

CHILDREN'S LESSON (of whatever age)

THEME: Obedience, Following Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 31:8, John 12:26 and 1 John 5:3-5

OVERVIEW: Children follow a leader and learn about obedience

EXPERIENCE: Have child(ren) line up to play Follow the Leader. Choose a leader to lead around the room/house. You can mix it up by hopping on one foot, turning in circles, waving, clapping, etc. Take turns being leader.

RESPONSE: Ask: **How did it feel to follow a leader? Was it hard at times to follow? Did you like following or leading better?**

How is this like trying to follow God and obey God's commands? Why do you think it is important to follow?

Read the scripture passages. If we love God, we will follow his commands. God helps us by giving us commands that are actually good for us. Can you think of any reasons why it is good to love others? What are some ways to love others? What are ways we can help others follow God?

CLOSING: Stand in a circle. Say: **I command you to put your arms around each other's shoulders. Now lift one foot in the air and balance on the other foot. Hold this position while I pray.**

Pray: **Dear God, just like we obeyed and are standing like this for this prayer, help us obey your commands in our lives. Thank you for Jesus. Amen.**

Here's a link to children's activities for this Sunday's worship service:

<https://www.sermonsuite.com/ggpdfs/GG1A32.pdf>