

Unit 2: Obedience in the Bible

Lesson 1: Paul's Obedience (Acts 16:6-10)

4th grade or Juniors

Performance Objectives:

1. The student will recite Colossians 3:20 from memory with no more than two helps.
2. The student will write an example of a time when he obeyed his parents.

Materials Needed: Visualized poster for Colossians 3:20 and visualized posters for each song; index cards

Opening Activities:

- Prayer
- Sing "Obedience"
- Introduce memory verse
- Sing "I Will Obey Right Away"
- Sing "John 3:16"

Sequence of Activities:

A. Review and Motivation. Last month we had five examples of people who disobeyed God in the Bible. This month we are going to talk about five people who did obey God.

B. Paul was the first missionary. He traveled to many different cities such as Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, Phrygia, and many others. Everywhere Paul went, he would preach. Whether it was in the synagogue or out in the street, Paul took every chance he could to tell people about Jesus. Paul wanted to go to Asia and give the gospel to people there, but the Bible says that he was forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

Next, Paul went to Mysia and again he wanted to go to Bithynia, "but the Spirit suffered them not". Paul obeyed the will of God and went down to Troas. "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them."

C. Paul was sensitive to the will of God. Even though Paul wanted to go to Asia and it was a good thing for him to go there and preach the gospel, it was not the will of God at the time. Have your parents ever told you to do something and you did not know why they were asking you to do that thing? There is always a reason behind what your parents tell you to do or not to do. It could be for your safety. But whether or not you know the reason behind a command, you should always obey your parents.

D. Teach Colossians 3:20. Go over the meaning of the verse and have the children repeat the verse three times. Play 'Popcorn' game, having one side of the class say the first word and the other side the next word and so on. Ask who is ready to say the verse without looking. If needed, go over the verse a few more times. Repeat until everybody has said the verse without looking.

E. Play 'Lightening' review game, asking question from today's lesson. Challenge students with questions from last month's unit.

Evaluation: Each child should be able to say Colossians 3:20 with no more than two helps. Pass an index card out to each child and ask them to write a specific instance of when they obeyed their parents. Look through the answers and read a couple of the situations out loud, and challenge the class to obey in all things.