Lesson 1.2: Obedience – Who do you obey?

Based on Friends and Heroes DVD Episode 1: Long Journey Bible story: The Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5:5-11)



Learning objectives

- To develop an understanding of the concept of obedience
- To be able to describe how Jesus called his disciples

Learning links

- Explore why Jesus called the fishermen to be his helpers
- Ask relevant questions
- Listen to and follow directions accurately
- Record from first-hand observation
- Comprehension skills draw conclusions, compare/contrast
- Draw or write to reflect ideas, opinions and understanding



Resources you will need

- Color picture cards (images of Macky, Samuel, Diana, Leah and Rebecca) (Printable Resource) The character picture cards used in previous lessons are included at the end of this lesson. You may wish to laminate these sheets.
- A large cardboard fish
- A black marker pen
- Worksheet 1.2a (one per student)
- Worksheet 1.2b (one per student)
- Items for the Display see below

Please note that worksheets can be printed in color or black and white

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Display — Create a display in your classroom of the story characters, along with objects, books, puppets, pictures and the key questions connected with the Bible story focused on in this lesson.

- A large medal or medals
- Pieces of art interpreting the story of The Miraculous Catch of Fish
- A fishing net
- Many fish (plastic or paper)
- Pictures of fishing boats from throughout history
- A few of the classroom rules that you expect students to obey



lesson plan

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Lesson outline

Recap Friends and Heroes characters. Watch second part of Episode 1. Play Simon Says. Discuss key questions. Record ideas using Worksheet 1.2a. Focus on Bible story using Worksheet 1.2b.



First step

Before watching the program, have a quick quiz using the picture cards of the Friends and Heroes characters. If you have used lesson 1.1 ask students if they can remember the names of the Friends and Heroes characters, otherwise introduce the characters now.

Now watch Episode 1 from 13:05 minutes to the end.

After watching the program play a quick game of Simon Says as an introduction to the concept of obedience.

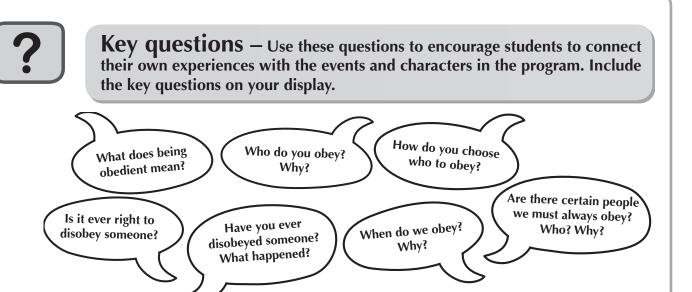
Rules for 'Simon Says': Either you or one of the students is 'Simon', everyone else stands facing 'Simon'. 'Simon' calls out an instruction e.g. 'Simon says 'touch your ear' and everyone should follow it. If 'Simon' calls out an instruction but doesn't say 'Simon says' everyone should ignore it. Students who don't follow the instruction correctly or who follow an instruction which isn't prefaced by 'Simon says' are out.

Follow this with a discussion exploring further what it means to be obedient using the key questions.



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Reflect back on the program highlighting the incidences of obedience and disobedience.

Tobias (Toadie) obeys Governor Tiberius; soldiers obey Tobias, Macky obeys his father and so on.

Tobias thinks he deserves a reward for his obedience, a medal. Ask students what they think and then ask them to write their thoughts on the first part of Worksheet 1.2a. Now ask students to think about who deserves a medal for doing what they were asked to do. This could be a real or fictional character. On the second part of Worksheet 1.2a they should draw pictures of three people they think deserve medals.



Story focus and Activity

Bible reference: Luke 5:5-11 The Miraculous Catch of Fish

By asking students questions, briefly recap Jesus calling the first disciples. Ask students to identify when and how Peter, James and John obeyed Jesus. Give each student a copy of Worksheet 1.2b and encourage them to draw a picture of their favorite part of the story of Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish.

To conclude...

Write the word 'obedience' on the large cardboard fish and add it to your display. If you have time, play another game of 'Simon Says'.



