

## **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.

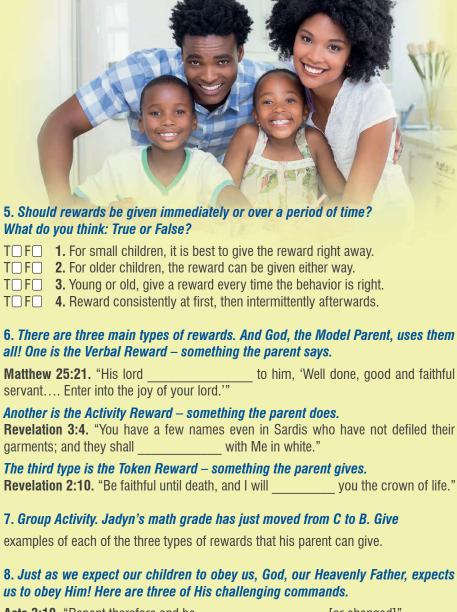
This means that when the behavior is Right, the parent should Reward.

### 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.





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 i	f not, they would still	Him.	
(c) The king made the furnace	times hotter and t	hrew them in!	
11. Suddenly, the astonished king made an awesome statement!			
Daniel 3:24, 25. "Did we not cast _	men bound i	nto the midst of	
the fire? I see	men loose, walking in the mids	st 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, hereis an awesome promise you can claim.

Isaiah 43:2. What does it say?

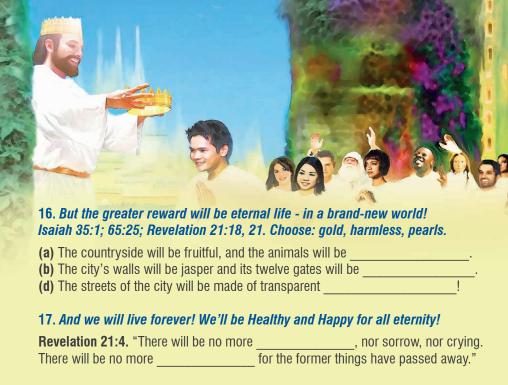
### 14. Group Activity.

- (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.



### 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.

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