

Use “The Scene” to introduce “The Blessings of Obedience” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for May 3, 2020. The lesson is found on page 63 of *Young Teen Teacher* by 21st Century Christian.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

Englishman Tom Moore turned 100 this past week. That fact by itself would be remarkable on its own. But that’s not all. Tom just finished walking (with his walker) 100 laps around his garden (yard), after a recent partial hip replacement. But that’s still not all. He also decided to use his goal of making 100 laps to raise money for the NHS Charities Together—supporting UK hospitals, staff, volunteers, and patients affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

He wanted to raise 1000 British pounds. At the time of the writing of this article, he had raised nearly 32.8 million. 32.8 MILLION!

Thanks to social media, around 1.5 million supporters donated to Tom’s campaign. People all around the world were inspired by this grandfather’s spirit. Tom is a WWII veteran, having served in the British Army in India, Indonesia, and Britain. As UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock said, “He has served his country in the past and he’s serving his country now. . . . We all need a bit of cheering up sometimes.”

According to Tom’s daughter, her father had always been a hard worker. But no one expected his latest efforts to be quite this successful. She said her father had been “floored” by the number of donations. And I’m sure he celebrated a very happy birthday.

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

What do you think of Tom’s story?

Who in your life has lived a long time? Have you ever talked with them about the history they have witnessed?

In the Bible, we find out that honoring parents is potentially a way to live a long life. What do you think about that? What are the benefits of living a long life?

We may not all want to live until we are 100, but there are many rewards that come from honoring one’s parents. Let’s look at three rewards that come from being obedient children.

