

Press On in Confidence

Lesson #26

Colossians 3:18-4:1

HOOK: Listen to this story about a six year-old boy named Alex. One day Alex's mom came home from the store and told him to bring the rest of the groceries in from the car. Alex was busy playing and told her, "Okay, I'll do it in a minute." Five minutes later, Alex was still sitting on the rug playing with his toys. Mom noticed Alex hadn't done what he was told so she repeated her instructions and added that she needed the groceries, "right now." Focused on his toys, Alex remained on the floor. Mom then stood in front of him and, with her hands on her hips said, "Obey me or you will not be allowed to play with those toys for the rest of the week." Alex frowned at Mom, muttered under his breath and then stomped outside to get the groceries. He brought in one of the bags, but "forgot" to go back and get the last one. Since Alex finally did what his mom had told him to, (sort of) would you say that he obeyed her?

BOOK: When we open the Bible we read that God has a lot to say about obedience. In the book of Colossians we read, "**Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**" Did you catch that? It says that your obedience to your parents matters to God. It pleases Him. It is good and wise to please the Lord.

LOOK: But what does real obedience look like? What kind of obedience does God want from us? Alex did end up getting the groceries like Mom asked, but he didn't do it right away. He complained when she became more stern with him. He was not cheerful about obeying her and he didn't even obey her all the way, since he only brought in one of the bags of groceries. The kind of obedience that truly pleases God looks much different than what Alex did.

TOOK: Obedience that the Lord loves is done right away, when first asked, and without complaining; in fact, it is done cheerfully and completely—not half way or with a bad attitude. Let's act out what it looks like to obey our parents in a way that pleases God and in a way that doesn't. (Create a short scenario or two and ask for volunteers to act out obedience and

disobedience. If no one volunteers, you and your partner can pretend that one of you is the parent and the other the child!)

Bible Verse: “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.” Colossians 3:20

Prayer: “Dear Lord, Please help me to obey my parents cheerfully and completely because I know this is pleasing to You...and to them. Amen.”

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what we
learned

The Bible has a lot to say about obedience. In the book of Colossians we read, **“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”** Obedience to our parents matters to God! It pleases Him. It is good and wise to please the Lord. Obedience that the Lord loves is done right away, when first asked, and without complaining; in fact, it is done cheerfully and completely—not half way or with a bad attitude.



memory
verse

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parent/child
activity

Today we acted out what obedience that pleases the Lord looks like and what is not true obedience! We had fun dramatizing different scenarios the kids could relate to and hopefully they learned by seeing obedience and disobedience acted out. You can continue this role play at home. Then, help your child memorize the Bible verse above. Also, encourage your child when you notice him obeying cheerfully and completely by telling him how much that pleases the Lord...and you!



daily prayer

“Dear Lord, Please help me to obey my parents cheerfully and completely because I know this is pleasing to You...and to them. Amen.”

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