

Just Obey, God Will Make A Way

Target:

Moses obeyed God by leading His people out of Egypt, camping by the Red Sea. God helped them and made a way when they were trapped and it seemed impossible to get away from Pharaoh and his armies.

Text: Exodus 14

Preface: *(for the teacher)*

Obedience clearly has a direct connection to the provisions and blessings of God. God told Abraham in **Genesis 22:18**, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." The blessing was promised because of Abraham's obedience. We know that God takes pleasure in our obedience. Samuel told King Saul in **1 Samuel 15:22**, "And Samuel said, Hath The Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." **Romans 5:19** says, "For as by one man's (Adam) disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (Jesus) shall many be made righteous."

Here we see that disobedience results in separation from God, but obedience brings us into proper fellowship with God and allows us to bask in His blessings. The Apostle Paul also said in **Romans 10:16**, "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?" We find that truly having faith in God necessitates obeying what He asks us to do. God sent Moses to Egypt with a message to Pharaoh, "**Let my people go!**" Although at first reluctant, Moses obeyed God's instructions.

Through each manifestation of God's power in each plague, God simply asked Moses to obey and continue to repeat the message to Pharaoh demanding the release of the Israelites. Finally, the death angel passed through the land taking the lives of the first born of each household wherein the blood was not applied to the doorposts. Once again God asked Moses to trust and obey as God led the children of Israel to the edge of the Red Sea. As the Egyptian army followed behind, God told Moses to stretch his hand over the Red Sea, and as he did so, God sent an east wind, the water divided, and the Israelites crossed over on dry ground. When the Egyptians attempted to cross, God instructed Moses to stretch his rod over the Red Sea and the waters collapsed and destroyed the enemy. The final victory was possible that day because Moses and the Israelites obeyed God.

Divide the Water	Janitor/Trap	Moses in a Trap	Snack	Story	Craft
Tubs Rice, cereal, or macaroni, water towels	box with door	commands written on cards for "Moses" to obey, if needed	multi-colored fish crackers blue drink	brown butcher paper 2 pieces of blue cloth or paper robe head piece rod (for Moses)	army men fishes 4x5 piece of brown paper two blue papers glue stick electrical tape

Divide the Water:

As children enter the room, direct them to the tubs of rice, cereal, or macaroni and let children divide the substance into two parts. Keep each on its own side. A line of electrical tape can mark the center in the bottom of the tub. Once children try this with the dry substance, let them try it with water about an inch deep in the tub. Challenge them to push the water to one side, or “separate the two sides.” Let them try it with a partner to see if they can be successful. After making their efforts for a while, they will let you know they cannot keep the water separate on two sides. A helper can pour water into one tub and remove from room. Have towels handy to dry hands, etc.

Conclude that it is impossible to divide the water and keep it separated.

Teacher script written in bold type.

Prayer: *(Turn children's attention to you.)*

We are going to learn a lesson today about how God can do things that are impossible if we will just obey him. Let's pray right now and ask God to help us obey Him. (God has a plan and purpose for each child in your class. Pray earnestly that they will obey him and do great things with and for God.) After prayer ask: **Do you know how we practice obeying God? We obey those who are in charge of us; like our dads, moms, grandpas, grandmas, Pastor, teachers, and babysitters.**

Theme Song: Tune: *The Farmer in the Dell*

(form a Bible with hands) Verse 1: **The Bible is the way
The Bible is the way
The way to go to Jesus
Oh, the Bible is the way**

(walk in place) Verse 2: **I want to go the way
I want to go the way
The way to go to Jesus
Oh, I want to go the way**

(teacher leads one student skipping in circle) Verse 3: **Show me the way
Show me the way
The way to go to Jesus
Oh, show me the way**

(skip in pairs) Verse 4: **Let's go the way
Let's go the way
The way to go to Jesus,
Oh, let's go the way**

Janitor Joe: (*Enters with a box that has a door cut in it.*) I think I have the answer, Bro./Sis. _____ . It's a trap. I'm going to get that mousy. When he smells the bait and goes in the door, I'll shut the door and he'll be all mine. He can't escape then. There's no way out. Do you think it'll work? (*Janitor Joe exits as teacher responds*)

(*Teacher agrees. Gather students in an open area to play 'Moses in a Trap'.*)

Moses in a Trap:

Pharaoh had Moses in a trap after he led God's people out of Egypt. Let's play *Moses in a Trap*. Who wants to be Moses? (*Choose a child to be Moses and have others form a circle around him. Have children move 'Ring Around the Rosie' style and chant:*)

**Moses, Moses, in a trap
How will you get out?
Just obey The Lord each day
And HE will get you out**

Moses obeys the command that teacher gives (clap your hands, march in place, pinch your ears and wag your arms, hop on one foot, etc.) and teacher makes a break in the circle for Moses. Repeat with new Moses.

Memory Verse: Joshua 24:24

(*Teach and practice using motions.*)

The Lord (*Point upward*)
will we (*Make a circle away from yourself and back to you*)
serve (*Hold up cupped hands*)
and obey (*Salute with right hand*)

Snack: *(Serve children their snack of goldfish and blue drinks.*

While they are eating and drinking tell them that God told Moses to take God's people to the Red Sea and camp there.) Do you know what lives in the sea? (fish) Like what we're eating. What color is the sea? (blue) Like our drinks today.

Transition:

(Play ring tone for children to turn to the story wall.)

(Place brown paper on floor and two blue fabric pieces or blue paper for the miracle to happen.)

Story: *(Costume selected Moses.) For this story, everyone will have a part.*

There were a bunch of people with Moses and they had animals too. Can someone play a dog? How about a sheep? A cow? A donkey? While we're traveling, you should make your animal sounds. The rest of us will be God's people and we need someone to be Pharaoh's army, who are chasing after us. (Direct everyone to get behind Moses, the leader, with the animals on their hands and knees.)

Moses led God's people out of Egypt, because God told him to. (Have everyone walk in place or walk slowly around chairs.) He obeyed. (Complete one round.) Then Moses tells the people that God said to camp, "here," by the Red Sea. The next thing you know, the people noticed a dust cloud and they recognized it as Pharaoh's armies coming after them. That's when the people started hollering at Moses because the enemy had them in a trap. There was no way out. The enemy would either kill them or make them go back to Egypt and be their slaves. Moses then called on God and asked him what to do.

The people probably said; "Moses, Moses, WE'RE in a trap, how will we get out?"

(Repeat until Schoolmaster arrives. Schoolmaster comes in when class is chanting, trapped at the edge of the Red Sea and says to Moses,)

Just obey, God will make a way. He will get you out! (Schoolmaster repeats and then exits.) God told him to tell the people to move forward and God will fight for them. There they were, the enemy behind them and the Red Sea in front of them. God told Moses to stretch out his hand to the Red Sea and when he obeyed, God divided the water with a strong wind and made a path of dry land for Moses and God's people to cross over to the other side. (Teacher and helper lift the two blue papers or clothes for the procession to walk on top of the brown paper to the other side.)

God kept the water like a wall on the right and the left until all of Israel passed through to the other side. The enemy followed right behind them and when they were passing through the Red Sea, Moses stretched out his hand toward the sea again and the water walls crashed down on Pharaoh's army destroying them. (Teacher and helper let blue paper down over the army.) God's people were free from Egypt forever! They were so glad Moses obeyed God.

Worship:

Somebody take the tambourine and lead us in worship. Let's follow the leader and praise God for his mighty acts. Lift your hands! March and dance! Tell God how great He is! Thank God for making a way when we obey! *(Allow a time of worship.)*

Craft:

(Seat children at the table and distribute craft items. Children glue fishes onto blue paper with glue stick. Use the brown paper, blue fishy paper and army men to reenact the story. Students can use their fingers to be Moses when he raised his hand over the Red Sea and for people walking across on dry ground with a wall of water on each side. Demonstrate with a helper.

They will need a second person at home to help hold the water walls up as the people walk through. The walls collapse on the army. Place army men, brown paper, and blue paper with fishes on it in baggie and place in backpack/cubby for take home.)

Dismissal:

Make sure students have their take home items. Do a final review of the memory verse, and pray for each one as they file out the door. Pray for God to help them obey.