

Paul Obey\$ God

Acts 21:17-22

Everywhere Paul went he told people about Jesus. One day Paul went to the Temple. Some people were angry because Paul told about Jesus. These angry people saw Paul in the Temple. "Look!" they shouted. "This is the man we don't like!"

The angry people grabbed Paul and dragged him out of the Temple. Some soldiers heard the noise and ran to see what was happening.

The leader of the soldiers thought Paul had done something wrong. He put chains on Paul's hands and feet. "Who is this man? What did he do?" the leader asked.

Everyone started shouting at the same time. The army leader couldn't understand what the people were saying. The army leader told the soldiers to take Paul away from the crowd.

The angry, noisy crowd followed Paul and the soldiers. Paul asked, "May I talk to the people?" The leader told Paul he could talk. The crowd became quiet. Paul said, "I used to hurt people who loved Jesus. But now I don't. God has told me to tell all people the good news that Jesus is God's Son. And I am obeying God."

Even though the people were angry at Paul, Paul obeyed God. Paul obeyed God by telling that Jesus is God's Son.

Play to Learn

Lesson 37

Active Game Center: Time to Obey

Collect

Bible, Lesson 37 Time to Obey Pictures 1-3 from *Growing with God* CD-ROM, butcher paper, scissors, marker, glue, beanbag.

Prepare

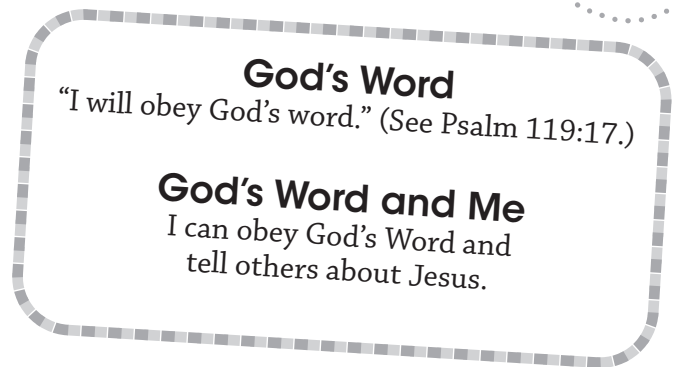
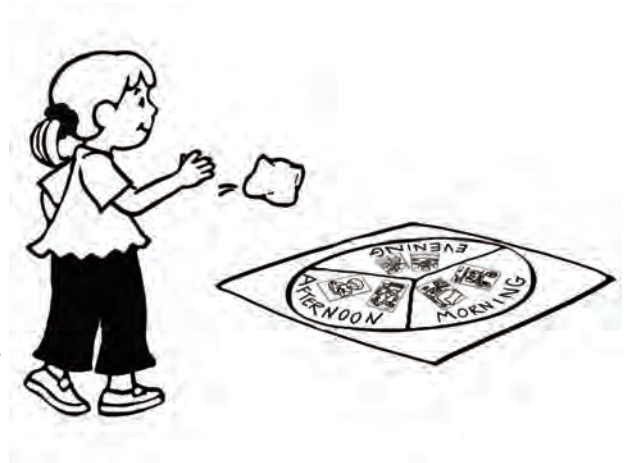
Cut a 3-foot (.9-m) square from butcher paper. Use marker to draw a large circle on paper. Divide circle into three sections: morning, afternoon, evening. Glue appropriate Time to Obey Pictures in each section. Place butcher paper on floor.

Do

1. Children stand several feet from butcher paper. Each child takes a turn to toss a beanbag onto the paper.
2. Children identify the time of day in which beanbag lands and talk about a way to obey God during that time. Repeat as time and interest allow.

Talk About

- ➔ **The Bible says, “I will obey God’s word.” God’s Word is the Bible. Let’s play a game and talk about ways we can obey God’s Word.**
- ➔ **Miguel, your beanbag landed in the afternoon section. How can you obey God in the afternoon? Putting toys away when your mom says is a good way to obey. The Bible tells us to obey our parents.**
- ➔ **We can obey God’s Word and tell others about Jesus. Alexa, you landed in the morning section. How can you obey God in the morning? You can tell your friends at school about Jesus.**



For Younger Children

Younger children may not be ready to verbalize ways to obey God. Talk about the pictures on which their beanbags land. Children repeat after you, **Thank You, God, for the (morning).**

For Older Children

Children vary the way they toss the beanbag (over their head, between legs, standing on one foot, etc.).

Play to Learn

Lesson 37

Art Center: Door Hanger Art

Collect

Bible, Lesson 37 Door Hanger Pattern from *Growing with God* CD-ROM, card stock, scissors, yarn, ruler, markers, collage materials (short lengths of ribbon, foam shapes, cotton balls, sequins, etc.), tape.

Prepare

Copy Door Hanger Pattern onto card stock, making one copy for every two children. Cut out one door hanger for each child. Cut yarn into 12-inch (30.5-cm) lengths.

Do

Children use markers and collage materials to decorate door hangers. Assist children in taping yarn to back of door hanger.

Talk About

- ➔ **In today's Bible story, Paul obeyed God and told others about Jesus. God's Word teaches what God wants us to do. Let's make a door hanger to remind us to obey God.**
- ➔ **We learn to obey God by reading God's Word, the Bible. Chase, who reads Bible stories to you? Telling Bible stories is a good way to tell others about Jesus.**
- ➔ **The Bible says, "I will obey God's word." When we tell others about Jesus, we obey God's Word!**
- ➔ **Pray briefly, Dear God, we are glad that we can obey the Bible and tell others about Jesus.**



God's Word
"I will obey God's word." (See Psalm 119:17.)

God's Word and Me
I can obey God's Word and
tell others about Jesus.

For Younger Children

Provide stickers for children to use in decorating door hangers.

For Older Children

Children write their names on their door hangers.

