



Primary Sunday School

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## God's World Obeys Him

In the beginning it was all dark. Do you like the dark?



God doesn't like the dark either. So He said, let there be light and there was light. He told the daylight and the dark night to divide. God made the sky and the world. He put water and land on the world. God made

the Sun and the stars. Then He made all of the animals to live on the earth.

Everything that God made obeys him. He made a path for the earth to go around the sun. The earth always obeys God. The sun always obeys God. What if we got up one morning and the sun did not want to shine? It would be dark and we would be very sad.

When Jesus died on the cross, God told the sun not to shine. It started getting dark about four in the afternoon. It was a very sad day.

All the animals obey God too. God told the birds to sing and make beautiful music for us. He told the dogs to bark and let us know when someone is coming.

What if the dogs started singing and the bird started barking? Wouldn't that be crazy? God told all the animals what to do. They always obey Him—that is why they are so happy all the time. God always knows how to make us happy—obeying Him will make us happy!

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *Even the wind and the sea obey Him!*

*Matthew 8:27b*

## It Did Not Rain

*Ring, ring, ring.*

"Hello," Mother said. "Oh, really? It's not raining here but the sky looks very dark. Okay... Be careful. We will pray for you. Goodbye."

Mother, Kyle, Gracie, and baby Levi had been eating breakfast when the phone rang.

Mother said, "That was Daddy. He said he has a big load of wood in the back of the truck and it looks like it's starting to rain. The wood costs a lot of money. If it gets wet it will be no good. Daddy wants us to pray that it will not rain on the wood. So let's stop eating and go pray."

They went over to the couch and knelt down to pray. Mother prayed that God would stop the rain. Kyle and Gracie prayed.

Levi said, "Hulp Dada, amen!" Then he jumped up and said, "No wain on Dada."

"Will God really stop the rain?" Kyle asked.

"He sure can," Mother said. "There was a time when Elijah prayed that it would not rain and it did not rain for three years. Then he prayed that it would rain and it did. I sure hope God helps Daddy."

In about an hour the phone rang again. Everyone was waiting to hear if it was Daddy.

"Yes that was daddy. He said that it was raining behind him and on the side of him but it never rained on his truck. He pulled up to the shop and put all the wood inside. The last piece of wood

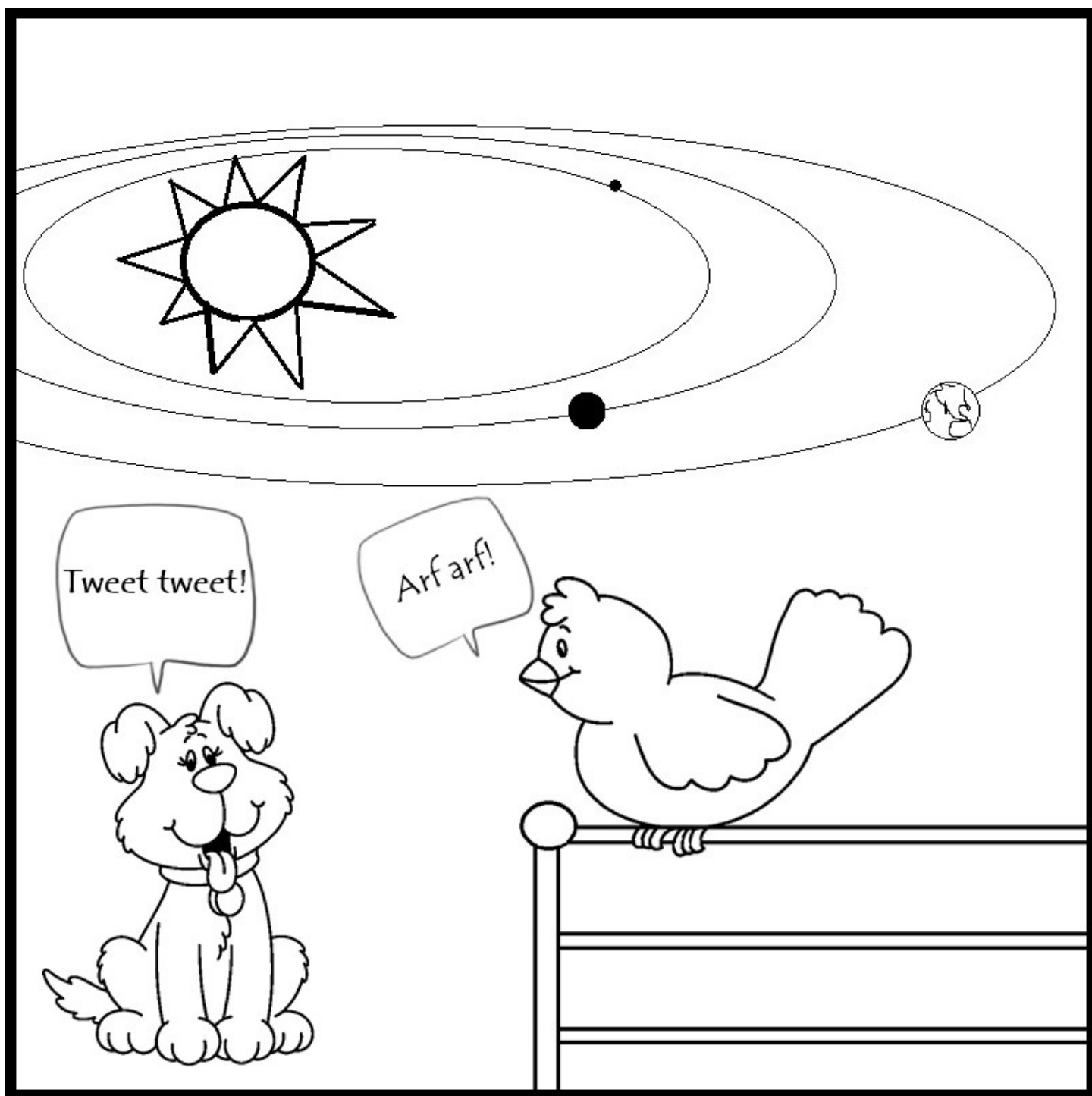


### Questions:

1. What kinds of things did God create in the beginning of time?
2. Which parts of God's creation obey Him?
3. Why are the animals always happy?
4. What can we do to be happy?

got a little bit of rain on it. Then it just started pouring down rain. It was like God turned on the water!" Mother said, rejoicing.

"You see, God can tell the rain to stop and it obeys Him. Everything that God made obeys Him."  
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## Obeying Makes Us Happy

When God made the first man and woman, He wanted them to be happy. He made a beautiful garden for them to live in. It was not cold, and it never rained. They had plenty of food to eat and lots of green grass to rest on. They could just go and pick grapes, bananas, or dig some carrots up to munch on. It was a wonderful place to live.

God made one rule they had to obey. There was a tree in the middle of the garden that God said they could not to eat. The tree had beautiful fruit but God said they were not to touch it or eat it.

The garden was full of other wonderful fruit to eat, but Eve thought the fruit on that tree looked so good that she wanted to try it. She knew God had told them not to eat of that tree but she disobeyed and ate it anyway. Then she gave some to Adam. This made God very sad. Adam and Eve were sad, too. They tried to hide from God because they felt so bad.

God had to punish Adam and Eve because they disobeyed. He made them leave the garden. They had to work very hard to plant their own garden so they would have food to eat.

God made you and me, and has given us many good things to do. We should not think about the things we can't do. When He makes rules or laws, they are for our good. Our memory verse tells us that we will be happy when we obey God's laws.

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *He that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

*Proverbs 29:18b*

## The Birthday Party

Gracie was turning five on Friday. Her mother had planned a birthday party Friday afternoon with some of her little friends. It was a beautiful summer day, so they played some games outside. Then they came in to cut the cake. She had a strawberry cake with fresh strawberries all over it. There were five pink candles burning brightly waiting for her to blow them out.

"Blow, Gracie," her brother Kyle said. She blew so hard a strawberry flew off the cake. Everyone laughed.

"Now it's time to open presents," Mother said.

"I want to open that big present first," Gracie said.

"No," Mother replied, "open the presents your friends brought you."

Gracie opened her presents and she told her friends thank you, but she was not happy. She kept looking at that big present.

"This is my birthday. I should be able to do what I want. I don't want to obey on my birthday," she thought. All the other children were playing with the new presents and having a wonderful time, but Gracie just sat in the chair looking at that big present on the table.

It came time for her friends to leave. "Goodbye, Gracie. Thanks for the nice time," they all said. Gracie just sat there and pouted out a goodbye.

After everyone left, Mother sat down by Gracie and said, "Look at all these nice presents and you are still sitting there wishing for what you can't have."

"But why can't I have it?" Gracie pouted.

### Questions:

1. What did God want when He made the first man and woman?
2. What was the one rule Adam and Eve had to obey?
3. What was Adam and Eve's punishment for disobeying?
4. How will we feel when we obey God's laws?

“Daddy bought that present, so I wanted you to wait until he came home. Daddy would like to see you open it.”

“Oh, can I open it when Daddy comes home?” Gracie asked.

“Yes,” Mother said.

Now Gracie knew that Mother had a good reason for the rule she had made. She had a very unhappy birthday because she didn’t obey.

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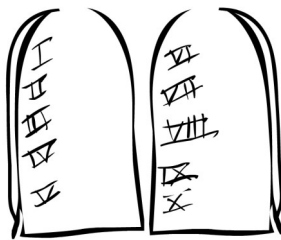


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## Obey God's Rules

Have you ever been way up high in a building or up on a mountain? When you look down from a high place you can see a long way. You can see where the roads go. You can see that there is a lake over there.



God can see us from way up high. He can see us and is watching over us. He can see things that we cannot see. He is so smart that He even knows what will happen tomorrow and even the next year. Because he knows everything and can see everything, He wants to help us know how to live happily. He has made some rules for us to follow that will make our lives happy if we obey them.

We call these rules the Ten Commandments. God wrote the rules with his own finger on a hard rock. God is very strong.

The rules He wrote are to help us all live together peacefully. He made rules about loving and obeying God, because He is the smartest and the best. Daddy and Mommy know a lot too, so He made a rule that you should obey them. Some of the rules are about not wanting what someone else has. They teach us not to take things that are not ours. We will always be blessed and happy if we obey God's rules!

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *Make me to go in the path of thy commandment. Psalms 119:35*

## The Picnic

"I have packed a lunch. How about going to the park for a picnic?" Mother asked.

"Okay!" the boys chimed happily.

"May we take the cookies that Grandma made?" Gracie asked.

"Yes, put one for each in a separate bag."

"One, two, three, four," Gracie counted as she put the cookies in the bag.

When they got to the park, the first thing Kyle saw was the tall, tall slide. "Mother, I want to go eat my lunch on top of the big slide. May I?" Kyle begged.

Mother said, "Yes, but be very careful."

"Thank you!" Kyle said, as he grabbed his lunch. Up to the top he climbed.

"Wow! I can see the fishing pond, the church, and I can almost see my house!" Kyle announced as he looked around. He sat down and gave God thanks for his lunch. "Dear God, thank you for watching over me. I know you see me right now. Thank you for the food. Help me be a good big brother. Amen."

When Kyle opened his eyes he saw a dog running through the park. "Mom! Mom!" he shouted.

"There's a dog. And, oh, he has Gracie's sandal in his mouth. Run, catch him!"

Mother ran and got the sandal. "It's good you're up there," Mother told Kyle.

"Yep," he replied.

Kyle finished his lunch. He was about ready to take a slide down when he saw Levi sitting behind a bush. Kyle looked again. "Mommy, Levi is eating all the

### Questions:

1. What is God doing when He sees us from up above?
2. Can we see everything God sees?
3. Why did God write His laws on the rock?
4. How will we feel when we obey God's laws?

cookies!" he hollered.

"Where is he?" Mother asked.

"Behind that big bush. Hurry, he's going to eat them all!" Kyle shouted.

Mother found Levi. All the cookies were gone except one.

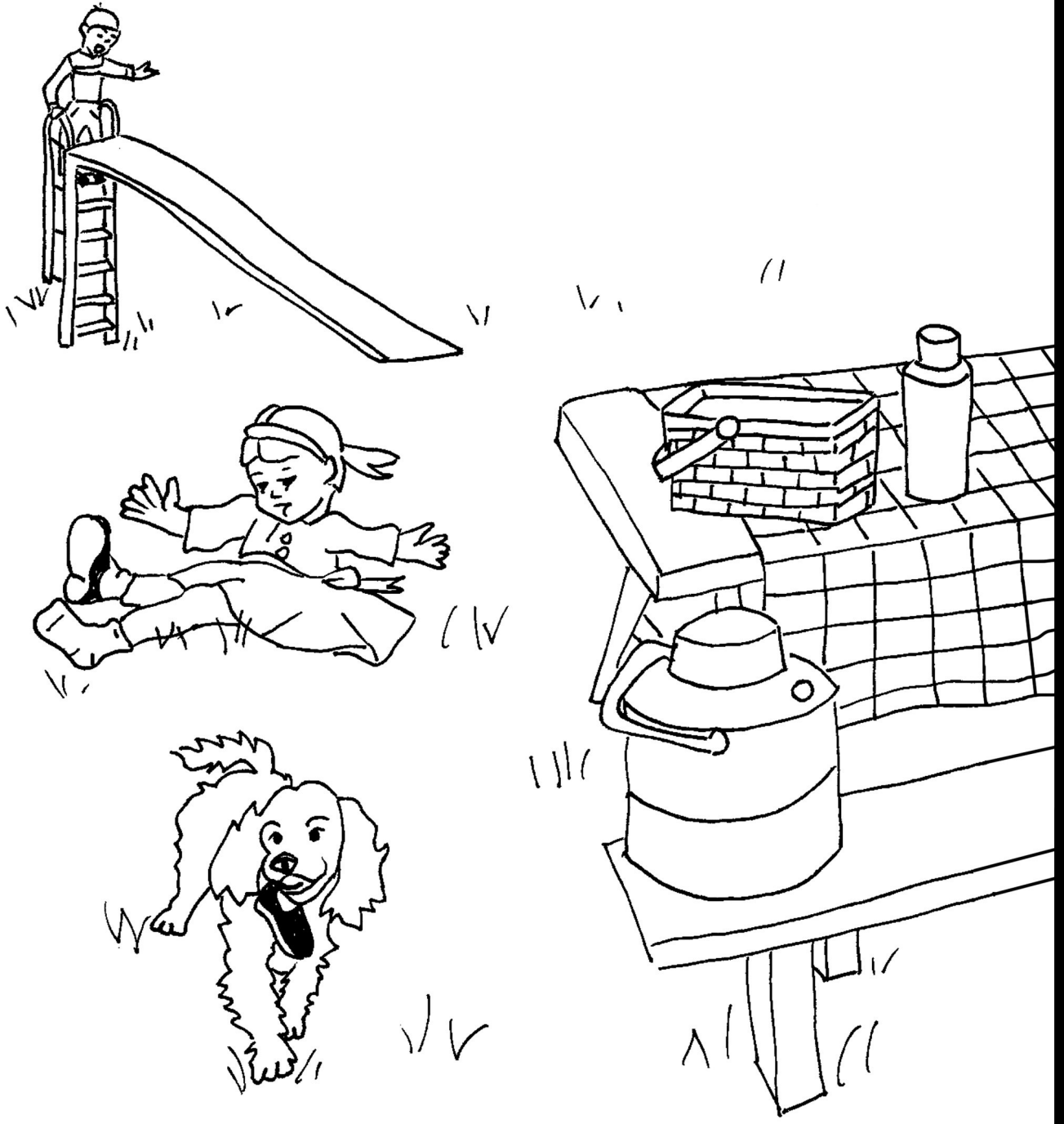
"Thou shalt not steal!" Kyle shouted as he slid down

the slide.

He felt sad he had missed out on a cookie. He got just a little bite.

"It was sure good that I was watching over us today," Kyle said. "And I understand more about God now. He does know best and I am glad He is watching over me."

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## Obey Your Parents

Last Sunday we talked about the ten rules that God wrote with His finger on a rock. One of the rules said, "Honor your father and your mother."



When we honor our parents, we are nice to them, we use good manners, and we always obey them. Our memory verse explains it this way, "Children obey your parents."

This would mean a mommy or daddy, grandma, or anyone that is taking care of you when you are little.

When you are asked to do something, you should stand up straight, smile, and say, "Yes Mamma," or, "Yes, sir." If you will learn to do this while you are little, it will help you obey God when you are bigger.

Have you heard the story about David in the Bible? He obeyed his father. His father told him to go take lunch to his older brothers. David obeyed. He took the food to his brothers who were fighting in the army of the king.

While he was there, God gave him a much larger job to do. There was a huge giant making fun of David's God. No one liked the giant making fun of God, but no one was brave enough to obey God and kill the giant.

David said, "I'll kill that giant with God's help!" And he did.

God had a big work for David to do. When he obeyed his father, it made him strong to obey God.

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Ephesians 6:1*

## Kickball!

Kyle had a new kickball! He had wanted one for a long time. Finally, he got one for his birthday. It was fun to kick the big ball, even if no one else was there to play. Gracie, his sister, liked to follow Kyle around, but sometimes he liked to play by himself.

Mother told Kyle he could play outside with his new ball. "Son, you must not go outside the fence. Stay in the backyard."

Kyle ran outside. He kicked the ball, and it hit the fence. The ball bounced back to Kyle. He picked up the ball, and threw it down to bounce it real hard. Oops! The ball bounced over the backyard fence and landed in the front yard.

"What shall I do?" Kyle thought. "I know I should obey Mommy. But I could just run and get the ball. I'll come right back."

Kyle opened the gate. "Where's my ball? Oh, there it is. It rolled out into the street!" Kyle ran into the street.

Honk! Screech! A car barely missed hitting him! He hadn't stopped to look for cars.

Mother rushed out of the house to see who honked. "Are you alright? Son, this is why I told you to stay inside the back fence. You could have been hurt or killed. I gave you that rule so you would stay safe."

"I'm sorry. I wanted to obey, but I wanted to get my ball," Kyle mumbled.



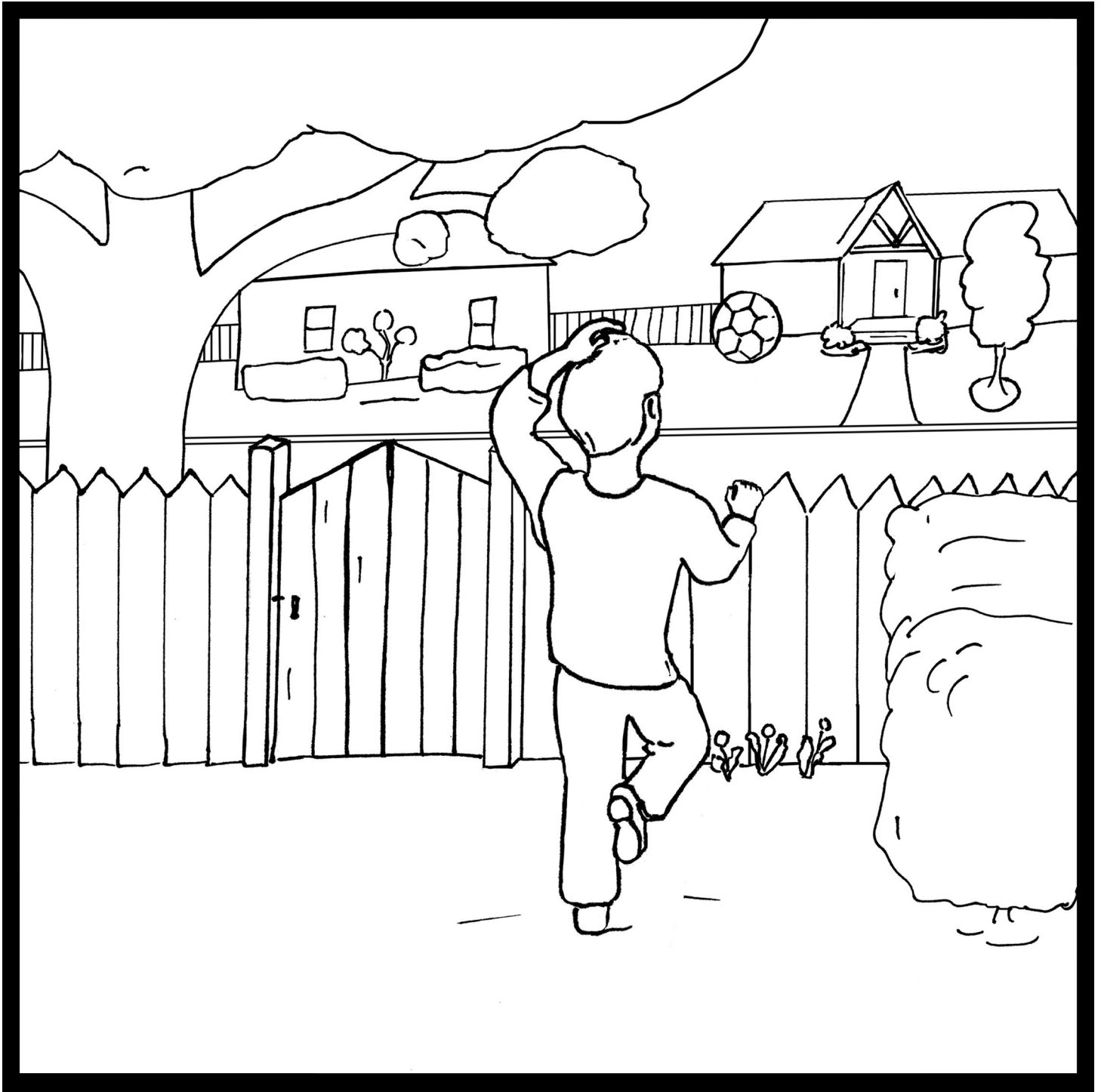
### Questions:

1. What does it mean to honor your father and mother?
2. How should you respond when you are asked to do something?
3. Who did David obey first?
4. How did obeying his father help David fight the giant?

"I see what you wanted most. I think you better come inside and say your memory verse about ten times. The ball will be put up until I can trust you to obey," Mother said.

Kyle hung his head as he walked inside. Now he knew it would have been better to obey.

Sister Lisa



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## Obeying With Your Heart

Jesus loves us with all of His heart. He died on the cross so we could have His blood wash away our sins. Jesus wants little children to come to Him. He wants us to enjoy the beautiful world He has made for us. He wants us to love Him with all of our heart.



Have you ever felt like you wanted to give Jesus a big hug? When we obey Jesus with all our heart, it is like giving Jesus a big hug.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my Commandments." That means to do what He says to do. Jesus wants you to obey Mommy and Daddy, so when you obey Mommy and Daddy, it is like obeying Jesus. It will help you obey from your heart if you will just think about giving Jesus a big hug.

Jesus said, "If you love me you will do what I say and my Father will come and live in your heart. His spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."

Jesus wants to live in your heart. Have you asked Him to come in? You can ask your teacher to pray with you now or pray with your parents at home.

When Jesus is in your heart, He will help you to remember to obey. When you obey with all of your heart, Jesus gets happy inside of you and He makes you happy all over.

Obeying Jesus is like giving Him a big hug. When we finish obeying, it feels like He gives us a big hug!

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

### Questions:

1. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
2. What does it feel like when we obey Jesus with all our hearts?
3. Is it like obeying Jesus when we obey Mommy and Daddy?
4. What did Jesus say about His Father living in your heart?

**Memory Verse:** *If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15*

## Mommy's Helper

It was a beautiful day. The birds were singing and the sun was shining. But Gracie didn't feel very happy.

Mother had asked her to fold a full basket of towels. She reminded her, "If you will be my helper I will keep sewing your new dress."

But Gracie really wanted to go outside and play. She stood at the window looking outside. The birds chirped. It sounded like one was saying, "Come out! Come out!"

Another answered, "Play too, play too!"

"I wish I were a bird. Then I wouldn't have to fold clothes. I could be outside all the time, singing and happy," she thought.

Then she remembered what Mother had told her: "The birds are happy outside because they are doing just what Jesus told them to do."

"I will be happy too, if I obey. Yes, I love Mommy with all my heart. She does a lot of things for me. She is making me a dress right now! I will be her helper," Gracie thought.

Gracie worked with a happy heart. She finished folding all the towels. Then she thought, "I will put them away, too. Mother didn't tell me I had to put the clothes away but I will because I love her."

When Gracie finished she felt so happy inside. Now she could go outside and sing like a bird! She knew Jesus was in her heart because He helped her remember to obey with all her heart. She felt like Jesus gave her a big hug!

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## Obey With Your Mind

Last Sunday we talked about obeying with all our heart. It makes Jesus happy when we want to obey with all of our heart. He also helps our mind wake up. He will remind us and teach us what we should do.

If you are willing to obey, and Mom says sweep the floor, you go find the broom and start sweeping. When you don't want to obey, it's like your mind is asleep and you can't remember where Mommy puts the broom. You go outside and trip over the dog and then you forget what you are looking for. When you obey willingly with your heart, your mind works so much better.

Jesus wants you to obey your mind. He is not going to pick up your feet and make them work. Your mind must be ready to make your feet work. Sometimes it is hard but if you take it day by day, Jesus will help you.

When there isn't anybody to tell you what to do, you have to think with your own mind and do what you know you should do. Grown-ups don't have their mommy to tell them what to do. But they have to obey their mind. The more you can obey on your own, the more grown-up you will be.

Do you have a list of jobs to do? If you can remember to do your jobs without Mommy telling you, it makes you extra happy inside. Be ready to obey your own mind. Then other people don't have

to make you obey. Always remember all the things Mommy has taught you and obey on your own. It is a much better way, and Jesus will help you and bless you.

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted... 2 Corinthians 8:12*

## Kyle is Growing Up

Mama had a rough day so she went upstairs to rest while Levi and Gracie took a nap.

Kyle wanted to cheer Mama up. "What makes Mama happy? I'll do my chores without her telling me. I know that makes her happy," he thought. The trash was one of his chores. It was full. He pulled the bag out, tied it up, and took it out to the big can.

He made a mess on the floor. "I'll clean it up," he thought. He got the broom and swept all of the kitchen floor. It looked nice. It wasn't his chore but he did anyway.

Then he decided to make some tea for Mama. He fixed a peanut butter sandwich to go with the tea. "Let's see, Mama likes pretty things. I'll find a pretty plate and put everything on it," he said to himself.

He remembered that Daddy brought Mama cards to cheer her up. So Kyle got some pretty green paper and made her a card. Gracie woke up and tiptoed downstairs to see what Kyle was doing. "Let's go pick Mama some flowers," Kyle said to Gracie.

They went outside and picked pink and yellow flowers. Kyle put the pretty flowers and the card he had made on the plate.

He took it upstairs to Mama's room. Mama was awake. She smiled real big. "Here," Kyle said, "I made you something."

### Questions:

1. What do you do when your mind is asleep?
2. Obeying with your heart makes it easier to obey with your \_\_\_\_.
3. Is there anyone to remind grown-ups what to do?
4. How will it make you feel if you obey without being asked by your parents?



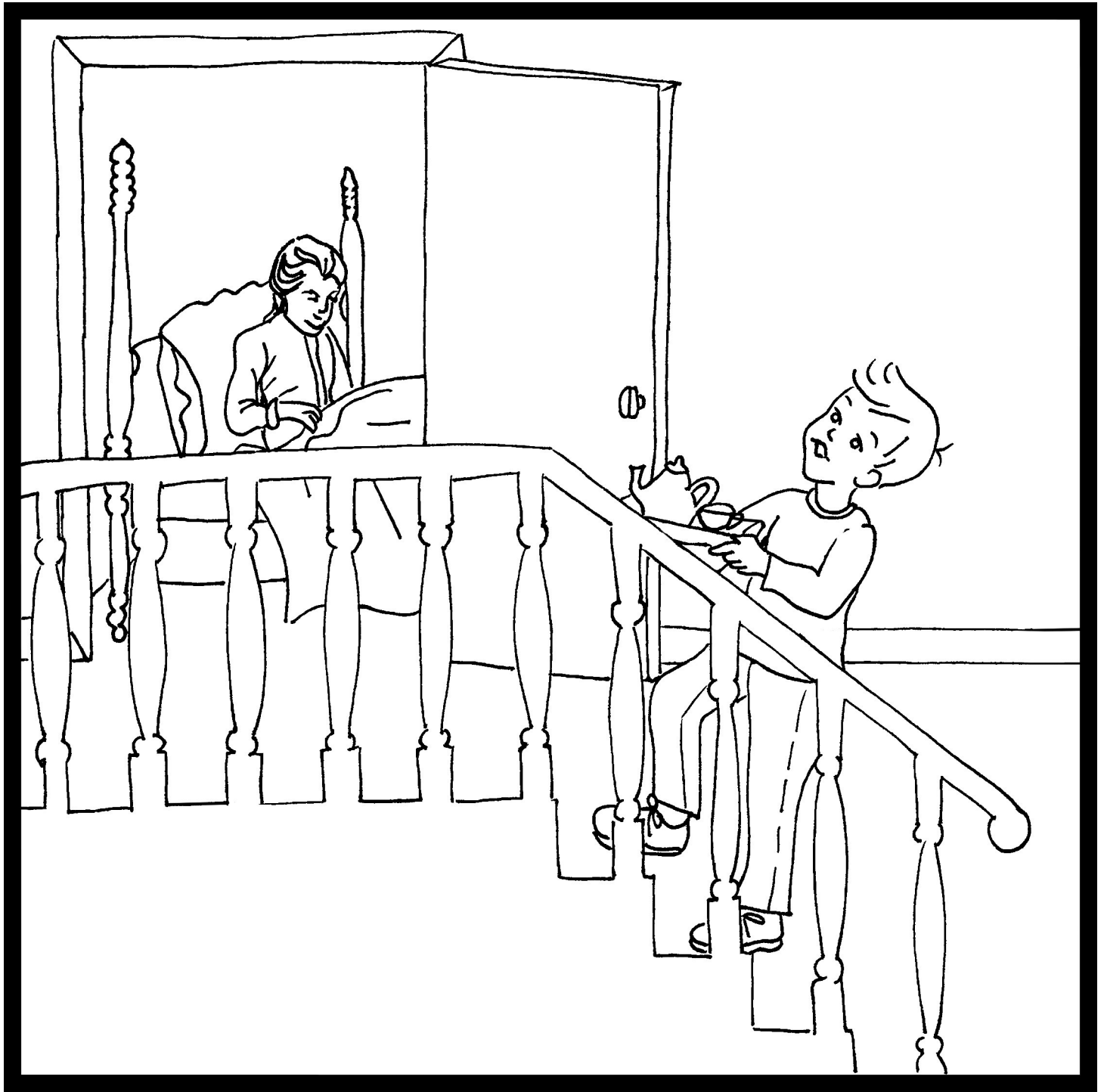
"Did you think of this all by yourself?" Mama asked.

"Yes, Gracie helped me pick the flowers."

"Thank you. This makes me feel happy that you thought of me. And this means that you are growing

up when you use your own mind to do things that are good," Mama said.

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## Obey With Your Ears

Do you have ears? How many ears do you have? Touch your ears. You have two ears, don't you? What are your ears for?

Jesus says that if you have ears to hear, then use them to hear. He told a story about some children that would not listen. They played music to make them happy but the children just sat there.

Imagine playing musical chairs. When you hear the music, you walk around the chairs. But these children didn't even move while the music played. It wouldn't be any fun to play with somebody like that!

Jesus felt sad because people would not listen. He had a lot of good news to tell them, so many times before He preached or told them a story, He would say, "If you have ears, then use them to hear me." But He knew they did not really listen, because they did not do what He said.

When your mother tells you something, let her know your ears are working. You can do this by answering, "Yes Mama," or just jump up and do what she said.

The Bible also says that a smart boy or girl will listen, because when they do, they will learn even more. So use your ears for what they are made for. They are not made just to look pretty on your head. We would look funny without them, but they're not made just for looks. God gave us our ears to hear, so let's use them right.

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

### Questions:

1. Jesus said, "If you have ears, use them to \_\_\_\_?"
2. Why was Jesus sad?
3. How did Jesus know the people did not really hear what he was saying?
4. How can you show your parents you are listening and obeying?

**Memory Verse:** *He that hath an ear, let him hear...*

*Revelation 2:7a*

## Hear and Obey

Kyle and his daddy finally had a day to go fishing.



Kyle was so excited. He was happy to get up early, help Daddy pack lunch, and get the little boat ready.

When they got to the lake it looked like the perfect morning for fishing.

Kyle was a little afraid when the boat wiggled in the water, but he was brave and happy to be fishing with Daddy.

"We are going to drive out to a good fishing spot, then we will tie up the boat and throw out our lines," Daddy said. Kyle was so excited. He couldn't wait to start fishing.

"Okay, this looks like a good place," Daddy said.

"Give me your line and I'll put the bait on it." He handed the fishing pole back to Kyle and said, "Hold the pole and I'll help you cast out in a good place."

But Kyle didn't use his ears to listen. He cast the line out in the water. When he tried to reel it back in, it was stuck. So he tried to pull the line in. Now he was all tangled up in his line.

Daddy said, "Kyle, you did not listen. Now just wait until I throw my line in and I'll get you untangled." Daddy threw his line out and he had a fish almost immediately. Kyle had to sit and wait while his daddy caught four fish because he did not listen and obey his daddy.

"Kyle," Daddy said, "If you would have listened you would have caught the first fish."

By the time Kyle started fishing, the fish had gone somewhere else. He didn't even catch one fish.

"We'll move the boat to another spot," Daddy said.  
"Maybe we can find some more fish."

Daddy found a new spot to fish and Kyle waited patiently to hear what Daddy would say. This time he obeyed. He let Daddy help him cast the line in the

water. And he caught the first fish. Daddy took a picture.

Now when Kyle sees the picture, he always remembers to listen and obey.

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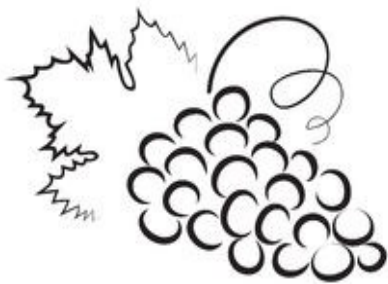


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## Obey With Your Actions

Jesus told the story about a man who had two boys.



He told one of his boys to go work in the vineyard. A vineyard is a field that grows grapes. Do you like grapes? They are good but there is a lot of work to be done when you grow grapes.

This grape farmer asked his boy to go work in the vineyard that day. The boy said, "I won't go." Later, he felt bad because he had not obeyed his father, so he went to the vineyard and worked hard all day.

The farmer asked his other boy to go work in the vineyard. He said, "Yes, I will go," but he didn't go. He went on and did what he wanted to do that day.

Jesus asked, which boy acted in a way that pleased his father? Which one do you think did it right? The one that asked forgiveness and did the work is the one that did right. If we do not obey what Jesus wants us to do, we need to ask forgiveness and then obey what we are given to do.

(Matthew 21:28)

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*

1 John 3:18

## Who Obeyed?

"Children!" Dad called. He was ready to go next door to clean the chapel for Sunday. Mom was at Grandma's house for the weekend.

"I'm in my room, Dad," answered Kyle. "Gracie is outside, I think."

Dad stuck his head in Kyle's room. "Son, I need you to take out the trash."

"Oh, Dad," complained Kyle, "that's Gracie's job! I have to wash the dishes and I don't want to do her work, too!"

Dad said, "I don't have time to find Gracie right now. Do this extra chore, and I'll be home later." He left the house to walk across the street to the chapel. Going around the corner of the yard, he saw Gracie playing in the sandbox. Dad called, "Sweetheart, empty the kitchen trash right away!"

Now, Dad had told both children to do it. Gracie stayed at the sandbox a little longer and forgot all about the trash. When Dad got back from the chapel, Gracie was still playing. She jumped up to brush sand off her clothes. "Dad! I'll do the trash now!"

Dad wasn't happy that Gracie had forgotten. He wondered if Kyle had done his work. Kyle was just putting the last clean dish away. Dad saw an empty trash can. "Thanks, son! That trash was beginning to smell!"

"Yes," smiled Kyle, "It was pretty stinky! I had thought since it was Gracie's job that I would not do

### Questions:

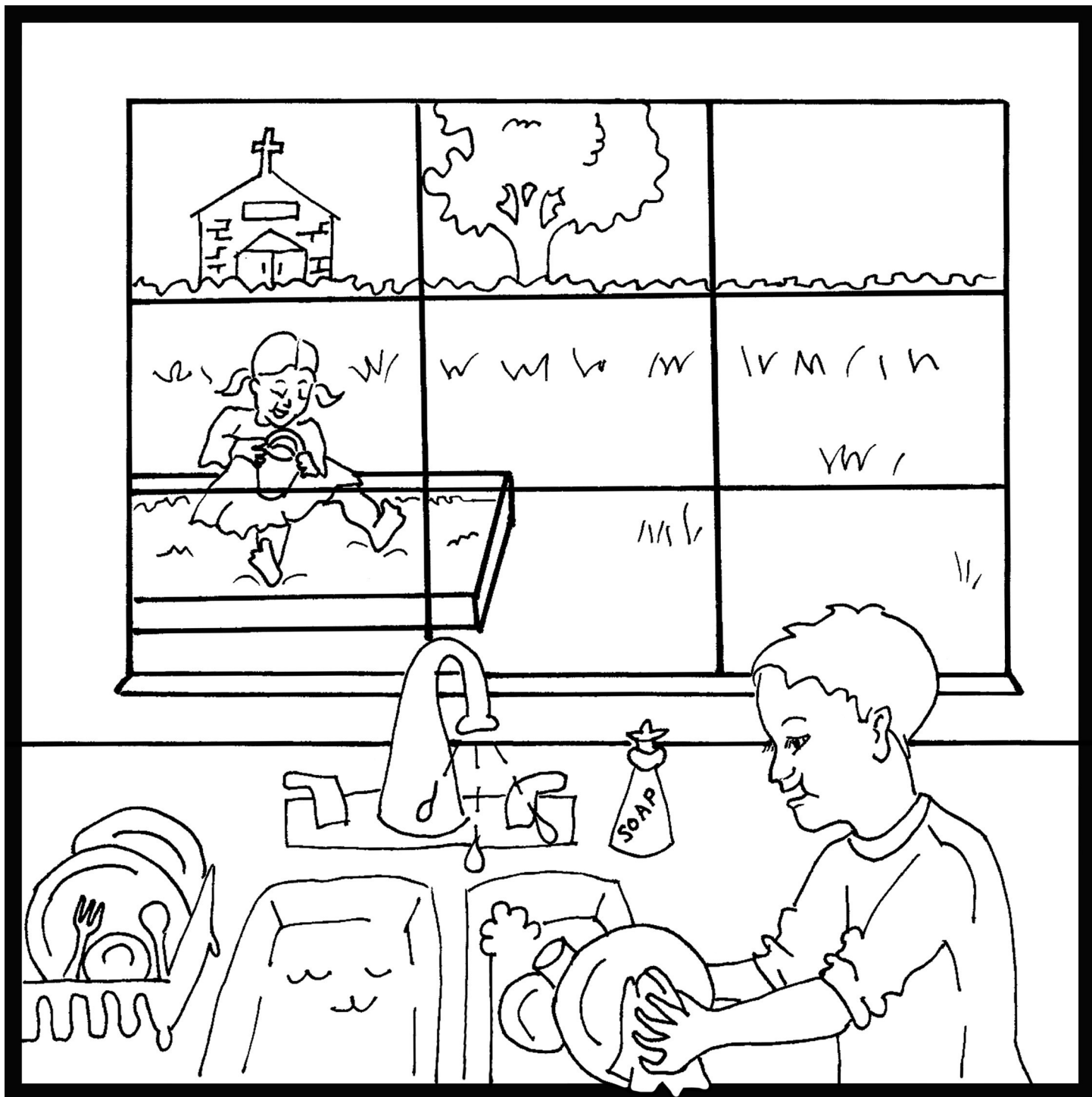
1. What is a vineyard?
2. What did the first son say to his father?
3. What did the second son say?
4. Which son acted in a way that pleased his father?

it. But you did tell me to, and it only took half a minute!"

Gracie hung her head. She was sorry she had forgotten and felt bad that Dad was disappointed in

her, even though the trash was gone. That night Gracie prayed for God to help her do as she was told, quickly, and not forget so easily.

Sister Lisa



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Primary Sunday School

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## Obey God's Call

Jesus knows your name. Some day you will know He is calling you. He called Samuel when he was just a little boy.

Samuel lived at the temple. His mother left him there because she wanted him to be a helper to the preacher. Samuel was sleeping one night when he heard someone call his name. He got up and ran to Eli, the preacher.

Samuel said, "Here I am."

Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed."

Samuel kept hearing somebody call his name. So again, he ran to Eli.

Eli told him, "Maybe it is God calling your name. If you hear your name called again just say, 'Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth.'"

Samuel went back to bed and he heard God call his name again. "Samuel, Samuel."

This time Samuel answered, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth."

God did speak to Samuel. He gave him a big job to do. Samuel worked for God until he was an old man.

God is going to call your name sometime, too. It might not be in the night while you are sleeping, like Samuel. But you will know when God calls your name. You will hear it in your heart. When you hear Him calling, you need be ready to obey.

God has a special job for each one of us to do. We call these jobs a "calling" because God calls and

gives us a job. Sometimes God gives us a calling when we are very young. Samuel was young. Isaiah and Jeremiah were also very young. I know a man who was eight years old when God call him to preach. He started preaching to the children. God has a calling for you, too. Be ready to listen and obey.

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *Say not, I am child: for thou shall go to all that I shall send thee. Jeremiah 1:7*

## A Job for Jesus

"You children have done your jobs so well. The house is all clean. I think we need to go play at the park. Don't you think so?" Mother asked.

"Yes," the children agreed.

"As soon as Levi wakes up from his nap, we will go," Mother said.

When they arrived, Gracie saw all the pretty yellow flowers. She liked to pick the little yellow flowers and the dried ones that blow and scatter.

Gracie was picking flowers when she noticed a lady sitting on the bench. Her children were playing on the playground.

"That lady looks a little sad. I wonder if she knows about Jesus. I learned how to work for mommy—I can work for Jesus too," she thought. "I'll go talk to her."

"Hello, how are you today?" Gracie asked the lady.

"Oh, I am tired," the lady said.

"Could I tell you some Bible stories while you rest?" Gracie asked.

"Yes, I used to go to church but I didn't feel God at church."

### Questions:

1. Who was the preacher Samuel worked for in the temple?
2. When did Samuel hear God calling his name?
3. Name three men in the Bible who were called at a young age.
4. What do you need to do when God calls on you to do a job for Him?



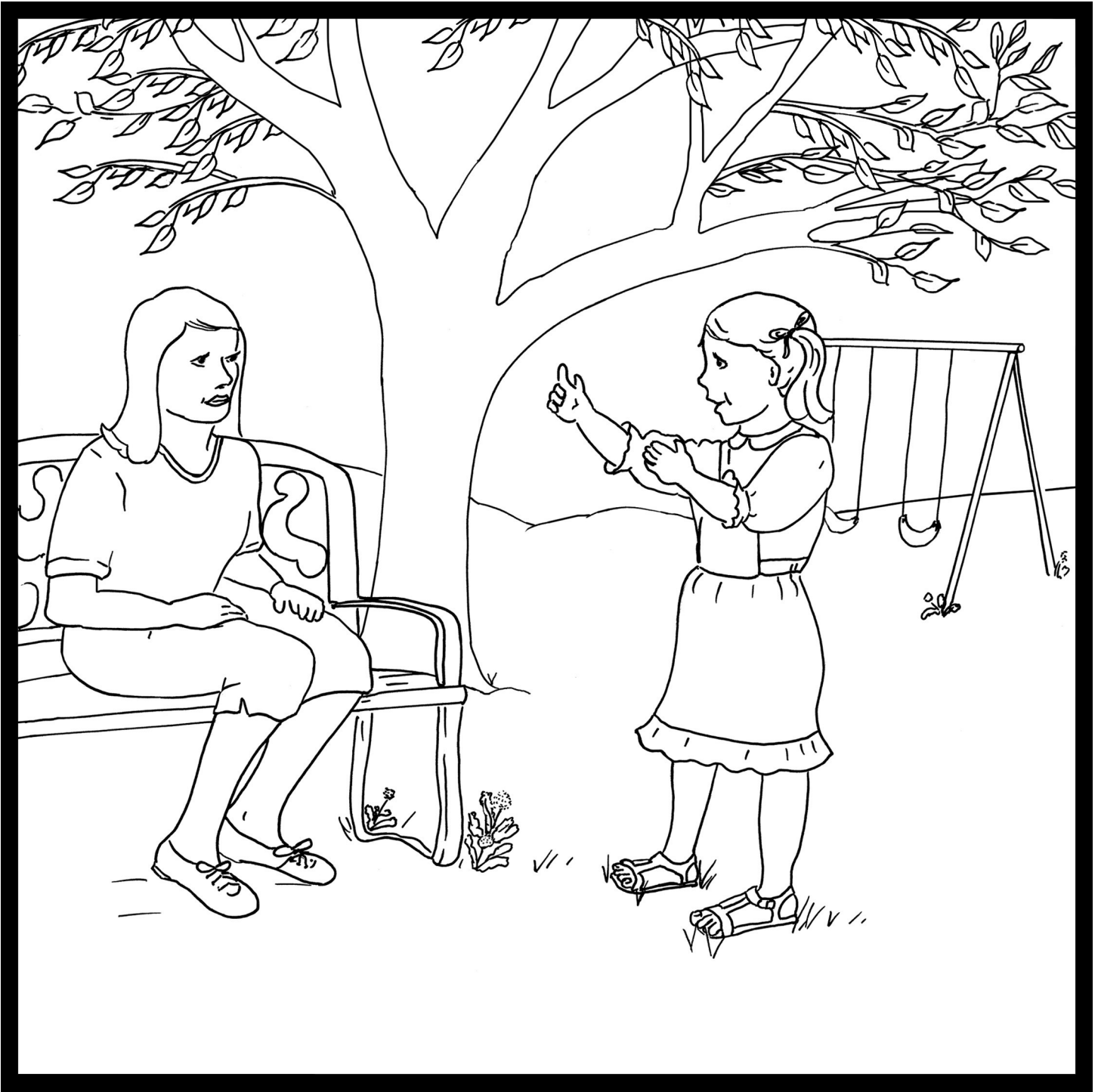
"You don't have to go to church to feel God. He is everywhere."

Gracie told the lady some Bible stories. This made her want to read her Bible and know about God. The lady was very happy Gracie had talked to her. She said, "I'll go home and start reading my Bible, and I'll

read it to my children. You are a happy, blessed little girl. Goodbye."

Gracie felt like Jesus had given her a little job to do and she did it. She looked forward to the next job Jesus would give her to do.

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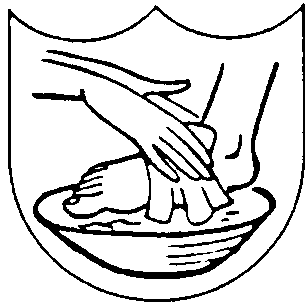


Primary Sunday School

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## Obey When You Don't Understand

Many times you do not understand why Daddy and



Mommy ask you to do something, such as go wash your face and hands, or pick up your toys. Mommy might know that company is coming over. Do you want them to see you with a dirty face or a messy house? No! You

see, Mommy knows best. She can read the clock and knows what time things need to be done. She knows when it's almost time for Daddy to be home! She wants you to get your work done, so you can have time to play with Daddy. We will be happy, if we obey even when we don't understand.

Jesus knew that it was almost time for Him to go back to Heaven to be with His Father, so He had a special supper with His twelve best friends. After supper, He started washing their feet. Peter did not want to obey Jesus and have his feet washed. When it was his turn he would not let Jesus wash his feet.

Jesus said to Peter, "You don't understand what I am doing right now, but you will understand later."

Peter still said, "You are not going to wash my feet."

Jesus told Peter if he didn't let Him wash his feet, He would not have a part with Him.

Peter loved Jesus and wanted to obey Him even when he didn't understand. He said, "Don't just wash my feet. Wash my head and my hands too."

### Questions:

1. Why was Jesus having supper with His friends?
2. What didn't Peter want Jesus to do?
3. Jesus said, "You will understand \_\_\_\_"
4. How do we feel when we obey when we don't understand?

But Jesus told him, "If you are clean on the inside, all I need to wash is your feet."

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *For we walk by faith, not by sight: 2  
Corinthians 5:7*

## Saved by Obedience

This story happened in the Grand Canyon in Arizona. It is a very deep, wide hole in the ground. The rocks on the side go straight down many, many feet.

On the way, Dad told Kyle that he must be very careful. But Kyle was only four, and he had never seen anything that deep. He didn't really understand how dangerous it could be. The sun was setting when they got to the canyon. It shone so bright and made the rocks along the canyon look like many different colors.

Kyle and his daddy explored the canyon. He loved to go exploring with his daddy.

Kyle walked along. His daddy said, "Don't go on the other side of the fence. Stay on this side."

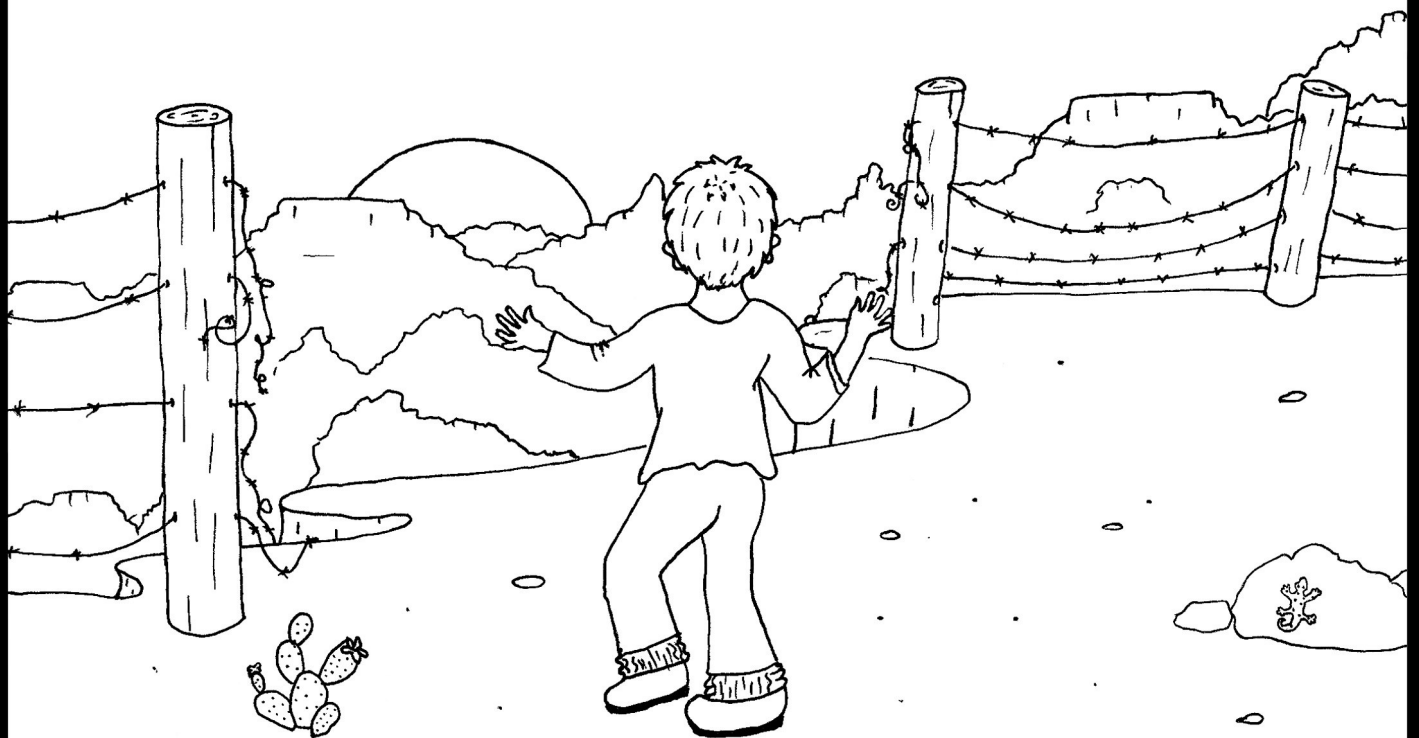
"Ok," Kyle said as he started running.

"Stop!" His daddy yelled. Kyle stopped. His dad was a little ways away. Kyle waited for his daddy to come. The fence had stopped and if Kyle had taken a few more steps he would have fallen in the canyon.

"I'm so glad you stopped, Kyle," his dad said, as he picked him up and hugged him. "You see the edge of the canyon was just a few feet away. If you would not have stopped you would've fallen way, way down in the canyon."

Now Kyle was so glad that he obeyed. Kyle walked back to the car holding tight to his father's hand.

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Primary Sunday School

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## Obey God Rather Than Man

God has good rules to follow but sometimes people don't follow these rules. You must always obey God even when others do not. If people tell you to do things that are not right, you should not obey them, no matter who they might be. It may be one of your best friends telling you to do something that Mama would not like. Do not obey them. Get away from people that tell you to do bad things.

Always listen to Jesus. Remember He is in your heart and He will help you to obey Him.

We have a story in the Bible about Peter and some of his helpers. They were preaching on the porch of the temple and many people came to hear them. The rulers did not like this so they took them and put them in jail. That night, the angel of the Lord came and unlocked the jail. When they were outside the angel told Peter and the others, "Go back to the temple. Stand up and preach to the people the words of life."

In the morning, the rulers came to get Peter and his helpers out of jail but they could not find them. The jail was still all locked up, but Peter and his helpers were not in there. Then someone came running and said, "The people you are looking for are preaching at the temple!"

The rulers asked Peter, "Why are you preaching again about Jesus when we told you not to?"

Peter answered, "We have to obey God rather than man."

They punished Peter and his helpers and let them go. But Peter and his helpers were happy that they could suffer for Jesus. They kept right on preaching like God told them to.

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** *We ought to obey God rather than man. Acts 5:29*

## Kyle Does Right

Kyle had worked hard in the garden with mama and Gracie. So Mama said it was time for a rest.

Mama said, "I'm going to lay Levi down for a nap. You children can read some books."

"Can I play on your iPad?" Kyle asked.

"Yes bring it to me and let me lock the Internet. Set the timer so you will know when your half hour is up. Do you know how to do that, Kyle?" Mother asked.

"Yes, Mama, I just turn this to where it says 30 minutes. And it dings by itself."

"Yes, stop when it dings," Mother said as she pick up Levi for his nap.

Kyle enjoyed playing his racing games.

"Your timer dinged," Gracie said.

"Oh, no, times up," Kyle said, as he put the iPad down. He sat down to read his new book. There was a knock at the door. "Hello Uncle Jake. Come in," Kyle said.

"How are you sweet tarts today?" asked Uncle Jake.

"We're not sweet tarts," Gracie laughed. "You eat sweet tarts."

"I think you're sweet tarts because sometimes you're sweet and sometimes you're sour. Come here Kyle, let me show you my new video game."

Kyle walked over by Uncle Jake. He remembered his game time was up, but he thought he would just look.

"Sit on my lap and you can play it," Uncle Jake said.

"No," said Kyle. "My video game time is already up."

### Questions:

1. Who should you obey: God or people who tell you to do wrong?
2. Where were Peter and his helpers preaching?
3. What happened when the rulers heard Peter preaching?
4. What did Peter and his helpers do after they were released from jail and punished?

"Mama won't care just this one time. Come here."

Kyle remembered the verse they had studied about obeying God, not man. He knew God said to obey your parents. "No I better not," Kyle said.

Jake reached to grab him. Kyle ran. "You can listen to me. I'm your uncle."

"I don't like your video games anyway. You have those killing games."

Gracie ran to get Mama.

Uncle Jake acted real nice when Mama came out. But Kyle knew that he had done the right thing.

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### Obey God's People

God called Moses to be a leader for his people. Moses didn't feel strong enough, but God helped him do a good job.

Korah and his friends didn't like Moses. They said, "You think you're better than us. We are as good as you. Who made you a boss over us?" This made Moses very sad. God asked him to be a leader. "I have not done this of my own mind," Moses said.

God was angry with them because they said bad things about Moses. He said, "Tell the people to stand back. I will destroy them." God made the ground shake and a big hole open up. Korah, his family, and his friends fell in the hole, and the ground closed back up. All the people were afraid because God punished them. God put Moses as the leader. When they disrespected Moses, God felt they were disrespecting Him. That is why God was so angry with Korah.

God wants us to listen and respect the people that He has called to lead us. He put teachers and preachers in our lives to help us learn about Him. We show our love for God by loving and obeying them.

God has a special blessing for us when we love old people. We love them by listening to them and using respectable manners toward them. We should call them Brother John, or Mister Porter. Speak to them differently than you do your friends. You might say, "Hey, come here Johnny," to your friend. But to an older person, you would say, "Brother John, would you please come here?"

#### Questions:

1. Who disliked Moses for being in charge?
2. Why was God angry with Korah and his friends?
3. What happened to Korah, his friends, and his family?
4. How can you speak respectfully to an old person?

When older people are talking, children should be quiet. They have lived a long time, and you will learn a lot if you listen. God will bless us when we respect old people and our leaders.

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verses:** *Obey them that have the rule over you... for they watch for your soul. Hebrews 13:17*  
*Honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God.*  
*Leviticus 19:32*

### Brave Girl

Gracie and her mama were on their way to her mama's great uncle's funeral. As they drove Mama said, "Gracie, I want to talk to you. There will be a lot of old people at this funeral. Some of them might even look and speak differently than the people you know. We want to show them that we love them like Jesus does. I want you to shake their hands, smile, and speak to them."

Gracie was only three at this time and she was a bashful girl. But she wanted to obey her mama and show the love of Jesus.

As they sat down, she looked around at the people. Just like Mama had said, the people looked different and many were old. Some of the men with beards looked scary. But she kept saying in her heart, "I will be nice to these people. Jesus will help me use good manners."

People finally finished talking and they walked by the big box. Everybody went outside. The people came to Mama and said, "Is this your little girl?" Gracie held Mama tight with one hand and lifted her other hand and said, "How do you do?" Some of

them even wanted to hug her. She just prayed for Jesus to make her brave.

On the way home, Mama said, "Gracie, you made me very happy today. I know you were afraid inside

but you used good manners, especially to the old people."

"Jesus helped me," Gracie said.

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Primary Sunday School

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## Obey the Laws of the Land

We have learned a lot about obedience. It is very important to obey because God holds all the power. When we obey others, it is like obeying God.



In Romans, where our memory verse is found, it says that God is the highest power and He is all power. Even the power of the government is under God's control. If we resist the power, we are fighting against God. We do not want to fight against God because He is powerful.

He is our helper and or protector. He keeps us from the devil. We want to always be on God's side. God will bless us and protect us when we are obedient.

The laws of the government help us live in peace. We have to learn to share all the roads and all the parks that they make for us. The government has laws to keep people from hurting one another.

If you take your brothers toy, it makes him sad. Mother will have to correct you. When you are bigger, if you steal your neighbor's car, the police will come and put you in jail. That is why it is so good to learn to obey and follow good rules when you are young.

We honor God when we obey the laws of our country, unless God's laws are different. Then we should obey God's laws first, because He has all the power.

Sister Rosie Gellenbeck

**Memory Verse:** Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers. Titus 3:1a

## Laws Keep Us Safe

Mom picked up her purse and car keys. "Let's go to the library," she called to Gracie and Kyle.

They came running and jumped in the car.

"Remember to buckle your seat belts," Mom reminded them as she buckled Levi into his car seat.

Gracie did not like wearing a seat belt. She hated to sit still. "I'm glad I am too big for a car seat now," she said.

Mom smiled, "Yes, you are five years old. But the seat belt helps keep you safe, and it is the law. I don't want to get a ticket from a policeman if you children aren't buckled up properly."

As they went down the street, Kyle said, "If you don't drive too fast, a policeman will never see if we are not wearing them."

Mom explained that the law was made for the safety of anyone riding in a car. "If I had to stop suddenly, you or Gracie might fall onto the floor and hurt your head."

She slowed down for the stop sign at the corner.

"This reminds me of a wreck I almost had," she said.

"I was on a country road that didn't have much traffic. I thought I would not stop at the sign because I did not see any cars coming. But there was one! I barely missed hitting it! Now I am careful to stop at stop signs."

"What would happen if there were no stop signs?" Gracie asked.

"Well the car would wreck," Kyle answered.

"Yes, the stop signs help us to take turns at the corner. The laws keep us safe," Mother said.

### Questions:

1. Who holds all the power?
2. Who controls the government's power?
3. How will you be punished if you break the government's laws?
4. Whose laws should we obey first: God's or the governments?



"And if you do not obey the laws, the policeman will give you a ticket," Kyle explained.

"Now, Kyle," Mother said, "God wants us to obey because it honors Him, not just to keep from being caught."

"Yes, like we obey Mommy when she is not looking," Gracie chimed.

Jesus sees us all the time and He wants us to honor the law and the police. If we honor God, we will also honor the laws of our country.

Sister Lisa



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