



# God's Heroes Are Obedient



## THE MISSION AIM

God's people obey His Commands.



## KEY VERSE

John 14:15 (NIV): "If you love me, you will obey what I command."



## Pre-Mission Activity



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- A selection of clothes larger than those that the recruits would wear
- Two of each item is required
- Items to include could be: mittens/gloves, scarves, sweater/jacket, pants/overalls, and large socks
- A large bouncing ball

## DIRECTIONS

**DO:** Split the recruits into two teams and explain that you are going to play a game together. Have each team line up behind each other at a designated starting line.

**SAY:** Each member of each team must run one at a time to where the pile of clothes is. They must put on the items of clothing on top of their own clothing and then dribble the ball five times. When they have completed this, they must remove all of the clothing, run back to the starting line and tag the next person in line. The second person will do the same as the first. When all members of the team have had a turn, the team must sit down in a straight line. The team to complete this task first wins.

**DO:** Tell the recruits what a good job they did at participating and playing the game.

**SAY:** Who do think the heroes of this game were? I'm not sure who the real heroes are but I do think it would be neat to check in with the RTS Recon Team to see if they have any ideas about what makes a hero and we may even find about some of the heroes in the Bible. Are you ready to check in?



## Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 1 – Bible Heroes Episode 1: God's Heroes Are Obedient"

Play "Bible Heroes (S1) Episode 1 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have BT-Episode\_1-Heroes\_Are\_Obedient.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



## Mission #1



### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- A large bag of candy or a treat for each recruit
- Starting line and an ending point where you will place the treat (approximately only five or six large steps in front of the recruits.)



### MISSION ASSIGNMENT

**SAY:** Recruits, we have a mission. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Recruits, your mission is to find out what happens when we obey God's commands." The Bible is filled with commands that God has given us. These commands help us to know how we are to live our lives. When we follow these commands amazing things can happen but when we don't, watch out. Are you ready recruits to take on our first mission today?

**Say:** To do this we are going to play a little game to get us thinking about God's commands and to help us find out what happens when we obey God's commands. To do this, I need everyone to find a spot on the starting line. As I say a command that you believe is true, you can take a step forward. With every true command you will get closer to that treat over there. However, if I say a command that is not true, it is false, then you must stand still. This will keep you away from the treat. Are we ready to begin? Okay, everyone find a spot on the line.

**DO:** Here is a list of commands to use:

- 1.) God commands us to love our enemies **True** (Matthew 5:43-48)
- 2.) Jesus commanded Mary to wash his feet with her hair. **False** (She did this on her own because she wanted to, Mary took an expensive perfume, poured it over Jesus' feet and continued to wash his feet with her own hair)
- 3.) God commands us to not be jealous of what other people have. **True** (Commandment #10 tells us Not to covet another man's house, wife etc.)
- 4.) God commanded Adam and Eve to not eat from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **True** (Genesis 2:15-17)



- 5.) God commands that we are allowed to kill those people that we do not like. **False**  
(Commandment #6 clearly states that, "Thou shall not murder." This commandment refers to the killing of people)
- 6.) God commands that even when we really want something, we may not steal it. **True**  
(Commandment # 8 tells us that we may not steal.)
- 7.) God tells us that if we are going to get in trouble for something we have done then and only then can we tell our parents that our brother or sister did it so that we do not get in trouble. **False** (Commandment # 9 tells us that we cannot lie, not even to get ourselves out of trouble)
- 8.) God commands us to listen to our parents and to do as they ask us. **True** (Commandment # 5 tells us that we are to honour our parents. To obey them. This commandment also comes with the promise that when we honour our parents we will live long and well.)

The recruits should now have reached their destination and should be allowed to enjoy their treat.

**SAY:** Louis is having a difficult time with this last commandment that we spoke of. He doesn't seem to know what to do right now. His parents have told him that he may not go to the movie that his friends are going to. However, Louis is having a difficult time obeying his parents' rules right now because his friends want him to come with them. We have already learned that when we obey God's commands we move closer to the one who knows and loves us best. As we were playing our game, we moved closer to the treat, closer to something good each time we found a true commandment. Aren't you feeling good now? By following God's commands and stepping forward during our game you finally found your way to that special treat. When we obey God's commands, we become closer to God and are eventually able to experience the joy that God wants us to feel.

**SAY:** I think it is time for us to check back in with the Recon Team. I am wondering what Louis has decided to do. Let's check in and see.



### Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Bible Heroes (S1) Episode 1 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission #2.



### Mission #2



### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Clip from the movie *Evan Almighty* or a picture of the Ark. You can find pictures on the internet.





### MISSION ASSIGNMENT

**SAY:** Well recruits, it appears we have another mission. Let's read our mission to see exactly what it is the Recon Team would like us to do. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Recruits, look closely at the story of Noah. Why was it important for Noah to obey God?"

**SAY:** I love the story of Noah. I find it so amazing how Noah listened to God and followed Him, every step of the way. Noah obeyed God, even when it maybe wasn't so easy to do so. Let's look at that story now. Recruits are you ready to serve?

**DO:** Have the recruits pretend to be Noah during the telling of the story. Allow them to show how Noah would have reacted at certain points in the story. Prompt them at times so that they can act out Noah's feelings and actions.

**SAY:** The story of Noah is a fascinating one. It is one of those famous stories that many people like to share with others. The story takes place in the book of Genesis. It is here that we learn that there was a great wickedness on the earth and that this grieved God. The Bible says that God regretted that he had made human beings because their hearts were evil all the time. However there was one man that found favour in God's eyes. That man was Noah. Noah led a godly life. He wasn't perfect, but he tried to follow God and to listen to God's ways.

**SAY:** Can you pretend that you are Noah? How would Noah stand? How would he behave? What would his facial expression be? Would he be smiling or frowning? Would he wear a grin or an angry face?

**SAY:** Because Noah found favour in God's eyes, God told Noah about His plans to destroy mankind. How do you think this made Noah feel?

**DO:** Have the recruits describe or show with their facial expressions how they think Noah would have felt.

**SAY:** God tells Noah that he needs to build an ark. He explains to Noah exactly what he needs to do. The kind of wood to use, the size he needs to make the ark and finally who he is to take into the ark with him. Show me what you think Noah must have been feeling as God describes the making of the ark to Noah. (Some recruits will show surprise, fright, anxiety, etc.)

**DO:** If possible, show the recruits a picture of an ark. You could show the ark made in the movie, "Evan Almighty" or a photo of the ark built in Europe. The internet has many images that depict the ark that God commanded Noah to make.

**SAY:** Imagine this, Noah is told to by God to build an Ark in the middle of land where there is no large body of water. Although the Bible does not say it, we can be pretty certain that those people around Noah laughed at him and made fun of him as he worked so hard to follow God's commands. So why did Noah build an ark? Couldn't he have refused?

**SAY:** The truth is Noah could have refused. He could have told God that he didn't want to build an ark but he didn't. Remember, Noah had found favour in God's eyes because he wanted to do as God asked. He wasn't going to stop that now. Noah wanted to serve God. I am so happy that he did follow God. Could you imagine if Noah had said no to building the ark? Then, when God sent the flood, all mankind would have died and all that God had created would have vanished as well.



The Story of Noah and the Ark is found in Genesis 6:5-8:22.



**SAY:** Genesis 6:22 tells us, "Noah did everything just as God commanded him." Wow. Isn't that amazing? Just as God commanded him; Noah obeyed God. He did as God asked even though it was so very difficult for him to do. Not only did he need to build this extremely large "boat" he also had to get the food, the provisions and the animals on to the boat. This was no easy task and yet, "Noah did everything just as God commanded him."

**SAY:** I am glad that Noah did the right thing and obeyed God. I was just wondering, do you think our Recon team is also making the right decisions? I guess we better head back in and see how Sarai, Simon and Kate are doing. I do hope they are making the right decisions and are not just obeying God but also the Recon Team.



## Mission Uplink 3



**YouTube:** Play "Bible Heroes (S1) Episode 1 (3/4)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

**PPT:** Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



## Field Mission Project



### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Chart paper or a place to record ideas
- Marker
- Pieces of paper with the following commands written on them (one command per paper): obey our parents; love our enemies, pray for those who persecute us and show love to others. Be sure to have multiple copies of each command
- Pencils

### MISSION PROJECT

**SAY:** Recruits, we have our last mission for today, drumroll please, (reading mission card from satellite uplink), "What choices do we make each day? What does God command us to do as we make these choices?"

**DO:** Have the recruits think about their day. Using the chart paper make a list of choices that need to be made throughout the day. Sometimes these choices are a part of our daily routine. (i.e., getting out of bed when the alarm goes off, eating breakfast, helping to clear the table, doing the dishes, doing our homework, lending a hand, helping a friend in need, playing with someone who is lonely, etc.)

**SAY:** Did you know that a lot of these choices actually have a command that goes with them straight from God? He tells us that we are to obey our parents, to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. He also tells us that we are to show His love to others. That means that when we choose to get out of bed as soon as our alarm goes off or our parents call



us, then we are obeying our parents and therefore obeying God's commands. When we lend a helping hand, help a friend in need or play with someone who is lonely, we are also making the choice to obey God as we are showing His love to others.

**SAY:** I have a challenge for each of you. I would like each one of us to choose one of these commands that God has given us; to obey our parents, to love our enemies, to pray for those who persecute us and to show love to others. This week, we need to deliberately choose to obey this command. Let's look over our list once again and brainstorm how we can obey this command. (Ideas: we are to obey our parents, goal could be to do what they ask us to as soon as we are asked, love our enemies, goal could be to seek out someone who is not nice to us and do something nice for them, pray for those who persecute us, goal could be to choose one person who teases us or makes fun of us and pray for them each day, show love to others, goal could be to make a card for someone who is sick or shut in.)

**DO:** Have the recruits come and choose one of the pieces of paper with the command they would like to focus on this week. On the back of the paper have them write down the ways they could obey the command.

**SAY:** When you have chosen the command that you would like to work on throughout this week come and tell me so that next week I can ask you how it went.

**DO:** Be sure to record the recruits' choices so that you can remember to speak with the recruits about them next week. Call the recruits or send them a note during the week encouraging them on with their challenge.



## Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Bible Heroes (S1) Episode 1 (4/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Popsicle sticks (one per recruit)
- Narrow tip markers

## DIRECTIONS

**SAY:** The story of Noah is a fascinating one. As we looked into this story and saw the many ways Noah obeyed God it makes me think of how I too should obey Him in all things. Sometimes I need a reminder. Today I brought a simple piece of wood with me. It is just a popsicle stick but when I look at it, it reminds me of all of the wood that Noah used to build the Ark. With each piece of wood, Noah was obeying God. I want to obey God like that. Each of us can take a popsicle stick today and with the markers simply write, "I will obey God." We can use this stick to help us remember how Noah completely obeyed God and how we too want to live like that.

**DO:** Spend a few moments in prayer asking God to help each of you to be an obedient hero for God, one who obeys His commands.

