

Obey God

Do what God calls you to do – He is Faithful!

OPENING: Super Heroes –

How many of you love Iron-Man? Spider-Man? How about Batman? Superman?

We all have heroes, that we look up to. Some aren't real (like Spider-Man), but some heroes are real. They are people that we admire, look up to, want to be like.

People who have done amazing things and possess amazing qualities. Those qualities are what we call virtues. Today we are going to look at one of those virtues – Obedience.

- Obedience is listening to God and following His directions. Obedience is important. To be a hero for God, you have to obey Him.

God can use you, but he can't do great and heroic things through you, unless you are listening to him and following his instructions.

Today's Bible story is about a time on earth when there weren't a lot of heroes around. In fact, there weren't a lot of good people, period. Almost everybody on the planet was wicked and disobedient to God. God was saddened by the fact that the people He created did not love and obey Him.

But there was still one hero left. **A man named Noah.**

Read: Genesis 6:9-7:5

Noah and the Great Flood

⁹ This is the family history of Noah. Noah was a good man. He was the most innocent man of his time. He walked with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹ People on earth did what God said was evil. Violence was everywhere. ¹² And God saw this evil. All people on the earth did only evil. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "People have made the earth full of violence. So, I will destroy all people from the earth. ¹⁴ Build a boat of cypress wood for yourself. Make rooms in it and cover it inside and outside with tar. ¹⁵ This is how big I want you to build the boat: 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. ¹⁶ Make an opening around the top of the boat. Make it 18 inches high from the edge of the roof down. Put a door in the side of the boat. Make an upper, middle and lower deck in it. ¹⁷ I will bring a flood of water on the earth. I will destroy all living things that live under the sky. This includes everything that has the breath of life. Everything on the earth will die. ¹⁸ But I will make an agreement with you. You, your sons, your wife and your sons' wives will all go into the boat. ¹⁹ Also, you must bring into the boat two of every living thing, male and female. Keep them alive with you. ²⁰ There will be two of every kind of bird, animal and crawling thing. They will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ Also gather some of every kind of food. Store it on the boat as food for you and the animals."

²² Noah did everything that God commanded him.

The Flood Begins

⁷ Then the Lord said to Noah, "I have seen that you are the best man among the people of this time. So, you and your family go into the boat. ² Take with you seven pairs, each male with its female, of every kind of clean animal. And take one pair, each male with its female, of every kind of unclean animal. ³ Take seven pairs of all the birds of the sky, each male with its female. This will allow all these animals to continue living on the earth after the flood. ⁴ Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth. It will rain 40 days and 40 nights. I will destroy from the earth every living thing that I made."

⁵ Noah did everything that the Lord commanded him.

Discuss:

God had a pretty big task for Noah. Build a huge boat – an ark. Fill it with two of every animal in the world. Live in that ark with your family and the animals while God floods the earth.

And what did Noah do when God asked him to do all of these things? He obeyed.

Do you realize what would have happened if Noah had said “no”?

Well, for one thing: you wouldn't be here. Neither would I. Neither would your pets or the animals you see at the zoo.

Noah and his family were the only people who survived that great flood.

Because Noah loved God and obeyed Him, the human race got a second chance. That's big. That's heroic.

DRIVE IT HOME:

How about you? Will you be a hero like Noah?

Don't worry you won't have to build a boat and fill it with animals. God has a different plan and purpose for you than he had for Noah.

But like Noah, you can be a hero in your own story if you are willing to listen to God and obey.

Maybe God is wanting you to be kind to a kid at school that no one else seems to like.

Or maybe God is telling you to do a better job loving your siblings and honoring your parents.

It could be that God is asking you to trust him more to help you through hard times.

Each of us need to take the time to seek God and listen for his voice, to hear what he is telling us. And when he leads us, we should be ready, willing and able to obey. It's what a hero would do.

Discussion Questions:

How many sons did Noah have?

How many of each animal did God tell Noah to put in the ark?

Why did God instruct Noah to build the ark?

What made Noah a righteous man?

What are some ways that you can obey God this week?

Prayer:

Dear God,

You have big plans and big tasks for each of us. May we be willing to obey when you speak to us.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

Memory Verse:

We have many people of faith around us. Their lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way. And we should remove the sin that so easily catches us.

Hebrews 12:1

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~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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