

Week 4- Making God Famous Through Obeying My Parents

I. Teaching:

Discuss: What did we learn from Jesus last week about making God famous? What did He model for us?

Yes, Jesus showed us that we can make God famous by serving others—He didn't come down to be served but to serve! Well, Jesus showed us something else: we can make God famous by obeying our parents. In fact, Jesus told us that He only spoke what His Father told Him to speak, and He only did the will of His Father (Look up John 12:49-50).

In Ephesians, children are commanded to obey their parents in the Lord, and are told it is the first commandment with a promise—that you may enjoy long life on earth! (Ephesians 6:1-3). So a Dog knows it pleases God and makes Him look good when children obey their parents.

So let's imagine a child's parents asked her not to watch a certain show because it does not model behavior that honors God. When the girl is at her friend's house, however, the friend turns on the show. Perhaps the friend even knows the other girl isn't supposed to watch it. What are her options?

Discuss: What would be a Dog's response? What about a Cat? Which would make God famous?

Or what about a little boy who is supposed to stay quiet while visiting some family friends. His parents asked him to listen quietly while the family shares about their trip overseas, but it's boring to him and he just wants to go play. He knows what his parents want him to do, however, so he chooses to obey and sits quietly until they are finished, even though he was quite bored.

Discuss: Was the boy acting like a Cat or Dog? Did his actions make God look good to his parents and the other family?

God has made it clear that it honors Him and makes Him famous when children obey their parents respectfully. This is one way to act like a Dog.

II. Memory Verse:

Our memory verse for this week is Ephesians 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Discuss: Talk about what the verse means with your child.

III. Theme Song:

Play Track 1 on the Cat and Dog Audio CD provided in this kit. Have your kids sing along with our curriculum theme song, “We Want To Make God Famous!” See page 196 for the words.

IV. Prayer to Go:

Conclude today’s teaching with praying Prayer to Go #29, asking God to help us obey our parents.

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor Your father and mother.” Ephesians 6:1,2

Dear Lord, I don't always show love and honor to my parents the way I should. Help me obey them and give them respect because this is right and pleases You.

V. The Children’s Workbook (page 19, 20):

To finish the day, have your child open to Week 4: Day 1 in their *Children’s Workbook*. Students will write out the weekly verse and complete the “Shapes Code” activity page. **(Answer: “Honor your father and mother”—this is the first commandment with a promise: “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”)**

VI. Optional Activity:

Play Simon Says to practice quick obedience!

Making God Famous Through obeying My Parents

I. *The Children's Workbook* (page 21, 22):

Discuss the Reflection Question in *The Children's Workbook* for Week 4: Day 2 and have them write down their answer.

Then, look at the Cat and Dog Cartoon and fill in a possible response for the cat and dog. (There is no right or wrong answer.) You'll find the actual cartoon on page 8 in the cartoon book. You may want to look this up to guide your child's possible answer.

While your child is coloring in the cartoon, **discuss** following directions quickly.

II. *I Heard Good News Today 2: Big Life*:

- Find the country of **India** on a globe or the map in *I Heard Good News Today 2: Big Life* on page IX. (If it is getting too easy, go to page 181 of *The Children's Workbook*.)
- Read Chapter 7, "**Playing The Perfect Role**," in *I Heard Good News Today 2: Big Life* beginning on page 19.

III. *The Children's Workbook*:

Discuss: What did Suman know at the end of the story that made God famous?

Pray for missionaries to be sent to the 1.4 million Adi Dharmi Hindus of India. (Don't forget to review the memory verse!)

IV. *Optional Cartoon*:

Look up Cartoon #75 in the cartoon book and discuss using free time when no parents are watching.

Making God Famous Through obeying My Parents

I. *The Children's Workbook* (page 23, 24):

Discuss the Reflection Question in *The Children's Workbook* for Week 4: Day 3 and have them write down their answer.

Then, look at the Cat and Dog Cartoon and fill in a possible response for the cat and dog. (There is no right or wrong answer.) You'll find the actual cartoon on page 18 in the cartoon book. You may want to look this up to guide your child's possible answer.

While your child is coloring in the cartoon, **discuss** how it can sometimes be hard to obey our parents—yet we still need to do it.

II. *I Heard Good News Today 2: Big Life*:

- Find the country of **India** on a globe or the map in *I Heard Good News Today 2: Big Life* on page IX.
- Read Chapter 8, "**A Failed Test**," in *I Heard Good News Today 2: Big Life* beginning on page 23.

III. *The Children's Workbook*:

Discuss: What did Dharmendra do to make God look bad and then look good?

Pray for missionaries to be sent to the 1.2 million Banjara Hindus in that country. (Don't forget to review the memory verse!)

IV. *Optional Cartoon*:

Look up Cartoon #72 in the cartoon book and discuss showing respect to parents when they've driven you somewhere.