming out from your circle like spider legs. At the end of each line write one way you can obey God such as “Tell the truth,” “Do what is best for others,” or “Respect my parents.” As you write, ask God to help you be humble and obedient like Jesus.

➤ **What are some ways you could be humble and obedient to God’s will during this COVID-19 crisis?** (Encourage your students to identify at least one way they will fulfill this objective each day over the next week. Some ideas you might want to share with them as they look to be obedient and humble: Take charge of younger siblings as mom and dad try to work from home; be available to take on extra chores as confinement produces added clutter throughout the day; with permission, find a no-bake cookie recipe online and make it as a treat for dinner; look out for the interest of others by not hogging the TV remote or fussing about viewing options; make get-well cards for others who are sick; etc.)

Jesus humbled Himself in obedience to die for our sins. Remember that you can follow Jesus’ example and become humble and obedient to God’s will.

Let’s pray and thank Jesus right now for being an example to us of humility and bringing us salvation through His obedience.

Close in prayer.

Additional resources:

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