



# Trusting and Obeying God

## MAIN IDEA

- **Trusting and obeying God means following Him because you know Him to be trustworthy.**

## MEMORY VERSE

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*  
— John 10:27

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Genesis 12:1-2, 4a
- 2) John 10:14, 27
- 3) John 14:15-17
- 4) Ephesians 6:1-3a
- 5) Philippians 4:5b-6
- 6) Hebrews 11:1
- 7) Hebrews 13:5



## LESSON SUMMARY

“Trusting in Jesus” is not simply a one time, mildly imposing decision. It is not akin to a life insurance policy, protecting us against eternal damnation with the thought, “I’ll tuck the policy away in a drawer until I need it.” True saving faith will always be evidenced by continuing daily trust in His mercy and strength. It will also be evidenced by a deep desire and commitment to obey Him. For the Christian, the truths that “Jesus is my Savior” and “Jesus is my Lord and Master” are inseparable. To the degree that God gives them understanding, even young ears and hearts must grasp these truths. Although not comprehensive or ultimately determinate, a child who does not see the need or the desire to daily follow Jesus and obey Him may not truly understand the essence of saving faith.

In this lesson, we first used the example of God’s command to Abraham to leave his country and home to see how true faith in God evidences itself in obedience to God. We then looked at Jesus’ words, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” to understand the importance of daily trust and obedience in the Christian life.

## PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...

- *that your child would see God as trustworthy in all of His promises.*
- *that the Holy Spirit might bring about true faith, and give your child a desire to daily follow Jesus and joyfully obey His commands.*



## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Pose the following scenario: Suppose one day you sat down on a chair and it broke. **What might you start doing before sitting on other chairs? Are things like chairs, or even parents, always trustworthy? Why not? Why can we be absolutely sure that God is always trustworthy? What are some things that you have a hard time trusting God for?** [e.g., safety during bad storms, a grandparent who is sick, etc.] **What does God want us to do when we are having a hard time trusting Him?** [e.g., recall true things about Him, recall His promises, Bible verses, etc.] Read and talk about Philippians 4:5b-6.

- Read Ephesians 6:1-3a. **What is God commanding you to do? What does He promise as a reward? But what about when you are told to do something that you think is unfair? What would it mean to trust Jesus in that situation?** Explain that trusting Jesus means that we obey His commands even when something is hard or seems unfair, because we trust His Word. Another example would be 1 Peter 5:6-7.
- Point out that even for a person who has been a Christian a long time, there are times when trusting Jesus and obeying His commands can be hard. Jesus knows this and has a special promise for His people: the Holy Spirit. **Do you remember who the Holy Spirit is?** [He is God. He is a member of the Trinity.] **Would there be anything too hard for the Holy Spirit to help you with?** Read and talk about John 14:15-17.

**ACTION STEP**

This week, with your parents' help, make a list of three or four things that you are having a hard time trusting God with, as evidenced by disobedience to specific commands of God. Each night before going to bed, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to change your heart and give you the desire and strength to do things Jesus' way, instead of your own way.

**MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY**

Look up the verse in your Bible and fill in the blanks. Then, color the picture as you memorize the verse.



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 — John 10:27