

## GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

### LIFE OF CHRIST #4 – “Obedience . . . What Is It?”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You should listen to God and obey Him.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.
5. Children feed peanuts to their team’s elephant according to points earned in contest.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Christmas Journey”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #4 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

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PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Review the **WHEN WE PRAY IN CLUB** and **PATTERN FOR PRAYER** Charts. Explain the **Two Kinds of Prayer**. (See attached visual.)
3. Let the children mention two things they want to thank God for (“Thank You Prayers”) and two things they want to ask God for (“Please Prayers”).
4. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (8 minutes)

**Acts 5:29 -- “. . . We ought to obey God rather than men.”**

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“**Teacher Says**” – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this activity. Have the children repeat the verse while following your directions (i.e., say, “Say the verse with your hands on your head.”) Every so often, give a direction without saying “teacher says” first. Those who do the action anyway must sit quietly and listen to the others. Play several times.

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #1 – #6: (2 minutes)

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BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

**LIFE OF CHRIST #4 – “Obedience . . . What Is It?”**

(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

TAKE TIME TO REVIEW/QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #4. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

MISSIONARY TIME: (16 minutes)

1. Missions song: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Share information to introduce missions – Week #3. (See attached pages.)
3. Pray for the missionaries. (See attached page.)
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Story: (*In person*) *I Dare*, Week #3 - **OR** - (*Online*) *Doctor in the Pygmy Forest*, Week #5/6

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (7 minutes)

Use an activity of your choice **or** the Bible Learning Game from “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**”

Review questions for LIFE OF CHRIST #4:

1. **While they were still in Egypt, what message did an angel give Joseph in a dream?** (It's safe to go back to Israel. Those who wanted to kill Him are now dead.)
2. **What city did God tell them to live in?** (Nazareth)
3. **What was Jesus like as a Boy?** (He was different from everyone else – kind, unselfish, never did anything wrong, always obeyed)
4. **What special feast did Jewish men go to Jerusalem to celebrate each year?** (Passover)
5. **How old was Jesus when He went to His first Passover?** (12 years old)
6. **How were the animal sacrifices a picture of Jesus the Saviour?** (They were blood sacrifices. Jesus would give His blood for us once and for all on the cross.)
7. **What did Joseph and Mary realize as they were walking home?** (Jesus wasn't with them)
8. **What was Jesus doing when they found Him?** (He was in the Temple, listening to the Jewish leaders and asking them questions)
9. **Why were the Jewish leaders amazed by Jesus?** (He knew so much about God for Someone so young)
10. **Why wasn't it wrong for Jesus to be there in the Temple?** (He was obeying His Father, God)

\*COUNSEL TIME: (\*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

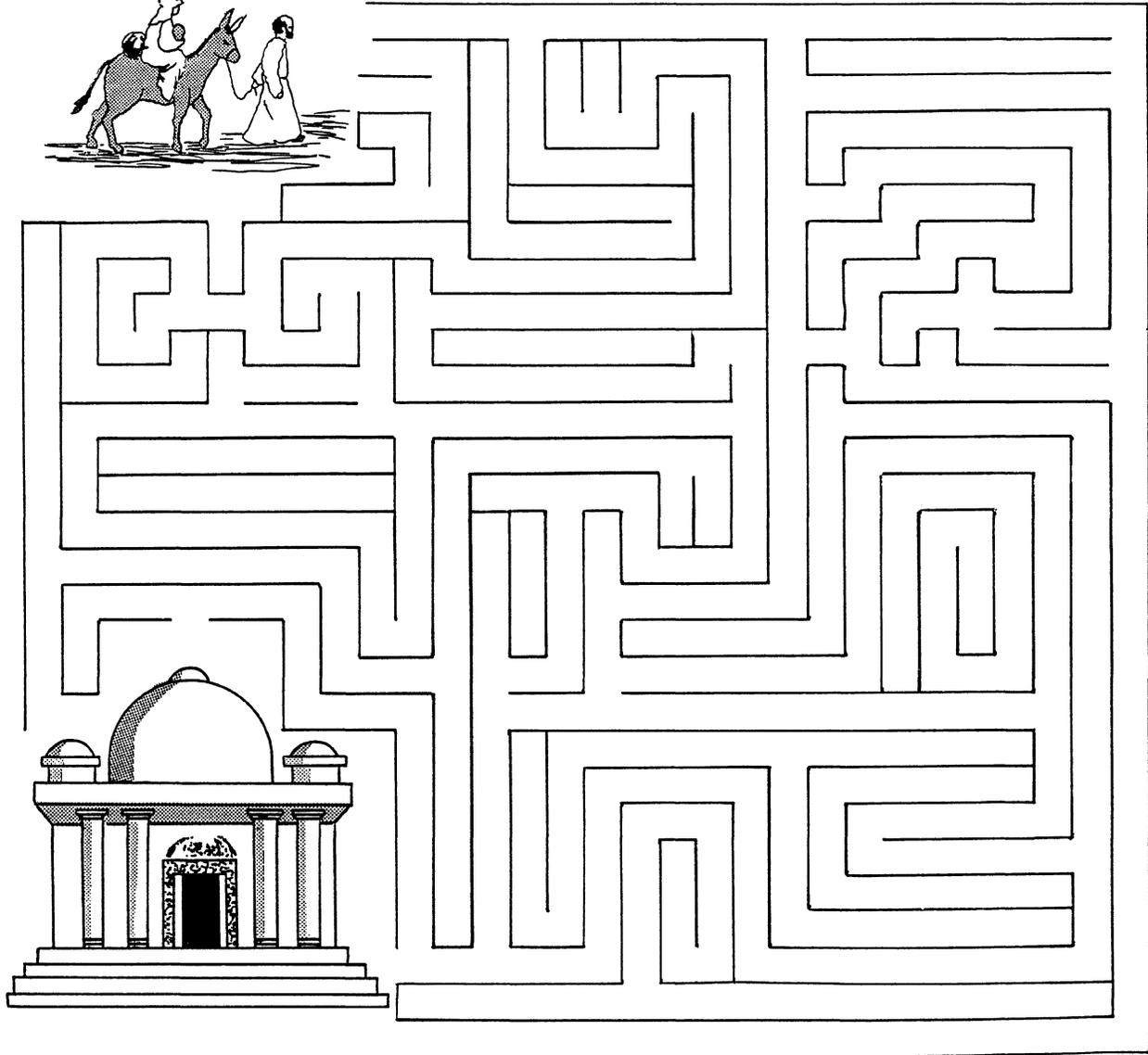
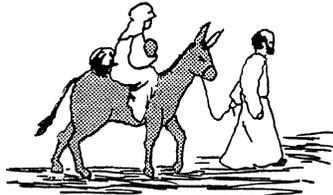
1. Memory verse token
2. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, Life of Christ #4
4. Missionary Prayer Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #4**

# Christmas Journey

Baby Jesus travelled many miles in His first few days. It must have been a very long journey to travel by donkey. When Jesus was only twelve, He went to a temple to listen and to ask questions. You can read about His trip to the temple in Luke 2:41-50. Then find a path from the stable to the temple.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #4**

**W**hen Jesus was only 12, He was found at the temple teaching.  
The older teachers were amazed at His wisdom.

Color the picture.



**“Children, obey your parents in all things . . . .”**  
**Colossians 3:20**

TWO KINDS OF PRAYERS:

**Please Prayers**

**Thank You Prayers**

**Life of Christ #4**  
**OBEDIENCE . . . WHAT IS IT?**

**Acts 5:29**

**“. . . We ought to obey God rather than men.”**

**Introduction:**

When your parent or teacher or babysitter tells you to do something, do you always feel like doing it? Probably not. It's not always easy to obey what we're told to do. In our memory verse today we will learn that it's important for us to always obey God. Listen to the words of the verse.

**Presentation:**

Read the verse from the visual and then from the Bible.

**Explanation:**

**Acts 5:29** – This is the address of the verse. It's where it's found in the Bible.

**“. . .”** – These three dots mean there are more words to the verse that we're not going to learn.

**“We ought to obey God”** – “Ought” means “should”. When we know what God wants us to do, we should obey Him. We should do what He says. God loves us and knows what is best for us.

**“rather than men.”** – “men” means people. It's true that God wants us to obey those in authority over us like our parents and teachers, but if they are telling us to do something that is wrong – something that God's Word tells us not to do – then it's more important that we obey God and what He says in His Word.

**Repetition:**

Teacher Says

Like the game “Simon Says.” Have the children repeat the verse while following the teacher's directions. (Ex. “Teacher says say the verse with your hands on your head.”) Every so often, give a direction without saying “teacher says” first. Those who do the action anyway must sit quietly and listen to the others. Play several times or until only one child is left playing.

# HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

## Life of Christ #4

### Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

Acts 5:29 – “. . . We ought to obey God rather than men.”

### Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

#### Flashcard 3-5:

Have children repeat the name of the city, “*Nazareth.*”

#### Flashcard 4-1:

Walk in place, as if walking to Jerusalem.

#### Flashcard 4-3:

Walk in place, as if walking home to Nazareth.

#### Flashcard 4-4:

Have children shrug shoulders and ask “*Who is this Boy? How does He know so much?*”

#### Flashcard 4-5:

Have children shrug shoulders and ask a neighbor, “*Have you seen Jesus?*”

Have children put hand over their eyes and “search” for Jesus.

### Bible Learning Game (Bean Bag)

By Linda D. Ruth

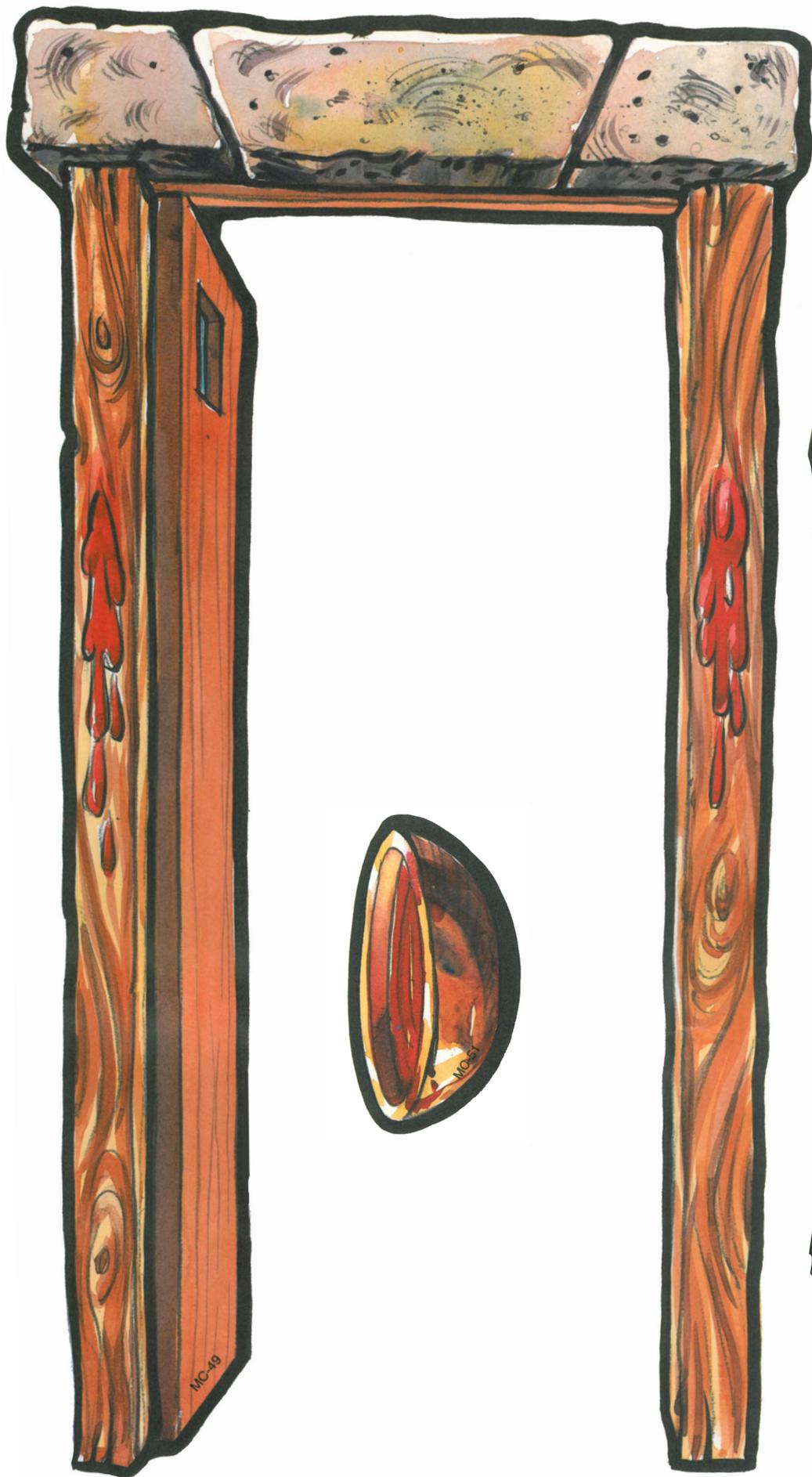
Sit together in a circle. Toss bean bag (could use a ball, orange, or rolled up sock instead) to child on left saying, “(Child’s name), God wants you to obey.” That child tosses the bean bag to one on his left, saying, “(Child’s name), God wants you to obey.”, etc.

You could also use: “God wants you to obey your mom.”

“God wants you to obey your dad.”

“God wants you to obey your preschool teacher.”

“God wants to help you obey.”



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# INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONARY FAMILIES

## WEEK #3 – MEETING OUR MISSIONARIES

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**REVIEW MISSIONARIES INTRODUCED LAST WEEK:** Take time to review before you introduce the last two missionary families.

**JENKINS:** *(Show their picture and have the children say their names.)*

To what people are Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy missionaries? *(International students.)*  
What country did they serve in as foreign missionaries for over 25 years? *(Suriname, South America.)*

**LUTTMANN'S:** *(Show their picture and have the children say their names.)*

Mr. Tom and Mrs. Betsy are missionaries with Bible Visuals International. What does Mr. Tom do that helps us in our club/class? *(Prints teaching materials, like hymns and missionary lessons.)*

**SAÜLS:** *(Show their picture and have the children say their names.)*

Pastor Lucien and Mrs. Maude are missionaries to what country? *(Haiti.)* What is one thing they do to help others know about Jesus? *(Train pastors and teachers and have a school where children can learn about Jesus.)*

**MEETING MISS NICOLE:** *(Show their picture and have the children say her name.)*

Miss Nicole Condra, we will call her Miss Nicole, is a missionary to deaf people of the country of Romania, in Europe. She uses sign language to share the Gospel with the deaf. Miss Nicole grew up in the USA and asked Jesus to be her Saviour one December day when she was playing on the playground and God gave her understanding of His Word. Her Sunday School teacher and her parents helped her understand further about God's love for her.

**MEETING THE SNAVELYS:** *(Show their picture and have the children say their names.)*

Mr. Mike and Mrs. Carrie Snavely are missionaries sharing God's truth about creation. Mr. Mike grew up in Africa as the son of a missionary pilot. They now live near Hershey, Pennsylvania. Mr. Mike travels and speaks in seminars to explain how God is the Creator of the world and that the Bible teaches the truth concerning how God spoke and the world came into existence.

Today when you leave club/class you will get a missionary prayer card, so you remember to pray for our missionaries at home. *(Show a prayer card.)*

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## GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #3

### GENERAL MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

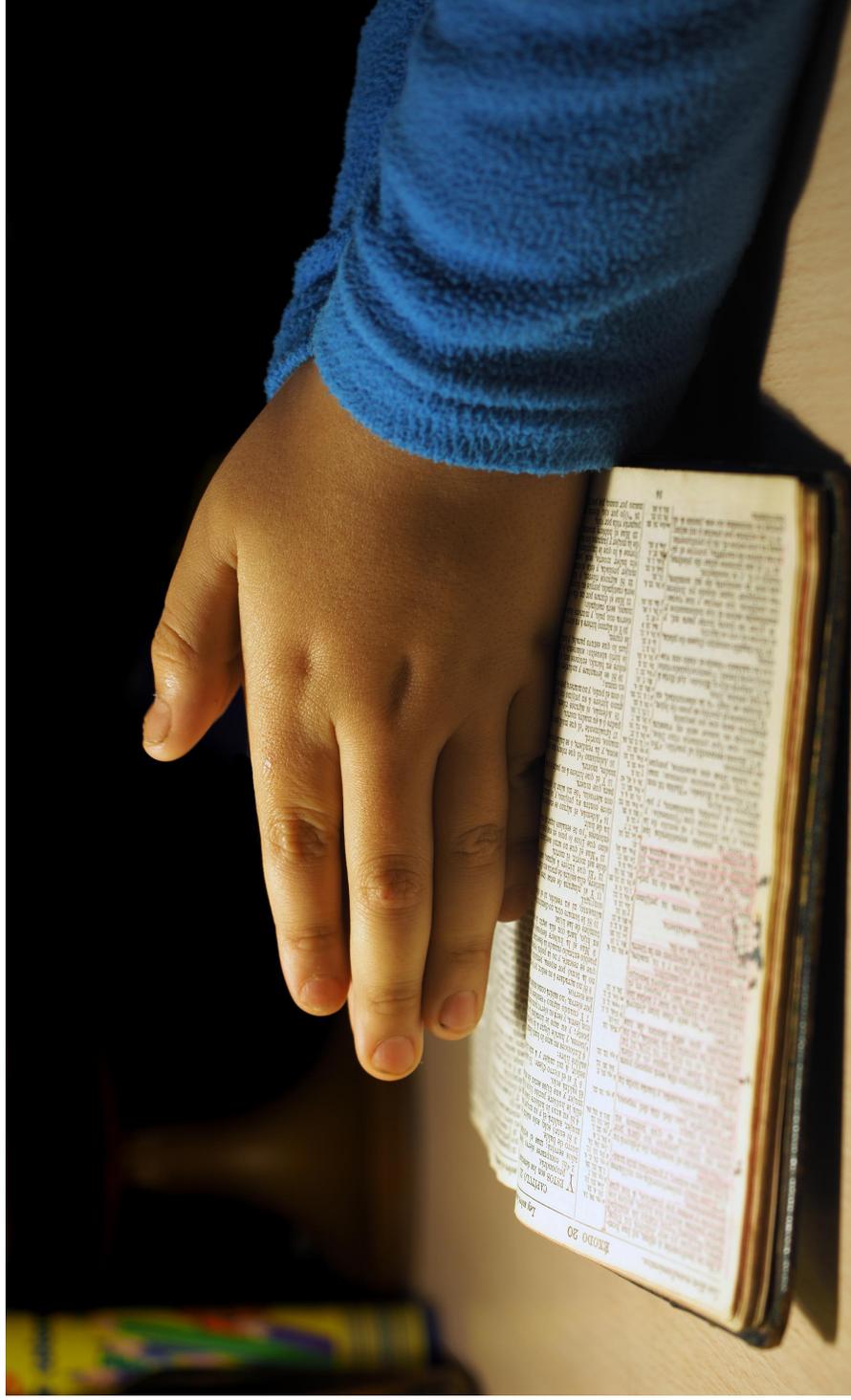
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Dear God, help us remember to pray for our missionaries when we have our daily quiet time at home.

Dear God, help us to listen so we can learn to tell others about Jesus in our neighborhood and school.

Dear God, thank You for missionary time in club. It is fun to hear the missionary story and learn about missions.

# You should listen to God and obey Him.



- Joseph and Mary must have stated; didn't understand
- Jesus was not talking about Joseph; talking about His real Father, God
- Jesus needed to be doing the things His Father in Heaven wanted Him to do
- He was obeying His Father, God, and also respecting and obeying His parents on Earth

**MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO GOD AND OBEY HIM**

**Acts 5:29 – “We ought to obey God rather than men.”**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Are you ready to do what God wants you to do? Are you willing to ask for His help to obey?

**CHALLENGE**

**G – Go over MT**

**YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO GOD AND OBEY HIM**

**R – Review PAS verse Acts 5:29 – “We ought to obey God rather than men.”**

**O – Overview PAS examples**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**W – Will you do it?**

**INVITATION**

**John 3:18 – “He that believeth on him (Jesus) is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already (separated from God).”**

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P, E  
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**BOW HEADS RESPONSE**

- Jesus always obeyed parents on Earth and His Father in Heaven
- Jesus went home with His parents to Nazareth
- Even though Mary didn't understand everything, she thought about it over and over
- Jesus grew taller, became wiser, and continued to please other people. Most importantly, Jesus continued to please His Father, God

**LIFE OF CHRIST #4**

**Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:40-52**

- Joseph must have been fast asleep after a hard day's work
- Mary was tired too, taking care of her growing baby boy
- How long had it been since God had sent them to Egypt to hide Baby from evil king who wanted to kill Him?
- Tonight, things were about to change again

**FLASHCARD 3-5**

- As Joseph slept, an angel came to him in a dream; “Get up, take the young Child and His mother, and go back to Israel.”
- “The people who were trying to kill the Child are dead.”
- Joseph didn't wait or question the angel; he wanted to obey God
- Even though Joseph was a good man who wanted to obey God, he wasn't perfect

**S, PAU**

**Romans 3:23 – “...There is none that doeth good, no, not one.”**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Joseph was a sinner too; but wanted to do what God said
- When they arrived in Israel, Joseph heard that the son of Herod, who wanted to kill Jesus, was now ruling as king in Jerusalem
- God sent another angel telling Joseph to go live in Nazareth instead of Bethlehem
- Nazareth was Joseph and Mary's hometown. Finally going home
- Soon settled in, Joseph went back to work as a carpenter; home must have been happy
- Even as a child, Jesus was strong on the inside, confident and brave, already knew how to make good decisions
- God was with Him, helping Him and teaching Him
- As Jesus lived and worked with family and friends, He was kind, unselfish, and joyful
- Jesus never did or thought or said one thing that was wrong
- It must have been wonderful to have Jesus as your son, brother, or friend!
- Jesus was different from everyone else
- People must have noticed especially that He always obeyed God and His parents

- If Jesus is your Saviour from sin, He can help you learn to be more and more like Him

### **MT – YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO GOD AND OBEY HIM**

- Jesus obeyed God and His parents perfectly when He was a boy here on Earth
- As Jesus grew, there was something He must have been looking forward to
- One of God's laws said Jewish men had to go to the city of Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover
- Every year, Joseph and Mary would travel together for this celebration

- Must have told Jesus that one day, when He was old enough, He would be allowed to go too

### **FLASHCARD 4-1**

- When Jesus was 12, that day arrived
- He & His parents probably left with others from their town who were going to the Passover too
- Finally reached Jerusalem, most important city in Israel
- The Temple was there; beautiful house where Jewish people worshiped God
- For 7 days, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus celebrated the special feast; then came day of Passover

### **FLASHCARD 4-2**

- They killed a lamb and cooked it with spices; blood was reminder that the animal died to cover sins

- Animal would die in their place; each year at Passover, a new sacrifice would have to be made

- Joseph and Mary knew God had promised to send a Saviour to take away sins forever

- God had told them that Jesus was that Promised Saviour

- I don't think they understood exactly how Jesus would be like the Passover lamb

### **FLASHCARD 4-3**

**P, E**  
**Romans 5:8 – “But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”**

- This was the way Jesus would be the Saviour; Joseph and Mary didn't understand all this as they celebrated the Passover that day

- After celebration, it was time to head home; Joseph and Mary joined crowd of friends and relatives who were heading to Nazareth

- Maybe Joseph thought Jesus was walking with Mary

- Mary might have thought Jesus was with Joseph

- Maybe they both thought Jesus was with some friends or cousins.

### **FLASHCARD 4-4**

- But Jesus was not in the crowd of people walking home; He had stayed behind in Temple in Jerusalem

- Jewish leaders and priests all gathered in the Temple to talk about God's laws

- Jesus sat down to listen; sometimes asked a question

- Soon the older men began to notice; who was this Boy? How did He know so much?

- Meanwhile, Joseph and Mary had walked all day, stopped for the night

- Mary may have asked Joseph, “Have you seen Jesus lately?”

- Joseph must have been surprised; “No, wasn't He walking with you?”

- Maybe Mary shook head, “I haven't seen Him all day!”

- Joseph, “I'll go ask around.”

### **FLASHCARD 4-5**

- Soon both were hurrying to uncles, aunts, and neighbors; “Have you seen Jesus?”

- He wasn't there. Nobody had seen Him since they had left Jerusalem!

- I'm sure Joseph and Mary were afraid; they loved Jesus very much

### **G**

- Joseph and Mary loved Jesus, concerned when couldn't find Him

- Must have rushed back to Jerusalem; for 3 days, they searched the city

- What had happened to Jesus?

- Finally, one of them must have thought of the one place they hadn't looked; the Temple

### **FLASHCARD 4-6**

- There was Jesus, sitting right in the middle of the Jewish leaders and priests, listening and asking questions. He had been there all the time

- Bible says the Jewish leaders and priests were astonished at how much He understood and His answers

- Joseph and Mary were amazed too; not for the same reasons!

- Mary; “Son, why have You done this to us? Your father and I have searched for You all this time, and were so afraid!”

- Jesus must have been surprised; “Why did you have to look for Me?”

- “Didn't you know that I have to be doing what my Father wants Me to do?”