

*Preschool Winter*

*Lesson 13:*

*Jesus Obeys God*

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) See that Jesus obeyed God and we should too! **Luke 2:42,49 and 52**
- 2) Do activities to reinforce the idea that we need to obey God just like Jesus did

**Accommodations:** How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for Ideas

**Supplies:** Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

**Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)**

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Charts –from previous class – one per student
- I Will Obey God Shoes Template – one per student printed on white construction or cardstock paper cut out before class
- Shoelaces or Yarn – Two pieces to tie in bows – one set for each student
- Scissors to share
- Hole Punch to share
- Rubber bands – Two per student
- I Will Obey Footprints Sheet - one per student
- Who is Obeying God Sheet – one per student

**Depending on time choose some optional activities to do and gather supplies**

- Jesus Goes to the Temple Color Page or Visual Aid – one per student
- Dolls of family members – enough for each child to have mom, dad and children to play with
- Bibles – one per child
- Snack – your Choice – enough for each child along with a napkin and a glass of water

**1) Introduction to lesson:**

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance charts from previous class). Let each child color a star in their attendance chart for this week, if a new child arrives put their name on a chart for them and let them color in a star.

Have them sit on the floor (on mats if available) close together. Tell them, **“Today is the last day we are going to look at Jesus as a young boy. We have spent the past few months talking all about Jesus – as a baby, as a child, and now as a young man. Next week we will see that Jesus grew up and we’ll spend time seeing all the wonderful things He did as a man – God’s Son on earth.**

**Today we will talk about Jesus and the fact that as Jesus grew – He obeyed God. Just like He obeyed His parents, Jesus listened and followed God. We read this in God’s Word – the Bible!** (Hold up a Bible.) **We will see that Jesus obeyed God – how wonderful!**

**Let’s sing some songs to get us started!**

## Jesus is the Son of God

Tune: London Bridge

Jesus is the Son of God, Son of God, Son of God.  
Jesus is the Son of God. Thank you God for Jesus!

## Big Enough Song

Tune: London Bridge

I am glad I'm big enough,  
Big enough, big enough,  
Big enough to come to church; Just like Jesus!

## Where Oh Where is Jesus?

Tune: Where Has My Little Dog Gone

Where oh where has the boy Jesus gone?  
Oh where, oh where can he be?  
We've looked and looked, but he isn't along.  
Where or where can he be?

"Here, oh here I am," Jesus says,  
"Right here in the Temple you see.  
I'm listening to stories from God's dear book,  
You should not worry 'bout me."

Hand out one Bible to each child. Say to students. **We are learning that the Bible is VERY special. Do you know why? Because it is God's! God made the Bible for us and the Bible has all of God's Words in it for us to obey. Isn't that wonderful? God made the Bible for each and every one of us! God loves us very much and wanted each one of us to have a Bible to read, to use and to study His wonderful words. God loves us and expects us to obey Him. Today we are going to talk about obeying God, just like Jesus did.**

Let's all say "Thank you God for our Bibles!" Have students say it together. Let's all say "Thank you God for Jesus!" Good job!

## 2) Jesus Obeys God

5-10 minutes

Explain to the children, **"The Bible is very special. It is God's Word. The Bible tells us we need to obey God. You are following the Bible when you read and obey what it says, just as Jesus obeyed God by studying God's Words!"**

**\*Optional:** Use visual aid of Jesus at the Temple sheet to show students while reading the account below.

**I am going to read from the Bible about how Jesus obeyed his parents. I will read Luke chapter 2. Here, Jesus went to the temple – the place of worship with Mary and Joseph. Just like we go to church services on Sunday, Jesus went with his parents to the temple. While they were there, Jesus mom and dad couldn't find him. But guess what? Jesus was still in the temple – he never left – he stayed so He could learn all about God! He was obedient to God and wanted to learn all about him, so he had stayed to study and learn more about God and God's Word. Because He came to worship God and listened and obeyed, the Bible says that Jesus became smart, kind, and made God very happy!**

Read **Luke 2:42, 49, and 52**

**<sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>49</sup> "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house? <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.**

**What are some ways we should obey God?** Let students respond, guide if needed with the following suggestions... **should we clean up our toys, play nice with others, pray, listen to the Bible when it is read to us, give, go to church services, etc?**

**Ask each child a question from the following list:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (insert child's name) **Should we clean up our toys when our parents ask? Yes!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (insert child's name) **Should we go to bed when our parents tell us too? Yes!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (insert child's name) **Should we pray every day? Yes!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (insert child's name) **Should we read the Bible? Yes!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (insert child's name) **Should we go to church services and follow Jesus? Yes!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ (insert child's name) **Should we play nice with others? Yes!**

**Good job everyone, we should remember that all of these things make God happy when we obey God's Word the Bible – Just like Jesus! That makes God and Jesus and our parents very happy. To help us remember, let's play an action game!**

### 3) Optional – God Says – Action Game

**5 minutes**

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about obeying God. I want you to follow and do what I say.** When I say, **“God says”, I want you to do what He says, ok?”** The idea is you ask the students to do different things that would show honor and obedience to God.

**Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...**

Here are some ideas to get started, you can add your own as well.

- **God says put your toys away** (pretend to clean)
- **God says go to bed** (lay down and pretend to fall asleep)
- **God says get dressed nicely for church services** (pretend to put on nice clothes)
- **God says help your mother** (act like they are helping mom with something)
- **God says listen in worship** (practice being quiet)
- **God says eat your supper before desert** (pretend to eat)
- **God says go to church services** (pretend to go to church services)
- **God says give a hug to your family** (pretend to hug)
- **God says say thank you** (say thank you)
- **God says say I love you** (say I love you)

**Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.**

### 4) I Will Obey God Shoe Craft

**10-15 minutes**

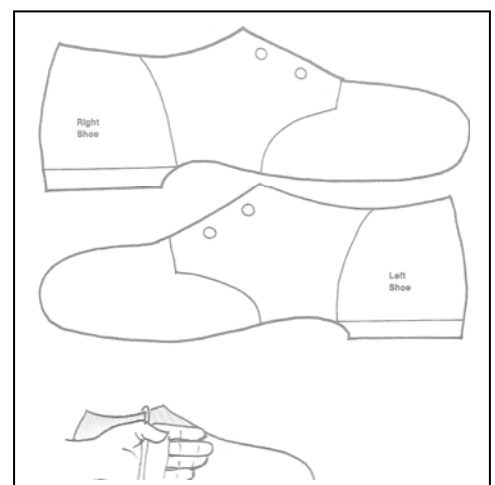
**Before class:** Cut out a pair of shoes from the template provided onto strong construction or cardstock paper. Gather yarn or shoelaces, rubber bands, hole punch, scissors and crayons.

**During class:** Hand out one set of shoes to each student along with crayons. Let students color the shoes as you talk about:

**We can follow God by obeying Him – that means doing what He says.**

**We need to use our feet to follow God because our feet move us – cleaning up at home, going to church services, helping others.... Our feet help us to follow God!**

Once students are done coloring, take a hole punch and punch two holes as shown in the picture above and hand out two pieces of string, yarn or shoe laces. Encourage students to put the laces through the holes and try to tie a knot or bow – help as needed.



Give each student two rubber bands to put on their shoes (See bottom picture above). Show them how to “walk” across the table by using their two hands as feet. They can be helpers and obedient to God just like Jesus! Ask them where their feet can take them to be obedient to God – church services, home, at friend’s homes, at the playground....our feet can obey everywhere they go!

Ask students to help clean up before moving onto the next activity.

Thank those students who choose to help and praise them for helping to encourage other students to want to help as well. Sing the following while you clean up.

### **Clean Up Song**

Clean up, clean up  
Everybody everywhere!  
Clean up, clean up  
Everybody do your share!  
Repeat

### **A Helper I Will Be!**

Tune: Farmer in the Dell

A helper I will be, a helper I will be.  
There’s work to do, there’s work to do  
In my family.  
I love to help my mom; I love to help my dad.  
I love to help; it makes God glad.  
A helper I will be.

## **5) Action Rhyme and Songs**

**5 minutes**

Let’s do some action rhymes about the Bible!

### **Action Rhyme – Here is the Bible**

Here is the Bible (hold hands out with palms  
together like a book)  
Let’s open it wide (hold hands like an open book)  
God speaks to us (point upward)  
On the pages inside (hold hands like an open  
book)

### **Action Play – The Bible Says**

The Bible says, “Pray” I will obey.  
(Fold hands and bow head)  
The Bible says, “Listen” I will obey.  
(Cup hand to ear)  
The Bible says, “Give” I will obey.  
(Pretend to drop money in basket)  
The Bible says, “Go to church” I will obey.  
(Walk fingers along arm or step feet up and  
down)  
The Bible says, “Sing” I will obey.

### **Jesus Grows Up Action Rhyme**

Jesus was a Little Baby  
(Hold arms as if rocking a baby)  
Just like me.  
(Point to self)  
First he was so very small.  
(Squat on floor)  
Then he grew to be so tall.  
(Stand on tiptoes)  
Very small, oh so tall  
(Squat then stand)  
Just like me.  
(Point to self)

## 6) Who is Obeying God Sheet

10 minutes

Hand out one sheet to each student and read the directions aloud. Help students circle the appropriate pictures. Talk about what is happening in each picture and why that would show obedience or disobedience.

When done, gather crayons and move onto next activity.



## 7) I Will Obey Footprints Sheet

10-15 minutes

To help us remember today that there are many ways to obey. I am going to hand out a sheet to each of you – on it are 5 different feet. In each foot I want you to draw a picture of a way you can follow and obey God just like Jesus! Hand out sheets and crayons. Read the ideas/instructions at the bottom of the Footprint sheet to help them come up with ideas to draw.

When they are done coloring say:

**Did you obey God by coming to church services on Sunday today? Yes you did! Good job – that makes God happy when we obey His Bible!**

**Are you going to obey God by listening to your mom and dad?** Let students answer.

For those that say yes, say **Good job! That makes God, Jesus and your parents happy when you listen and obey!**

Show Dad doll figure if available and say: **Pretend this is your dad. Dad says, 'Come in and take your nap.' If we come right in and obey and take our nap – we are obeying our father. That is what God tells us to do in His book the Bible. God wants us to obey fathers.**

Show Mom doll figure if available. Say: **Pretend this is your mom. If mommy says, 'Please pick up all your toys.' What will you do? Yes, you will do what she says. God tells us to obey our moms.**

Show the Bible and say:

**This is the Bible. The Bible tells us things to do like mom and dad do. We listen to our moms and dads and teachers, we also need to obey what the Bible says. It is God's book. That makes God happy when we obey and listen to Him and His words in the Bible. It makes our moms and dads happy too!**



## 8) Optional: Jesus Goes to the Temple Color Page or Visual Aid

10-15 minutes

Hand out one sheet per student if using as color page along with crayons and allow them to color.

Say, **"The Bible is from God. The Bible says Jesus obeyed God. That means he listened and did what God told Him to by going to church services and learning from God's Word the Bible!"**



While they color say: **Do you listen and obey God? We should – because obeying God makes God happy.**

Do the following rhyme with your Bible:

**Best Book of All – Rhyme**  
Books, books, big and small;  
What's the very best book of all?  
THE BIBLE!

(Repeat several times and hold up the Bible each time)

### 9) Optional: I Will Obey Game

5 minutes

Tell the students, **“We are going to play the “Obey Game”. Whatever I tell you to do and show you, you must obey. Let's start!**

Lead the following action rhyme:

**Roll, Roll, roll your hands as slowly as can be.**  
**Roll, roll, roll your hands; do it now with me!**  
**Roll, roll, roll your hands, do it now with me.**

Repeat substituting these phrases:

**Clap, clap, clap your hands;**  
**Shake, shake, shake your hands;**  
**Tap, tap, tap your feet;**  
**Blink, blink, blink your eyes.**

Then ask them to sit quietly while you get ready for the next activity.

### 10) Optional: We Can Obey our Parents When We Worship

10 minutes

Pass around dolls and Bibles and/or other things that will help children remember what they learned - that the Bible is God's Word and in it, it says we need to obey God - just like Jesus did and they need to obey it by worshipping God and Jesus by coming to church services every Sunday.

Say, **“The Bible is from God. As we pretend with these Bibles and dolls let's remember that God gave us the Bible and in the Bible it says we need to worship Him and obey Him and that includes going to church services. Let's share our dolls and Bibles and pretend that our dolls are going to church services to read the Bible and listen and obey and learn about God. Let's practice all the things we do on Sunday using our dolls.** (Pretend they go to Sunday school class. Pretend they go to worship and sit, pray, read their Bibles, give and listen.) Talk about how happy God is when we read from His Word the Bible and obey His Word. Talk about how happy our family is when we come to Sunday school and sit, listen and obey the teacher and read from the Bible. Talk about how happy Jesus is when we follow Him to church services and sit quietly and listen and learn from the Bible and listen to our parents. Ask students what things they remember people doing every Sunday when they are at church services.

Then while they play, open your Bible and turn to **Acts 20:7** ask students to look and listen while you read from the Bible this paraphrased version: **On the first day of the week we came together... The Bible says we should come together on the first day of the week – that is today – Sunday! We are all obeying God and Jesus by being at church services this Sunday! Good job!**

Then say to students, **“Jesus obeyed God and we should too!”**

Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.



### 11) Optional: Snack – Your choice

5-10 minutes

Before class gather snack of your choosing. Say to students: **“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning about God’s Word – the Bible and that we need to obey God just like Jesus did. Let’s talk about how we can obey God just like Jesus while we eat our snack.** Hand out snacks to each child, along with a glass of water to each child.

Talk about how we obey the Bible – by going to church services on Sunday, listening to our moms and dads, praying, giving, singing, listening, and reading the Bible. And that by doing these things we are following Jesus and obeying! After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

### 12) Sing

5-10 minutes

Have children sing songs with you, you can sing from the Song Sheet provided.

### 13) Close in prayer

Tell students that **we are going to pray, to pray we need to put down everything and fold our hands and bow our heads like this** (show students). **This way we can hear and listen to the prayer and when we sit quietly and focus on God – it makes God happy! We learn this in God’s Word the Bible and we need to obey God.**

First: Ask if there are prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list. Then give the list to the assistant or read yourself.

Second: Remind students to fold hands and bow heads then: **Thank You God that You created the world and gave us the Bible. Thank you God that we can know what You want us to do by reading Your special Words – the Bible. Help us to remember to make You and Jesus happy by coming to worship Him every Sunday. Help us to remember that it is important to obey Your Word the Bible and to obey our parents just like Jesus did. Thank you God for sending Your Son Jesus. Thank you for the evangelists and teachers that share the good news of Jesus’ and his life. Thank You God for everyone here today and for those that couldn’t be. Help us to remember to be kind and good to our parents, friends, neighbours and church family this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

### 14) Remind students

To take home their sheets. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

### 15) Greet Parents at door

Ensure all students go to parents or if some students remain have teacher assistant help you take them to their parents.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!