



LESSON

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# FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP TIME

## Obedient Heart: Doing What You are Told Quickly and Cheerfully

**Objective:** Students learned that doing what we are told quickly and cheerfully helps us to become more like Jesus.

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

**Bible Story:** Jesus is Obedient to His Parents at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

### Action Steps:

**1. Bible Time:** As a family, read *Jesus is Obedient to His Parents at the Temple*, and talk about what Jesus could have said if He wasn't obedient. Talk about times when your parents ask you to leave when you are having fun and the right and wrong thing to do.

**2. Scripture Memory:** Practice singing or reciting the memory verse each day as a family.

**3. Practice:** Practice obeying quickly and cheerfully. One way to practice this concept is to tell your children that when you call their names, they stop what they are doing, come right away, and say, “Yes, Mom/Dad.” Then you give them an instruction when they are focused. You could make this a game at first, like Simon Says to practice. Give them lots of praise and remind them that God created them to obey their parents, and it will help them learn to obey God. Pray as a family that God will give you all obedient hearts to please the Lord. **Place stickers or checkmarks next to OBEIENT on your Character Trait Sticker Chart every time you catch your children displaying an obedient heart.**

**4. Model:** Let your kids know sometimes you are doing something to obey God, when you are faithfully doing the laundry each week, serving at Sunday school, or inviting a family over for dinner. This will help them see a picture of what it is like to obey God. Children will pick up character traits more easily when they see a good model from parents! ☺