

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BASKETBALL DEVOTIONS

4-9 year olds

Week 6

Obey Your Parents

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The objective is the goal or main teaching point of this week's study. If you convey one thing to your players, make it this.

Read this passage aloud to the kids, as it will be the focus of this week's study. Each week's memory verse will be in bold.

Here is where we will discuss today's passage with the players. This can be read off the page or summarized and explained in the coach's own words.

Objective This lesson will teach the kids about the importance of obeying their parents.

Scripture Passage:

"Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."

Colossians 3:20

In the Word

This season, we've been learning some of the ways God commands us to live as Christians. The Bible gives over 1,600 commands, which is a lot, but did you know that there's only one command that God gives just to children? Can any of you guess what it is? Colossians 3:20 tells us the answer: God tells children to obey their parents.

Parents are an awesome gift from God. Whether you live with a mom, dad, grandparent, aunt, or uncle, God has given you to someone who loves you so much, and He has entrusted them with the important job of taking care of you, giving you what you need, keeping you safe, and teaching you what you need to know. What God asks from you is that in return, you listen to the parents that He has given you.

Parents ask several different things from their kids. They may tell you to do your chores, clean your room, finish your homework, or set the dinner table. They ask you to do these things, not because they want to boss you around or make you do all their work, but because they love you and know that doing these things is what's best for you.

But what if you don't want to obey? Or what if what they ask doesn't make any sense, or you think you have a better idea? Do you still have to obey? Our verse tells children to obey, not in *some* things, or *most* things, but *all* things. When you don't agree with or understand why your parents are telling you to do something, you need to trust that they know best, and ultimately trust in God, who gave them to you.

In the Word (Continued)

Today's verse tells us that the reason children should obey their parents is because it is well pleasing to the Lord. God is the one who put your parents over you, and God is the one who tells you to obey them. So when you obey your parents, you aren't just obeying them. You're actually obeying the Lord as well.

Parents aren't the only ones God wants you to obey. God also gives you teachers, coaches, and other adults who care about you as authorities, and He wants you to listen to them as well. But the most important authority in your life, aside from God Himself, is your parents.

When you get older, God will have all sorts of responsibilities for you, but right now as a child, your main job is to obey your parents. It is a simple, but very important, way for you to please the Lord.

"On the Court" gives some in-game situations where today's lesson can be applied, while "Off the Court" gives examples from everyday life. Encourage them to do the things you listed during the game today.

On the Court

- Even at basketball, your parents are still your authority. Obey them and live the way they've taught you to live, even when they're not around.
- Your coaches and the refs are also authorities that deserve your obedience and respect. Listen to the things that they ask you to do.

Off the Court

- Obedience to your parents is very simple. When they ask you to do something, do it!
- When you obey, your attitude matters. Listen to your parents without arguing or complaining.
- While parents/guardians are the primary authorities God has placed in your life, we should be obedient to all authorities, such as teachers and other adults.

These are some final notes/goals to accomplish this week. These are not meant to be read, but are instructions for the coach.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Give a ticket to any player who can recite it.
2. Learn and memorize Colossians 3:20 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.
3. Help give the kids appreciation for all that their parents do for them, and encourage them to thank their parents and show appreciation for them.