



Happy Family

Study Guide 15

How to Help Your Child Obey The Happy Way!

In these days, “obey” seems to be a bad word! But both at school and at work, there are rules! So obedience at home is preparation for success in life.

1. How can parents facilitate obedience? First, Use the WW Key.

This means that when the behavior is Wrong, the parent should Withhold.

2. Sometimes parents do the opposite! Here's an example.

At the supermarket, two-year old Jairo says, “Mommy, candy!” When his mom replies, “No candy today!” the child screams and throws a temper tantrum. So what does the embarrassed parent do? She grabs the candy and pushes it into the child’s hand, saying, “Now, keep quiet!”

- What will happen next time? The child will repeat the behavior!
- Why? Because the wrong behavior was rewarded!
- Regardless of embarrassment, mom should have withheld the candy!

3. The second strategy says: Use the RR Key.

This means that when the behavior is Right, the parent should Reward.

4. At times parents do the opposite! Here's an example.

Sandra’s room is always in a mess! But today, she cleans it up! Mom passes by, but says nothing. Dad looks in and exclaims, “At last, this room is clean! Hope it stays like this!”

- What is likely to happen tomorrow?
The room will be messy as usual!
- Why? Because there was no reward!
- The parents should have commended and rewarded their child.





5. Should rewards be given immediately or over a period of time?

What do you think: True or False?

- ☐ ☐ 1. For small children, it is best to give the reward right away.
☐ ☐ 2. For older children, the reward can be given either way.
☐ ☐ 3. Young or old, give a reward every time the behavior is right.
☐ ☐ 4. Reward consistently at first, then intermittently afterwards.

6. There are three main types of rewards. And God, the Model Parent, uses them all! One is the Verbal Reward – something the parent says.

Matthew 25:21. “His lord _____ to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.... Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

Another is the Activity Reward – something the parent does.

Revelation 3:4. “You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall _____ with Me in white.”

The third type is the Token Reward – something the parent gives.

Revelation 2:10. “Be faithful until death, and I will _____ you the crown of life.”

7. Group Activity. Jady’s math grade has just moved from C to B. Give

examples of each of the three types of rewards that his parent can give.

8. Just as we expect our children to obey us, God, our Heavenly Father, expects us to obey Him! Here are three of His challenging commands.

Acts 3:19. “Repent therefore and be _____ [or changed]”

Exodus 20:8. “Remember the _____ day to keep it holy.”

Acts 2:38. “Repent, and let every one of you be _____.”

9. Because He is a Model Parent, God rewards us when we obey Him.

This is beautifully illustrated in the story found in Daniel 3.

King Nebuchadnezzar erected a 90-foot golden image and commanded all his assembled officials to worship the idol! Then he decreed that anyone who disobeyed would be burnt with fire! But his law was in opposition to God’s law which forbids idol worship.

10. Three young men who worshipped God had to make a choice: Obey the king of Babylon or Obey the King of Heaven! What happened?

Daniel 3:12, 13, 16-18. Choose: obey, stood, seven.

- (a) Everyone else bowed down, but the three Hebrews _____ erect!
(b) They trusted God to deliver. But if not, they would still _____ Him.
(c) The king made the furnace _____ times hotter and threw them in!

11. Suddenly, the astonished king made an awesome statement!

Daniel 3:24, 25. "Did we not cast _____ men bound into the midst of the fire? I see _____ men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of _____"

12. It wasn't just "like the Son of God"! It was the Son of God!

- With incredible speed He had journeyed past galaxies and constellations.
- So when the youth landed in the furnace, Jesus was already in the fire!
- In Christ's presence, the flames lost its power! What a wonderful Savior!



13. When you are thrown into the fire of persecution for obeying Jesus, here is an awesome promise you can claim.

Isaiah 43:2. What does it say?

14. Group Activity.

- (a) Today we face different Nebuchadnezzars! Identify some of them.
(b) There are different furnaces - consequences! What are some of them?
(c) What is the significance of both "fire" and "water" in Isaiah 43:2?
(d) What does this promise mean to me – personally?

15. Our Father expects us to obey. Then He rewards us when we obey! Daniel 3:30, Deuteronomy 28:13. True or False?

- T ☐ F ☐ 1. God gave them deliverance - not from the fire but in the fire!
T ☐ F ☐ 2. Nebuchadnezzar promoted some of them to positions of honor.
T ☐ F ☐ 3. When we obey God, He will give us success - in this life.



16. But the greater reward will be eternal life - in a brand-new world!
Isaiah 35:1; 65:25; Revelation 21:18, 21. Choose: gold, harmless, pearls.

- (a) The countryside will be fruitful, and the animals will be _____.
(b) The city's walls will be jasper and its twelve gates will be _____.
(d) The streets of the city will be made of transparent _____!

17. And we will live forever! We'll be Healthy and Happy for all eternity!

Revelation 21:4. "There will be no more _____, nor sorrow, nor crying.
There will be no more _____ for the former things have passed away."

18. But our greatest reward will be to see Jesus – face to face!

Revelation 22:4 says, "They shall see His face"

"Face to face with Christ my Savior, Face to face, what will it be,
When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ, who died for me?" – Mrs. F. Breck.

19. If I will walk with Jesus in the city then, I must walk with Jesus in the water now!

Mark 16:16. "He who believes and is baptized will be saved."

Acts 22:16. "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized"

My Choice.

- ☐ Yes! I will help children to obey – the happy way!
- ☐ Yes! I will obey Jesus, and I have decided to be baptized like Jesus.
- ☐ Yes! I want to see Jesus face to face and live with Him forever.

Check Your Answers. 5. 1T, 2T, 3F, 4T. 15. 1T, 2F [all], 3T. **Graphics:** Pages 1, 2: Dreamstime; Page 3: Good Salt; Page 4: Arnol Jimenez.

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