

# No Matter the Cost

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for use as  
**STEP 1**

**Lesson 10****Focus:**

In all situations, obey  
God first.

**Lesson 10****Bible Basis:**

Acts 4:1-22;  
5:12-42

**Lesson 10****Memory Verse:**

Peter and the other apostles replied:  
“We must obey God rather than human  
beings!”  
—Acts 5:29

Students will watch a video about a teen who acted in love and discuss what it looks like to obey God.

**Materials:**

- Internet access

Deciding what God wants us to do in our everyday lives is an important part of following Him. Knowing His voice and obeying it is key.

- **Have you ever been confronted with a situation which forced you to decide if you should obey God or someone else?** (Answers will vary; students may share something like: My friends were making some bad choices at school, and I knew God wouldn't want me to go along with them, so I chose to obey Him, etc.)

Christians are called to obey God by loving our neighbors, but what does that mean on a practical level? Let's take a look at how one teen shows love for a woman and her son through his actions.

Share the following video [2:03]:

Teen rescues 11-year-old boy from Snohomish County lake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuFfKCDaxtA>

- **How did the teen in the video show love?** (He risked his own safety to help save the drowning boy.)

Although most of us won't love our neighbors by saving them from drowning, we do have daily opportunities to obey God and love the people around us.

- **What are some everyday ways you could show love to the people around you?** (Answers might include: Showing kindness to a classmate, helping a sibling with homework, standing up for a peer who's being bullied, offering to help your parents with extra housework, etc.)

Obeying God isn't limited to loving our neighbors. There are many ways we can obey Him through our daily words and actions.

➤ **What are some other ways we can obey God?** (Answers might include: Praying and seeking Him, sharing the gospel, caring for the poor, serving in the church nursery, etc.)

**In today's lesson, we're going to see how Jesus' disciples were up against a strong opposition to their faith. Yet, they chose to share the Gospel message with anyone and everyone they came into contact with, despite the trouble that would come from it. Let's find out what it looks like to follow God, no matter the cost.**

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

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**STEP 4** 

**Lesson 10****Focus:**

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5:12-42

**Lesson 10****Memory Verse:**

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**Materials:**

- Internet access
- Index cards
- Pens/pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class.

Today’s Bible lesson was all about the disciples’ determination to share the message of salvation with everyone, no matter the cost. They couldn’t help sharing because they knew the truth! They had to tell others about Jesus, even if it meant being made fun of, beaten, jailed, or one day killed. Because of their boldness to tell others about their faith, many were saved during this period as recorded in the book of Acts.

- **Have you or anyone in your home ever had the chance to share the message of salvation with someone? Tell about it.** (Be sure to share your own experience.)
- **How would you share your faith in Jesus with others? What would you say?** (Answers will vary.)

The last command that Jesus gave His disciples was to go and make disciples by sharing the Good News with others. During this especially hard time in our world, it is so important that we obey this command and share with others the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Some people may have never heard this message.

- **What are your biggest fears about sharing your faith?** (Answers will vary but may include: I’m afraid someone will make fun of me, afraid I will forget what to say, afraid someone might ask me something I don’t know the answer to.)

Sharing our personal story of what Jesus has done in our own lives is powerful because it’s about our own experience. Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). I will share an article that explains how to share the gospel in 4 simple steps. On one side of your index card, you’ll write the four simple steps.

Display the article for students, reading the 4 points' descriptions out loud and allowing them to copy the 4 steps:

Sharing Your Faith 101

<https://onemissionsociety.org/story/share-the-gospel-in-4-simple-steps>

**On the other side of your index card, write the name of someone you can share the gospel with in the coming week.**

**Sharing your faith might be new or even a little intimidating because it means you might have to step out of your comfort zone. Fears of messing up or maybe being made fun of by friends who don't believe could go through your mind. Christians have felt that way for thousands of years. But Jesus is with you, and when you choose to obey God, He will give you the power to do it!**

**Whether you share the good news of Jesus Christ with one person or twenty, the point is you are giving a message of hope to those who need hope now more than ever! Don't allow fear or what others might think about you to stop you from sharing. Obeying God is much more important than what others think. And remember, His hope is what our friends and family need more than anything.**

Encourage your students to put their cards somewhere they'll see them throughout the week. Invite them to be praying for an opportunity to share the good news with someone.

**This week pray that God will give you the opportunity to share His message of salvation. Use the 4 steps as you share, or just share your heart and tell them what God has done in your life. He will do the rest.**

Close in prayer as a group or pray with each child individually.

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