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Primary Level
Ages 4-7

DAY 1

What Does It Mean to Obey?

Can you imagine your candy being taken away at the airport? That is exactly what happened to our family one Easter when we were taking a trip. The candy was taken by security because it didn't follow the "rules."

Seems crazy doesn't it? Well, let me tell you why the airport has such crazy rules.

On September 11, 2001, nineteen men stole airplanes and flew them into the Twin Towers in New York, taking the lives of thousands of people and hurting many more.

They lied, stole planes, and hurt people just to name a few of the rules they broke. Because they disobeyed the law, the lives of over 10,000 people and their families were changed. In fact, all of America was forever changed because of what they did, even down to silly things like not being able to take Easter candy on an airplane anymore.

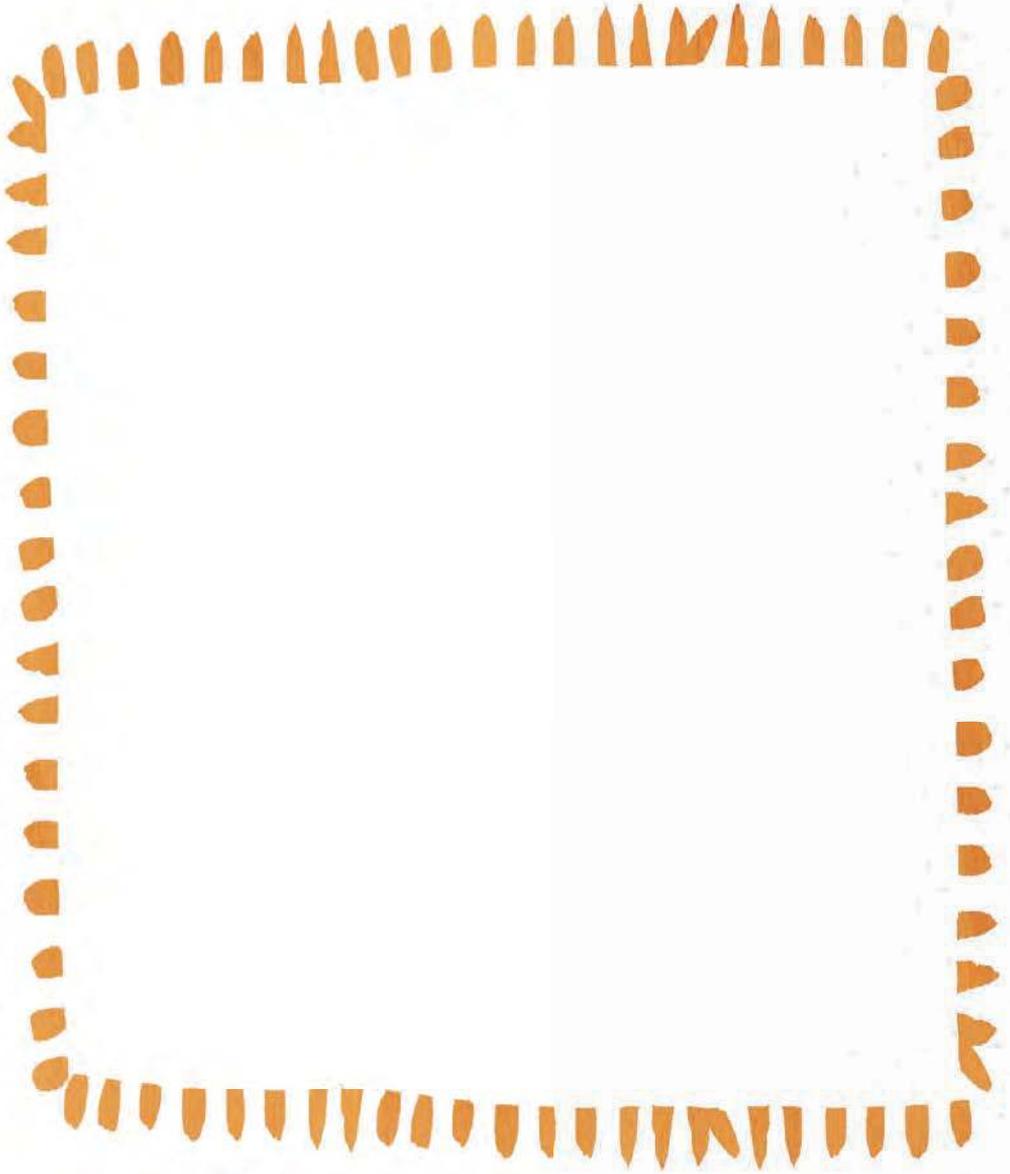
When we disobey there are always consequences, even if we don't realize it. This is one of the many reasons God wants us to obey. He knows what's best for us, and He wants to protect us.

We are going to learn a lot about how God wants us to obey as we work through this study, but first, let's find out what it means to obey.

Read *Deuteronomy 28:1*. What does it mean to obey?

In this verse, God is telling the Israelites exactly how to obey. He says they need to faithfully do all of the things God commands or tells them to do. That's what obedience means. It's just doing the things that God wants you to do.

Draw a picture of some of the ways you are asked to obey, like brushing your teeth or picking up toys.



PRAYER TIME:

Pray and ask God to help you learn to obey Him.

Junior Level
Ages 8-12

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On September 11, 2001, nineteen men illegally stole airplanes and flew them into the Twin Towers in New York, taking the lives of almost 3,000 American people and injuring many more.

They lied, stole planes, and murdered, just to name a few of the rules they broke. Do you think it was ok for them to do this?

I sure hope you said no! Because they disobeyed the law, the lives of over 10,000 people and their families were changed. In fact, all of America was forever changed because of what they did, including innocent families who can't take Easter candy on planes anymore.

Take a minute and ask your parents or grandparents how our country changed because of September 11th.



When we disobey there are always consequences, even if we don't realize it. And those consequences affect more than just us, they affect everyone around us. This is one of the many reasons God wants us to obey. He knows what's best for us, and He wants to protect us.

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What else do you know about obedience? Record it here so you can come back at the end of this study to see how much you've learned!

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Pray and ask God to help you learn to obey Him. Ask Him to open your eyes to the things you need to improve.

Youth Level
Ages 12 and up

DAY 1

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The year was 2001. Nineteen men carried weapons onto four planes, told lies, murdered pilots, and entered the cockpits of each of the planes.

From there, these men flew (and crashed) their planes into the Twin Towers in New York City and the Pentagon. That day, 2,996 people were killed and over 6,000 more were injured.

Those men broke many rules to do what they did. Do you think it was ok that they didn't obey the rules?

When we disobey there are always consequences, even if we don't realize it. And those consequences affect more than just us, they affect everyone around us.

The rules those men broke were designed to protect the people who died. The rules weren't just there to keep the hijackers from having a good time or doing what they wanted. They were put into place because the lives of other people matter.

Take a minute and ask your parents or grandparents how our country changed because of September 11th.

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Today in America, you can't go to an airport without remembering the effects of the rules that were broken that day. Extra security and other measures have been put into place, like taking Easter candy from an innocent family.



This is one of the many reasons God wants us to obey. He knows what's best for us, and He wants to protect us. Even in those moments when rules and the people who make them seem ridiculous, those same rules promise protection from unthinkable consequences.

This sober story brings us to the discussion of a huge topic: *obedience*.

In our culture today, obedience is not typically praised. In fact, it's mocked, even at the expense of our lives. (Let's just say there are a lot of people in airport security lines who hate the rules and see no need for them.)

But God has something completely different to say about obedience. Let's do a quick survey of some verses. Write what you learn about obedience.

Deuteronomy 28:1 _____

1 Peter 1:14-16 _____

Luke 11:28 _____

Over the next few weeks, we are going to study what it means to obey, why we should bother, and exactly what God has to say about it.

For now, record everything you know about obedience below. Once we finish this study, you can come back and see how much you've grown.

Pray and thank God for teaching you and ask Him to help you have an open heart and teachable spirit.

Parent Guide

DAY 1

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Seems ridiculous doesn't it? I probably don't have to tell you why that rule was made. The year was 2001. Nineteen men carried weapons onto four planes, told lies, murdered pilots, and entered the cockpits of each of the planes.

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It's important to recognize that our country changed in huge ways because of September 11th. List some of those ways below to share with your kids.

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SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 28:1
KEY TRUTH: To obey is to listen to God's voice and follow His commands.
DISCUSSION: What do you think would happen if no one in our country obeyed the laws?