

## Lesson Plan 5

# I Will Obey God's Word

### Objective

Students will learn that we should follow Jesus and do what is right Matthew 3:13-17. Hear the story of the Wise and Foolish Builders Matthew 7:21, 24-27 and name ways they can obey and follow Jesus. Continue to work on memory verses.

### Supplies

Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print From the Site:

- Obey Like Jesus Poster (one per student)
- Wise and Foolish Builders Booklet (one to share)
- Bible
- Pens/Pencils/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Chart
- Stickers (for attendance)
- Lesson Review Visual Aids (one for teacher to show each class)

### Optional Supplies

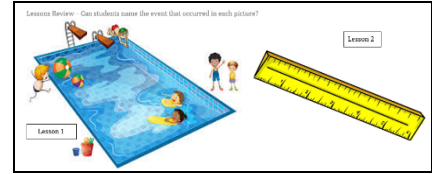
- Small Pieces of Paper with different chores/ways to obey listed (one per student)
- Cup/Container – one to put strips of paper inside
- Two similar pans
- Sand to fill the bottom of one pan
- Large flat rock to place in the other pan
- Lego Blocks – enough to build two “houses” same size and style
- Two water pitchers half full of water
- Snack: Something round - crackers or orange slices, plus water and cups

### Teacher Tips

- ★ See Lesson 1

## 1) Introduction to Lesson

As students enter, welcome them and help them find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance. Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week.



Pass out Bibles to those students that need one and have the “Lesson Review Visual Aid Sheet” ready to show.

**Can anyone remember what we have studied so far? Look at the picture. Then, name what happened for the lesson we have already studied, and what we learned.**

**Lesson 1:** We need to obey. Jesus tells us we need to obey His commandments.

**Lesson 2:** We need to follow the Golden Rule – “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

**Lesson 3:** We need to obey Jesus by loving others.

**Lesson 4:** We need to be a worker for the Lord like Nehemiah

## 2) Class Time - Obey Like Jesus

15 minutes

Make sure each student has a Bible ready for class.

**Today we will talk about what Jesus said about obeying. Jesus wants us to obey. Jesus showed us how by setting the perfect example.**

Have students sit and listen as you read the story of Jesus being baptized. Read aloud.

### Matthew 3:13-17

*13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He came to John, wanting John to baptize him. 14 But John tried to stop him. John said, “Why do you come to me to be baptized? I should be baptized by you!”*

*15 Jesus answered, “Let it be this way for now. We should do whatever God says is right.” Then John agreed.*

*16 So Jesus was baptized. As soon as he came up out of the water, the sky opened, and he saw God’s Spirit coming down on him like a dove. 17 A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the one I love. I am very pleased with him.”*

### Questions:

**What did Jesus ask John to do?** Baptize Jesus

**Why did Jesus want to be baptized?** Because it was the right thing to do.

**What happened?** John baptized Jesus and when Jesus came up out of the water the Holy Spirit came on Jesus like a dove and they could hear God saying He was pleased with Jesus.

**Has anyone ever seen a baptism? What did you see?** Explain to them that when Jesus was baptized He went down into the water and came up out of the water. He put His whole body under water like He was being buried in it. That is called immersion. People are baptized when they are ready to follow God, have their sins forgiven, and receive the Holy Spirit living in their lives. Peter tells us in Acts 2:38-41.

So Jesus, the Holy Spirit and God were all there when Jesus was baptized and it made God happy that Jesus was baptized. Jesus was an adult when he got baptized. He knew He was going to follow and obey God. Jesus did all the things God asked Him too and when we follow Jesus we make God happy too!

When the time is right, we can be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit and make God happy too! But like Jesus we need to be old enough to fully understand and know what it means to follow God. For now we know that to make God happy we need to follow Jesus and do what He did.

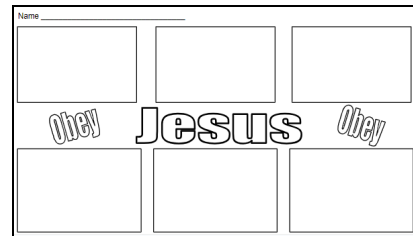
**To help us think of ways we can obey Jesus today we are going to make a poster.**

3) Activity Time - Obey Like Jesus Poster

10 minutes

Hand each student the “Obey Like Jesus Poster” sheet with pencil crayons/crayons.

**On the sheet it says Jesus and in each box I want you to draw or write something that we can do that follows Jesus. Write your name at the top and then I am going to go around the room and ask you what is a way you can follow Jesus. We can all share the ideas and so we will have lots to put on our posters.**



Ask students for a way they will obey and follow Jesus. Examples might be: tell the truth, obey parents, be kind, read the Bible, etc. Write or draw those examples on your sheet.

**Questions:**

**What thing did Jesus do as an example for us to follow?** Be baptized

**Why was Jesus baptized?** It was the right thing to do.

**How can we follow Jesus' example?** Get baptized when we are older, follow the Bible, and obey Jesus, etc.

## 4) Lesson - Be Wise and Obey

10 minutes

**Let's read from our Bibles. Let's turn to Matthew 7:24-29. When I say the word "obey" – I want you to repeat the word obey. When I say "hears" I want you to put your hand up to your ear, as if you are listening. Ok. Let's practice.**

Say **obey** – students should repeat the word obey.

Say **hear** – students should put their hands up to their ears as if listening. Help and show as needed.

Now say: Listen while I read what Jesus said:

**Matthew 7:24-28**

24 "Whoever **hears** (*students put hands up to ears*) these teachings of mine and **obeys** (*students say obey*) them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall because it was built on rock.

26 "Whoever **hears** (*students put hands up to ears*) these teachings of mine and does not obey (*students say obey*) them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house. And it fell with a loud crash."

28 When Jesus finished speaking, the people were amazed at his teaching.

**Questions:**

**In this story who was wise?** The one who built on the rock. They were the one listening and obeying Jesus' words.

**Who was foolish?** The one who built on the sand and did not listen to Jesus or obey what He said.

**What should we do if we want to be wise?** Listen to Jesus and obey! When we do, we build on a solid foundation - on rock and not sand that easily moves around.

**What is something that makes you really happy? Tell me a time you were very happy.** (Let students answer).

**Jesus tells us how doing the right things makes us happy. We have been learning about ways to obey. What are ways we can obey?** We can help, listen, love and be kind, etc.

**When we do these right things, Jesus says we are wise! Wise means very smart. We can be very smart in how to do good things when we obey Jesus. Everyone can obey Jesus. It does not take a special skill, but not everyone follows Jesus. So if you want to be very wise and smart – you will follow and obey Jesus. That will make God, you, and Jesus very happy!**

## 5) Activity Time - Wise and Foolish Builders Booklet

10 minutes

Prep

Before class, cut out each scene so the students can work together in arranging the booklet in order.

Activity

Mix up all the pages of the booklet and spread them out on the table.

Ask the class to look at the photos and as a group arrange them in order according to the parable. The students can take turns by raising their hands to select the correct photo.

As the students are looking at the photos, ask them to describe what they are seeing. Ask questions like which man in the photo was wise and which was foolish?

## 6) Optional Activity - Wise and Foolish Builders Activity

10-15 minutes

Divide the children into two groups. Give one group a pan full of sand, the other a pan with a flat rock on it. Supply Lego blocks for building a house on the sand or rock. They should try to build the strongest, best house they can. When they have completed their houses. Take a pitcher of water and pour it around the house but not on the house – see what happens. The house with sand should move, the house on the rock should stay.

**Questions:**

***What happened to the sand when water was poured around it?*** The sand washed away and caused the house to move!

***What happened when the water was poured around the rock?*** It didn't move.

Remind students: ***Just like us when we follow Jesus - we are wise when we build on Jesus' words and rules and follow Him. Then we can't be washed away!***

## 7) Optional Activity - Obey Charades

10-15 minutes

Prep

Before class, write down a list of chores on different pieces of paper (for example: doing dishes, making bed, feeding the dog, helping someone who fell, going to bed on time, brushing teeth, sharing toys with siblings, etc.) Make sure there is one per student. Put them in a cup.

Activity

Have the students take turns picking a piece of paper and acting out that responsibility.. The others can guess what kind of responsibility is being acted out. Encourage them for acting and remind them that these are all good ways we can obey Jesus.

## 8) Optional Activity - Sing

5 minutes

If time allows, sing the Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock

## 9) Optional Activity - Round Snack

5 minutes

\*Before Class: Decide on a snack that looks like the letter “O” either round crackers, round orange slices, or something similar for children to each have some. Ensuring you check for allergies.



***This snack is to remind us about our lesson today. Raise your hand if you remember what our lesson was about? We need to obey what the Bible says just like the wise builder. As we eat our snack, let's think of ways we can obey.*** Let students answer. Hand out the snack. Ask them, ***What letter is this?*** “O”. ***This is to help remind us to obey.*** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands if needed. Review with students by asking them questions from the lesson and discuss any questions.

***What did they like best about today's Bible reading? What questions do they have about today's lesson? Do they have an example of obeying they'd like to share?***

## 10) Activity - Memory Verse

2-5 minutes

Ask the students to go to Matthew 7:24 in their Bibles and read the verse aloud as a class 2 times.

***Matthew 7:24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.***

For the first time, make sure you discuss different words that might need to be made clear. Example: “hears these sayings” or “rock”. Rock here means a firm foundation, stable, not to be moved. This means the Word of God, the Bible. When we follow Jesus' Words we won't be moved or tricked or do wrong.

Other options include:

- You saying a word and having them repeat it as you go through the verse
- Have students repeat a small phrase ex: “Therefore whoever” a few times before working on the next phrase.
- Have students repeat after each other
- Ask students to think of hand gestures. Ex: hears = put hand to ear as if listening, Mine = point up to Jesus, does them = pretend to hand out something to someone to share, built = make two fists and pretend to build on the other by putting one fist on top of the other and then move the bottom fist to the top. House = take two fingers

and at the same time have them point together and then move out as if to make the shape of the roof and then straight down for the walls. Rock = make a big fist.

***Jesus is telling us to listen to the Bible, His Word. And when we do, we will have a solid foundation. This includes obeying the Word of God – the Bible.***

## 11) Lesson Review

5 minutes

Say: ***What did we learn today?*** Let students answer.

***Jesus asks us to obey. He tells us when we obey the Bible – His Word, we will be wise. We will have a solid base for our actions and decisions – based on God’s Word.***

***What did the foolish man do?*** Built his house on the sand

***Why was that foolish?*** Did not have a foundation, so when the rains came the house washed away

***What did the wise man do?*** Built his house on the rock

***What is the rock we should build our lives on today?*** Jesus and His Word the Bible

***How can we build our lives on Jesus?*** Going to church, reading His Word

***How can we be wise today?*** Let students answer. Listen/read the Bible, Obey what Jesus says, obey our parents, Sunday school lessons, etc.

Optional questions to ask:

***What did you like best about today’s Bible lesson?***

***What questions do you have about today’s lesson?***

## 12) Closing Prayer

Ask if there are any prayers the students want to share. Say closing prayer remembering to include thoughts from the lesson today.