



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

We need to obey God.

OBJECTIVE:

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KEY PASSAGE:

1 Samuel, 3:1-11, 19-21, Samuel Hears From God

MEMORY VERSE:

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Psalm 34:8 (NIRV)*

SUMMARY:

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SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Teach us to obey you always.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



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LARGE GROUP:

Divide the room into girls and boys. Have the boys read the verse aloud, and then have the girls read it aloud. Who can read the loudest?

SMALL GROUP:

Go around the group in a circle and have each kid read one word of the verse until the whole verse has been read. Do it two or three times, see how fast you can go.



SKIT

COOKIN' WITH SAMUEL

ITEMS NEEDED:

A Biblical costume for Samuel

A plate of fruit

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Guy - A TV chef

Samuel - A priest

Guy enters.

GUY: Hey everybody, I'm TV chef Guy, and we're rolling out. We're traveling the pages of the Bible looking for the Ingredients of a Godly Life! Our journey has led us back to the book of First Samuel, and look who's here! It's Samuel himself!

Samuel enters carrying a plate of fruit.

SAMUEL: Oh hello there, stranger.

GUY: Hey, Samuel, good to see you.

SAMUEL: It's good to be seen!

GUY: That's what the lady last week said too. Samuel, we're looking for ingredients to live a godly life.

SAMUEL: Oh yeah? How can I help?

GUY: I heard a story about you once, where God called to you, and you learned some thing important.

SKIT

SAMUEL: Oh yes, I remember that night well. God was calling me, but I thought it was my teacher, Eli. Eli was the one who figured out it was God calling me, and he told me that whatever God said, I needed to obey Him!

GUY: That's what I'm looking for, a sprinkle of obedience!

SAMUEL: Trust me, it takes more than a sprinkle. Sometimes you need a good helping of it. That next morning, after God spoke to me, I had to really muster up some obedience to give Eli the bad news God gave to me. I had to tell Eli God was angry with him and his sons. That was hard to do.

GUY: But you did it!

SAMUEL: Of course I did. It's not enough to know God's Word. You have to obey Him.

GUY: It's not always easy, but it's so important to obey God. Thanks for sharing with us, Samuel. Fist bump?

SAMUEL: What's a fist bump?

GUY: Never mind. Don't forget guys, the second ingredient to a godly life is a sprinkle of obedience.

SAMUEL: And sometimes a huge heap of obedience.

GUY: See you next time.

Guy exits.

SAMUEL: Was I just on a cooking show? That guy was strange.



OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Broccoli
Shredded cheese

How many of you like broccoli? Whether it's raw broccoli or cooked it is a great vegetable, healthy and delicious. But what makes broccoli even better? Cheese of course! A little sprinkle of some shredded cheddar cheese can turn a plain serving of broccoli into a delicious, cheesy treat. Some kids won't touch regular broccoli, but put a sprinkle of cheese on top, they'll devour it!

It's important to know God, and it's important to know what God's Word says, but you know what's equally important? Obedience? God wants us to sprinkle obedience in our hearts so that we will do what God asks. We need to obey God when He tells us to do good to others and when He tells us to run from sin. When we obey God, we become His hands and feet, and we can serve others in Jesus' name.

Get to know God and God's Word, and sprinkle obedience in your heart so that you will do as He asks. That's the second ingredient to a godly life!



LARGE GROUP GAME

PEPPERONI DROP

ITEMS NEEDED:

A pizza pan
Pepperoni
A stool

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose two players for this game, and hand each player ten slices of pepperoni. Have them stand on a stool, one at a time, and place a pizza pan in front of the stool. Players will try to drop the pepperoni onto the tray. The person who gets the most pepperoni on the tray wins.

VARIATION:

You can cut out circles of felt or craft paper to simulate the pepperoni if that's simpler and cheaper. It's certainly less greasy.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Sprinkle obedience if you want to lead a godly life.

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INTRO:

How many of you like a baked potato? How many of you will always eat broccoli? How about refried beans? Who likes just straight, plain, refried beans? What about a fresh tossed salad, with tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber, and other fresh veggies?

Some of you like those foods. Some of you may not be so crazy about them. But what happens if we add a sprinkle of cheese to them? Who's going to eat a baked potato with cheese? Broccoli and cheese? Beans with cheese? And how about that salad with cheese?

It's amazing the difference one ingredient can make to a meal, and to an eater. Moms and Dads can get pretty frustrated trying to get us to eat healthy, but sometimes just a sprinkle of cheese can make all the difference. Add cheese to veggies or salad or to pasta, and suddenly, those picky eaters are a little less picky and a lot more hungry. They're also a little more obedient when Mom or Dad says, "Eat your food."

Today we continue our series on the Ingredients of a Godly Life by adding a sprinkle of obedience to our bowl of trust. The bowl of trust means that we trust in God and we trust that His Word is true. A sprinkle of obedience puts our trust into action. We obey God's Word by doing what is right and running from what we know is wrong. Obedience is a vital ingredient to a godly life.

One person who learned early on the value of obedience is Samuel. Samuel has two books named for him in the Bible. He was an important spiritual leader, and he anointed the first two kings of the nation of Israel. Long before that, he was a boy living in the temple learning how to become a priest. Then one day, Samuel heard a voice calling to him at night.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

READ 1 SAMUEL 3:1-11, 19-21

MAIN POINT:

Samuel's mother had dedicated his life to the Lord's service when he was only a child. There was never any doubt as to whether or not he would become a priest. The question was, what type of priest would he become?

Samuel answered that question by saying, "Speak, Lord." When Samuel's mentor Eli told him to answer God, Samuel obeyed Eli. More importantly, Samuel obeyed God when God spoke. God's first message was a devastating one for Eli and his family. Samuel was just a boy, and not comfortable telling his teacher that God had condemned him and his family, but he obeyed God and gave Eli the message nevertheless.

Obedience gets us moving. In obedience we do the right thing, we love our neighbors, and we turn from sin. Obedience isn't easy, but it's a vital ingredient for a godly life.

DRIVE IT HOME:

A sprinkle of cheese helps us to be more obedient to our parents. Those veggies may not look so appetizing on their own, but when Mom adds that cheese, we're willing to eat it. Obedience is not as appetizing as cheese. Sometimes it can be downright difficult to swallow. But without obedience, we are merely people who know God but never actually live for God.

It's not enough to know that God is real and that He loves you. It's not enough to believe that the Bible is true. That bowl of trust is an important first ingredient to living godly, but it's not enough. God wants us to obey His Word. When he speaks, He wants us to listen and act. He wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, the way He taught us. He wants us to care for the sick and the needy. He wants us to set an example for others by avoiding sin and choosing to do the right thing.

Obedience is what led Samuel to become one of the greatest leaders in Israel's history. It was Samuel who became the high priest after Eli died. Samuel would anoint Saul to become Israel's first king, and when Saul refused to obey God, it was Samuel who went out and anointed the next king, David. Samuel set an example even as a child that we all need to follow. When we obey God, God is able to fulfill all his plans for our life. Like Samuel we can make a difference in our world because we choose to follow God and do what is right.

It starts with a bowl of trust. It continued with a sprinkle of obedience. Let's put our trust into action by doing what God says as we continue to gather ingredients for a godly life!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Teach us to obey you always.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What's your favorite food to sprinkle something on?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Psalm 34:8

Go around the group in a circle and have each kid read one word of the verse until the whole verse has been read. Do it two or three times, see how fast you can go.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Have the kids create a skit, acting out the story of Samuel being called by God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 1 Samuel, 3:1-11, 19-21

Who was Samuel?

Who did Samuel think was calling him?

What did Eli tell Samuel to do?

Why did Samuel obey God?

Why should we obey God?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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How can we become more obedient to God?

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

FILL IN THE BLANK

_____ was a boy living in the temple.

SAMUEL

Samuel thought his master _____ was calling his name.

ELI

Eli told Samuel that it was _____ calling him.

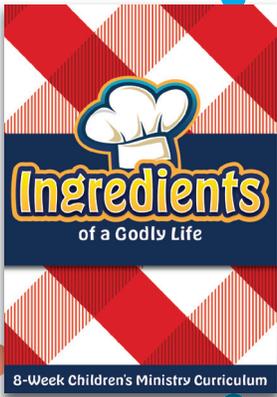
GOD

When God called again, _____ answered him.

SAMUEL

Samuel shows us we need to listen to and _____ God's commands.

OBEY



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Ingredients of a Godly Life Lesson 2

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: SPRINKLE OF OBEDIENCE



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

How good are your kids at listening and obeying? Talk with your kids about why sometimes we don't obey, and ask them what they can do to become more responsive - to you, but especially to God.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Who was calling the boy Samuel in the temple?
- Why did Samuel obey God?
- How can we become more obedient followers of Jesus?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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Psalm 34:8 (NIRV)



PARENT TIME:

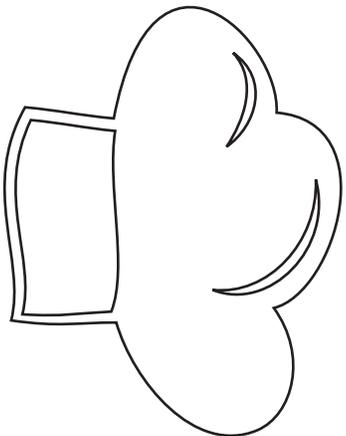
What you need to know:

Trust is the first step to a godly life. Obedience is the second. It's not enough to trust who God is; we need to be willing to act out our faith every day by being obedient to His commands.

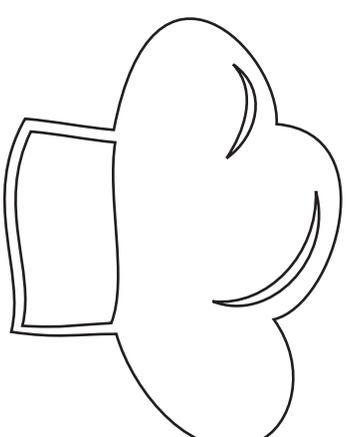


SNACK ACTIVITY

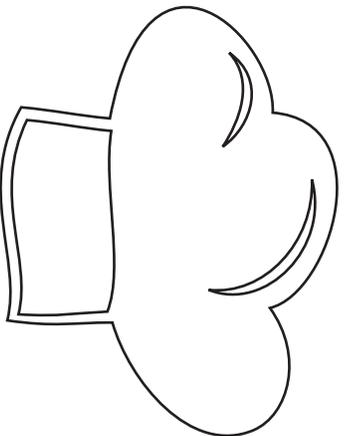
Let each kid decorate their own cookie with different sprinkles to take home. Cover each one with plastic. Remind the kids to share with their families how God wants them to sprinkle obedience into their lives when they eat their snack.



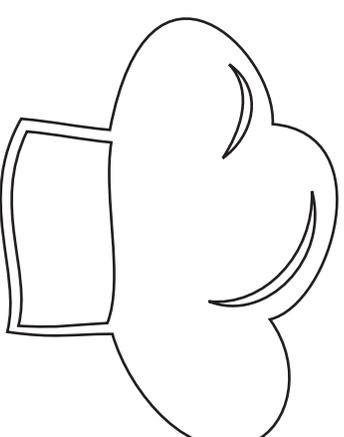
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