

Family Challenge #1

(Complete week of June 13-19. Turn in coupon June 20.)

GIDEON—A MAN WHO OBEYED Dive into Judges 6-7

Parents — How important is obedience in your home? Do you want your kids to obey 50% of the time or 100%? This summer we will challenge your children to be 100% obedient to God, resulting in a dramatic change in what they say and do. This week we focused on Gideon, a man who chose to obey God.

To help introduce your family to the concept of obedience at home this week do the following family challenge:

Write out or draw pictures of three ways it is easy to obey God and three ways you struggle to obey God. Under all these, write down why it is difficult or easy to obey. Hang this paper on your refrigerator and pray daily that God will help you continue to be obedient and for strength to become even more obedient.

Open your Bible and see what God has to say about obedience:

- Ephesians 6:1 Hebrews 13:17 James 1:22

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Family Challenge #4

(Complete week of July 4-10. Turn in coupon July 11.)

HANNAH—A WOMAN WHO OBEYED Dive into 1 Samuel 1:1-28

Parents — It isn’t always easy to obey God when you walk through a challenging season of life. Often our initial response may be to get mad at the situation or try to fix the problem with our own strength. Hannah wasn’t like that; she turned to God and trusted in His timing and His will.

God has a plan for your life, this week make a special family treat and share a story with your kids about when you were a child and needed to trust and obey God during a difficult time in your life.

As a family read:

- Proverbs 3:5-6
 1 Peter 2:17
 1 Corinthians 15:58

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Family Challenge #7

(Complete week of July 25-31. Turn in coupon August 1.)

KING SAUL DISOBEYS GOD! Dive into 1 Samuel 15

Parents — Training a child to have good self esteem can lead to pride if the training is not grounded by a biblical worldview. Children need to know that everything about them was created by God alone. Be aware if you take God out of the picture, pride will stand in the way of total obedience to God. When we take credit for our physical abilities, knowledge, or plans we are prideful. King Saul’s pride justified his disobedience, which led to serious consequences. This week coach your kids to be humble. They’ll gain a good self esteem because they have God as the center of their life.

Early in the week make a chart to hang on your refrigerator. Write your last name in big letters. Under it place two boxes. One that says “disobedience” and the other “obedience.” When you see a family member obeying, make a happy face in the obedience box. When you see them disobeying, a frown in the disobedience box. At the end of the week review the “What did you discover?” questions and talk about how your family is similar or not similar to King Saul.

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Family Challenge #2

(Complete week of June 20-26. Turn in coupon June 27.)

SAMSON—A MAN WHO DISOBEYED GOD Dive into Judges 16

Parents — A painful parenting experience is watching your child willfully disobey and then receive the painful consequence of their foolish decision. It is at this time we want to bang our heads against the wall and say, “Why can’t they just listen and do what is right?” God our Heavenly Father wants the best for us, that is why He clearly wrote out the guidelines for a successful life in the Bible. I’m sure His heart breaks as we, like Samson, often foolishly ignore the truth, willfully disobey God, and experience the consequences of emotional or physical pain.

As a family memorize James 1:22 **“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”** On Saturday night, June 26, check to make sure everyone knows the words and understands the meaning.

Ideas to teach this verse to your kids: Write with chalk on your driveway, make up hand motions for key words, or repeat it every time you eat a meal.

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Family Challenge #5

(Complete week of July 11-17. Turn in coupon July 18.)

SAMUEL—A BOY WHO OBEYED Dive into 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Parents — Have you ever planned a special meal and then asked your kids to set the table for you before you served the meal? What a blessing it is to have your child joyfully jump up and eagerly help place each place setting neatly on the table so the meal will be served with excellence. God’s plan is bigger than a special meal and it is a true honor to be asked by Him to join Him in His plan. The question is, will you joyfully obey or disobey Him? Samuel obeyed God and was eager to serve Him. Read Ephesians 2:10 together as a family. Have each family member comment on what this verse means.

Family Discussion:

If God asked you to serve in the church, what would you do and why? (Don’t let age, ability or education limit your dream of serving). Why would doing this please God? Pray as a family and tell God you want to obey and do whatever He asks.

Read: Proverbs 3:5-6

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Family Challenge #8

(Complete week of August 1-7. Turn in coupon August 8.)

DAVID OBEYS! Dive into 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Parents — What is talked about more often in your home—outward appearance of people (actions, looks, accomplishments, talents) or the inside of the person? God looks at the inside of people, called the soul. This week I challenge you to examine your child’s soul and seek God’s wisdom as you continue to coach them spiritually. Questions you should ask: Does my child desire to be obedient to God? Does he/she even truly know God? Can I see the Fruit of the Spirit shine through my child? These are important questions to ask when your kids are young! This will impact the decisions they make now and as they grow older.

Chalk Time! (Crayons, pens and paper are optional.)

Go outside and outline each member of your family. Instead of focusing on the outward appearance write down words (or draw pictures) of how this person looks on the inside. Discuss how each person could grow from God’s perspective to look even more beautiful on the inside.

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Family Challenge #3

(Complete week of June 27-July 3. Turn in coupon July 4.)

RUTH—A WOMAN WHO OBEYED! Dive into RUTH 1-4

Parents — Ruth was a woman who was obedient to God by putting others first and sacrificially loving others. This week your challenge is to find two ways to show the love God to someone. A few creative ideas are: helping someone carry their groceries to the car, making a gift basket for a person who is sick or calling a grandparent and saying, “I love you!”

Why should you do this? Read the verses below and talk with your children about how these verses and the lesson of Ruth relates to their life:

- Matthew 19:19
 Ephesians 2:1-5
 1 Peter 1:22

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Family Challenge #6

(Complete week of July 18-24. Turn in coupon July 25.)

ISRAEL DISOBEYED! Dive into 1 SAMUEL 8-10

Parents — “I want it... and I want it now!” Kids can be a challenge at times, but it is our responsibility as parents to coach our kids to become totally obedient to God (Deuteronomy 6:6-9). In order to do this we need to rely on God for the patience, perseverance and wisdom on how to lovingly point them to God on a regular basis. Make it a habit to coach and pray specifically for your kids each day!

This week play a board game as a family. One time play it with no rules, the second time choose to follow the rules of the game. Ask your kids why it was important to obey the rules rather than to do things your own way. How is doing this similar to obeying the Bible?

As a family read:

- 1 Timothy 2:15
 Romans 15:4a
 1 Corinthians 10:6

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Family Challenge #9

(Complete week of August 8-14. Turn in coupon August 15.)

DAVID, A MAN WHO OBEYED! Dive into 1 Samuel 17:1-54

Parents — Grab a sheet of paper with your children and see how many words you can write down that describe our God! Open up your Bible and dive into it to find additional names or words that reflect His greatness. Remind your kids that if they are a Christian, this is their God! With God by our side we can live each day with confidence. David was confident because he knew God; that is why he was totally obedient to Him! He recognized God’s strength and his actions reflected it.

Hang your paper with all the words that describe God on your refrigerator. Challenge your kids to keep their minds focused on their God!

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