

HOME connection

OT Unit: Mercy in the Midst of Disobedience, Lesson 1

D6 Family Theme:
THE COST OF DISOBEDIENCE

Objectives:

Know: The Israelites failed to fully obey God's commands, which led to a downward cycle of idolatry and disobedience.

Think: Be conscious of my tendency toward disobedience and keep my focus on Christ.

Do: Fully obey God's Word each day.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Judges 2:1-23. Of all the decisions we make on a daily basis, none are any more important than the decision we make regarding our obedience. As a parent expects obedience from his or her children, the Lord expects obedience from His followers. We must grasp the importance of obedience.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Be a positive influence on those around you by obeying God's Word and His will for your life. Pray that you and your family will be role models in the way you choose to obey God's will for your life.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites, but when that generation of Israelites passed away, including Joshua, the Israelites fell away from God. God continued to provide them leaders, but they did not obey God's commands. This disobedience led to idolatry and many lost battles. Explain to your children that just like God wants our obedience, you want their obedience. When we disobey, there are consequences, whether we disobey God or our parents. List some acts of disobedience, and help them come up with some possible consequences to those actions. For example, if they did not do their homework, they would get a bad grade.

Option 2: Ask your family members to answer a few simple questions on what they would choose. Add questions or come up with your own, if so desired.

- Bacon or sausage?
- PC or Mac?
- Chevrolet or Ford?
- Satellite or Cable?
- Coke or Pepsi?

Our lives are characterized by the decisions we make, some of which are trivial and some of which are significant. Some of these answers we can disagree on and others are foundational. There is one final question, however, that must be asked: *Obedience or Disobedience?*

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned an angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon. The angel told Gideon God had chosen him to lead the Israelites to defeat the evil Midianites. Gideon trusted God would help him. **I Can Trust in God** too.



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE

Today your student learned about the Israelites' cycle of disobedience. Sin separates us from God, so when we disobey, we should repent. Even though God will forgive our sin, there is always a cost for our disobedience.



4 & 5
GRADE



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Teens discussed the idea that disobedience has consequences, but that our obedience can have a positive impact for years to come. Look with your teen at some godly examples of obedience in Scripture, and discuss ways that your family can make the same commitment to obedience. Make sure your teen received *Forward* or *Velocity* student magazine and your parent newsletter, *What's Up?*



YOUNG
ADULT

The Brink magazine went out today. The group members discussed the disobedience of the Israelites and were challenged to look for godly examples to live a life of obedience.



ADULT

FUSION and *FUSIONnext* magazines went out this week, as well as the newsletter for parents of teens, *What's Up?* This week, group members considered the importance of their obedience to God and why every decision they make must fully obey God's Word and the prompting of His Spirit.