

Devotional: Learning To Obey

Children's Devotion on Obedience

Read: Genesis 3:1-19 (NKJV)

Adam and Eve knew not to eat of the tree of knowledge. The enemy (Satan) came and tricked them so they would disobey what God said. They had to live with the discipline God gave them. God still loved them—but they still had to live with the choices they made. And it is the same for us.

If you never learn to obey when you're young, when you're older you will find it hard to obey your teachers, your coach (if you play sports), people you work for, the laws of the land and God. It is hard to get along with someone who has not learnt to obey. They often won't listen and want to do everything their own way. Maybe you know someone like that! They end up hurting themselves—and God. It makes God sad when we don't obey. Obedience needs to start in the home with Mum & Dad. If we learn to obey Mum & Dad, we will know how to obey when we're older. This is one of the most important lessons to learn, and maybe the hardest.

God has given us all a free will—which means we are free to make our own choices. We can choose to obey or not. It's our choice. But we need to remember what happened to Adam and Eve. There is a price to pay! Jesus is our example. He obeyed His parents. If you find it hard to obey—tell Jesus. He understands and will help you. Remember, He was a kid Himself once!

Children, do what your parents tell you. This is only right. "Honour your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise attached to it, namely, "so you will live well and have a long life." - Ephesians 6:1-3 (MSG)

Lord, today I ask that you
Would help me to obey,
Even though I don't want to,
Help me choose to anyway.

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