



“I Get You”

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Bible Page Numbers

Adventure Bible pg. 1158 (Matthew 26:36-46)

Beginners Bible pg. 446



**TALK
ABOUT IT**

Today, Pastor Jeff is going to remind us how suffering is a necessary price of obedience.

Let’s think for just a minute, how hard it had to have been for Jesus to be obedient, when He knew he was about to suffer, the ultimate pain, being nailed on the cross.

Discuss as family scenarios:

- When has it been HARD/PAINFUL to obey?
- Think of a time when you didn’t obey and why?

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**SERMON +
WORSHIP**

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set



**ACTIVITY
OPTIONS**

Activity Option 1: Mom says / Dad says

What you do:

Modify the popular game of Simon Says by replacing the phrase “Simon says” with “Mom says” or “Dad says”.

The game leader (mom or dad) calls out a simple instruction such as “Touch your toes” If the game leader precedes their instruction with the words “Mom says” or “Dad says” the children playing the game need to complete the action called out by the game leader. Proceed to give directions that are harder for the children to follow.

If a child has not been listening closely and follows a directive that was not preceded by “Mom says” or “Dad says” they are “out” Usually, anyone “caught out” in this way has to sit out the remaining rounds of the game until only one child –the winner–is left. (However, you may decide to skip this step to ensure that all children remain in the game for each round.)

What you say after the game:

“In this game, it was pretty easy to listen to mom and dad when they gave you instructions. But sometimes you had to listen carefully, right? When you didn't listen

carefully and didn't obey, then you were out of the game. That's just like how we have to listen to God carefully and follow what he says for our lives. Sometimes it may seem better not to obey and do what's easier, but doing the right thing is always the better choice, even if it is harder or takes more work. Jesus had to face tough things in his life, and he did it because he wanted to be obedient to God and because he loved us.



ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Activity Option 2: Shining for Jesus

What you need:

- dirty pennies (enough for each child to have one)
- two small bowls
- Salt
- vinegar
- cotton swabs (the double-ended stick swabs)

What you do:

1. Put some pennies in the bowl. Dip a cotton swab in vinegar and try to clean the pennies. (You might see a slight cleaning effect, but nothing significant.)
2. Next, you will have your children help you stir 1 tsp. of salt into $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of vinegar. Have them stir until the salt is dissolved.
3. When the salt is completely dissolved, allow your children to put the pennies into the mixture. You may need to stir the solution a bit, but the results will be startlingly different –your efforts will produce some clean and shiny pennies.

What you say:

“Hey guys, we need to clean some pennies! Are you ready to help me? I heard vinegar would help. Let’s TRY!” (proceed with step 1 above) Then very disappointedly say, “Oh BUMMER! They don’t look much cleaner. I must have forgotten a step! Let me think... YES! I believe we were supposed to add salt into the vinegar.” (proceed with step 2 and step 3 above) “OH WOW!! Look! What a startlingly difference that was made when I followed the correct directions.”

We are like the vinegar, and the salt is like the Holy Spirit. We can try to be obedient on our own, but it is hard to obey when we try to do it in our own strength. It is much easier to obey when we ask God for help from His Holy Spirit. (Give each of your children a shiny penny) Take one of these pennies to remind you how brightly your righteousness shines when you obey God.



Discussion Questions:

When we follow God, we will have hard times. We might feel like nobody gets us. Or we have to choose not to do something our friends are doing. We will have to make hard choices that seem like you are the only one making that choice, and that nobody gets you. But guess what? Jesus understands and does get YOU! He can sympathize with everything that we go through. When no one else gets you, Jesus gets you!

We know that this suffering is needed to be obedient to God and his call on our lives.

- **Has there been a time you had to make a difficult choice in order to obey God?**
- **Why is following God worth the suffering that comes with being obedient?**

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PRAYER

Prayer:

What you say:

Let's pray and ask God to help us to be obedient.

Loving Father, Your Son Jesus was so obedient that He humbled Himself to death on the cross. His time on earth provides a real-life example for us to follow. Some days I imagine You are up in heaven, thinking, "How many times do I have to tell him/her?" Please forgive me. I ask that You would give me a humble, obedient heart that desires to wholeheartedly obey Your commands. AMEN



MEMORY VERSE

Memory Verse:

Parents: We want to encourage you to spend time each week as a family memorizing a passage of Scripture.

Hebrew 5:8-9 (NirV)

Jesus was God's Son. But by suffering he learned what it means to obey. In this way he was made perfect. Eternal salvation comes from him. He saves all those who obey him.

Hebrew 5:8-9 (ESV)

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,