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**Obedience**

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# Editorial

*"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1*



"Obey your parents." Just 3 short words, but they can seem so hard to carry out. I struggle with this as well, especially when I'm in the middle of something and my mom or dad tells me to do a job. Parents aren't always fair in the things they tell you to do, either. You've probably been sent you to your room some time or other for something your little brother did. Parents are human, and they often get tired and cross just like their kids, and need you to be patient with them. If you feel that a decision your parents made is really unfair, however, try respectfully appealing their decision. (But you might want to wait until they're in a better mood.)

Once when I was eleven or twelve, I wrote my dad a letter after he got really mad, listing reasons why he shouldn't be angry. He loved it and did get a lot better. Your parents (hopefully) really love you and want the best for you, and if you show them respect and obey them, it will make your family much happier. The same goes for your teachers, coaches, and the other people God has placed in authority over you. They are there for your good, and in most cases they know better because they've been around awhile!

But what if your parents or other authorities tell you to do something the Bible says is wrong? Then you're excused! God is the ultimate authority in your life, and he has the final say. Obey "in the Lord."

The following pages of this magazine can help you do that. There's fill-in-the-blank bible verses (pg 5), a cutout poster (pg 8), and activities to help you put what you learn into practice. Also check out the sneak peek of the new serial story (pg 11), which will be coming out in September. Enjoy and keep growing!

**-Sophia Coleman, Editor**

The mission of Grow Kids Christian Magazine is to inspire children ages 7-12 to develop the character of Jesus through a biblical and engaging bimonthly magazine.



# Evaluation Questions

- Do you obey **immediately**, or do you dawdle and hesitate?
- Do you obey with a **good attitude**, or do you argue and complain?
- Do you obey **cheerfully**, or do you pout?
- Do you obey **completely**, or leave a job half done?
- Do you seek to obey **God** and **his Word**?
- Do you have a respectful, honoring **attitude** toward the authorities God has placed in your life?

# Memory Verses

## **Hebrews 10:24-25**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

## **Psalms 143:10**

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!"

# Verses on Obedience

*Look up each passage in the ESV bible, then fill in the blanks.*

## **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

“ \_\_\_\_\_ God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of man.”

## **Exodus 20:12**

“Honor your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_, that your \_\_\_\_\_ may be long in the \_\_\_\_\_ that the Lord your God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.”

## **Romans 13:1**

Let every person be \_\_\_\_\_ to the governing \_\_\_\_\_ . For there is no authority except from \_\_\_\_\_ , and those that \_\_\_\_\_ have been instituted by God.

## **Philippians 2:3**

Do \_\_\_\_\_ from selfish ambition or \_\_\_\_\_ , but in \_\_\_\_\_ count others more \_\_\_\_\_ than yourselves.

# Application Activities

1. **Study** Deuteronomy 28. Make a list comparing the blessings of obedience with the curses of disobedience, while keeping God's grace in mind. Alternatively, make a booklet illustrating the curses and blessings.
2. **Study** stories in the Bible of people who were obedient or disobedient to God or other authorities in their life, and observe the effects in their life. Jesus, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Esther are some examples.
3. **Play** Mother, May I? or Simon Says to practice asking permission and obeying.
4. **Study** Proverbs 10:1. List ways you can make your parents glad and use this as a reminder of what you should be doing. Also list ways you may cause your parents grief and use it to examine yourself for sinful actions and attitudes.
5. **Make** an evaluation form to give to people God has placed in authority in your life; parents, teachers, employers, etc. Include questions about how well you show respect, listen, obey quickly, show initiative etc. When you receive answers, make a plan to work on your weak areas.
6. **Chart** out God's "chain of command". Research the chain of command for an enlisted private in the army. Who is directly in charge of him? Then who is in charge of that person? Now do the same with yourself. Who is over all authorities?

# Puzzle Page

## Sudoku

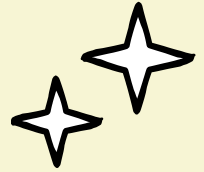
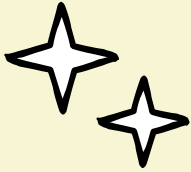


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## Obedience Wordsearch

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WORD OF THE MONTH

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Ephesians 6:1







# News from the Snow :)



As you might guess, these have been a busy two months for us. We sold or gave away almost all our stuff (we are moving from New Zealand back to America), and then flew with 11 suitcases from New Zealand to Australia to Hawaii to Alaska! We have been staying with friends for several weeks while Dad works at the Air Force base in Anchorage, and we are about to fly to Kansas so we can see family and so mom can go to a great doctor. Please pray for us as we will be on the move for several months before my dad gets a job as a pastor and we finally settle down. Also please pray for my mom's healing from cancer. I hope you have had a blessed two months as well. :)



Sign at a store in Palmer



Display at the Anchorage airport



View of Alaska from the sky



Me and my friend Sydney on a flight with her dad

# Sneak Peek: Serial Story



*Shy and thoughtful twelve-year-old Liona has always lived in the shadow of her adventurous older brother, Julian, so she surprises everyone—including herself—when she accepts the chance to tag along on an archeological expedition in Brazil with her father and his team. But the expedition turns out not to be what Liona expected, and several mysterious attacks further complicate matters. Can Liona conquer her fears and uncover the mystery before they're all trapped in the Amazon forever?*

**“Come on guys, we’ll show you the cave,”** Julian said. Isaac turned on his torch and the two boys led us down the passage. I had to bend over to keep from bumping my head against the low ceiling. Thankfully, the passage was short.

“Here we are!” Isaac said triumphantly. I gasped in amazement. This was no damp cave full of stalagmites and stalactites. It was the size of a large room, with smooth, rounded walls and floor. It looked like it had once been a normal cave, but had been smoothed out by human hands. Maybe it was part of the city, and it contained priceless treasures and hidden secrets about the people who had once lived here. I turned toward the adults to see what they thought. Kevin had a strange look on his face.

“I don’t think this is your average cave,” he muttered. Maybe I was right!

“You don’t think...” Hope put in.

“It might not be,” he replied, “but I’m going to find out.”



**Growing as a christian to become more like Jesus is an amazing and rewarding journey. Keep on cooperating with God as he transforms you!**