

### *Unit 3: What the Bible Says About Obedience*

#### *Lesson 1: God Commands Obedience*

*4<sup>th</sup> grade or Juniors*

##### *Performance Objectives:*

1. The student will be able to recite Ephesians 6:1 with no more than one help.
2. The student will be able to complete the worksheet correctly with no more than two mistakes.

*Materials Needed:* Visualized poster for Ephesians 6:1, visualized posters for each song, worksheets for application

##### *Opening Activities:*

- Prayer
- Sing “Obedience”
- Sing “I Will Obey Right Away”
- Sing “If Sinners Entice Thee”

##### *Sequence of Activities:*

A. Review and Motivation. We have been talking about different people in the Bible who either obeyed or disobeyed. Today I am going to show you a verse in the Bible that is talking to children.

B. Ephesians 6:1 says, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.” Paul wrote the book of Ephesians. We talked about him a couple of weeks ago. He obeyed God’s call to go over to Macedonia. Paul traveled to different cities and started churches wherever he went. Later, he would write to the churches and show them things that they were doing wrong or give them advice about how to live the Christian life. In the last half of chapter five, Paul was talking to husbands and wives. He told them how to act towards each other as a married couple. Then Paul comes to chapter six and starts talking to the children. I will read the verse again, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.” God told Paul to write those words in the Bible, so this is a command from God. The Bible says that it is right and good for you to obey your parents. It is hard to obey sometimes, because of the sin nature, but it says “obey your parents in the Lord”. You can ask God to help you obey your parents. And when you disobey your parents, you need to ask God to forgive you and you also need to ask your parent’s forgiveness.

C. We all have a sin nature. Romans 3:23 says, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” No matter how hard you try, you cannot obey your parents by just trying to be good. You need God’s help, but God cannot help you until you ask Him to forgive your sins and believe that Jesus died for your sins.

D. Now, let’s see if you can memorize this verse to help you remember to obey your parents. (Go over verse several times until everyone can say it without looking at the visual.)

E. Pass out worksheet with matching to see if they remember who obeyed and who disobeyed in the past stories.

*Evaluation:* Each child should be able to say Ephesians 6:1 without looking at the poster. The children should be able to complete the worksheet, matching the people of past stories with whether they obeyed or disobeyed.