

# Lesson 30: I Can Be Obedient



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Follow Jesus  
Christ's example  
by being  
obedient

# **OUR OPENING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN BY**



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A black and white portrait of Elder Theodore M. Burton. He is an elderly man with a receding hairline, wearing dark-rimmed glasses, a light-colored suit jacket, a white shirt, and a striped tie. He is looking slightly to his left with a gentle smile.

Let's listen to a  
story about Elder  
Theodore M.  
Burton, who was a  
General Authority  
of the Church:



When Theodore M. Burton was only five years old, he visited his grandmother on her farm. Theodore liked to play outside at the farm.



On this visit Theodore's grandmother warned him not to get too close to the hen with the baby chicks because the hen might think he was trying to hurt her babies. Theodore promised he would not get too close.

- But when Theodore saw the fuzzy yellow chicks, he just had to touch one. The chick ran away, but the mother hen ran toward Theodore and pecked his hand with her hard beak. Theodore ran crying to his grandmother.



Theodore's grandmother hugged him until he stopped crying and then explained that the mother hen thought Theodore was going to hurt her babies. She was trying to protect her chicks when she pecked him.

Grandmother sent Theodore outside again, reminding him to stay away from the hen. She warned him not to get too close to the mother goose either, because she also had babies. The mother goose was bigger than the hen, so she might really hurt someone who touched her babies. Theodore promised he wouldn't touch the goslings.

Theodore stayed away from the mother hen. But when he saw the mother goose and her goslings, he moved closer to see them better. Spreading her wings and stretching her neck, the mother goose hissed loudly at him. Theodore was frightened and ran back into the house.

(See Theodore M. Burton, "Friend to Friend: Grandmother's Lesson," Friend, Oct. 1973, pp. 18–19.)

Why did  
Theodore's  
grandmother tell  
him not to go near  
the hen or the  
goose?





How did Theodore  
feel when he  
disobeyed his  
grandmother?

Why did he feel  
this way?





What do you think  
Theodore learned  
from this  
experience?

Theodore's grandmother told him that he had people to protect him, just as the hen and goose protected their babies.

Our parents and families and Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ watch over and protect us.

They will teach us what to do to be safe  
and happy.

It is important that we learn to obey  
them.

# Obedient

Can you say the word above?

# Obedient

Can you say the word above?

Let's say it together

# Obedient

Let's try saying it again

A painting depicting a scene from the Bible. On the left, Jesus, wearing a white robe, sits on a large rock. He is looking towards the right where a young boy in a dark coat is also seated on a rock. They appear to be engaged in a conversation. In the background, there is a body of water with a distant shoreline under a sky filled with warm, golden and orange hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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# OBEY

To “obey” means the same as being  
obedient

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- Let's read from John 8:28-29

- 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.
- 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

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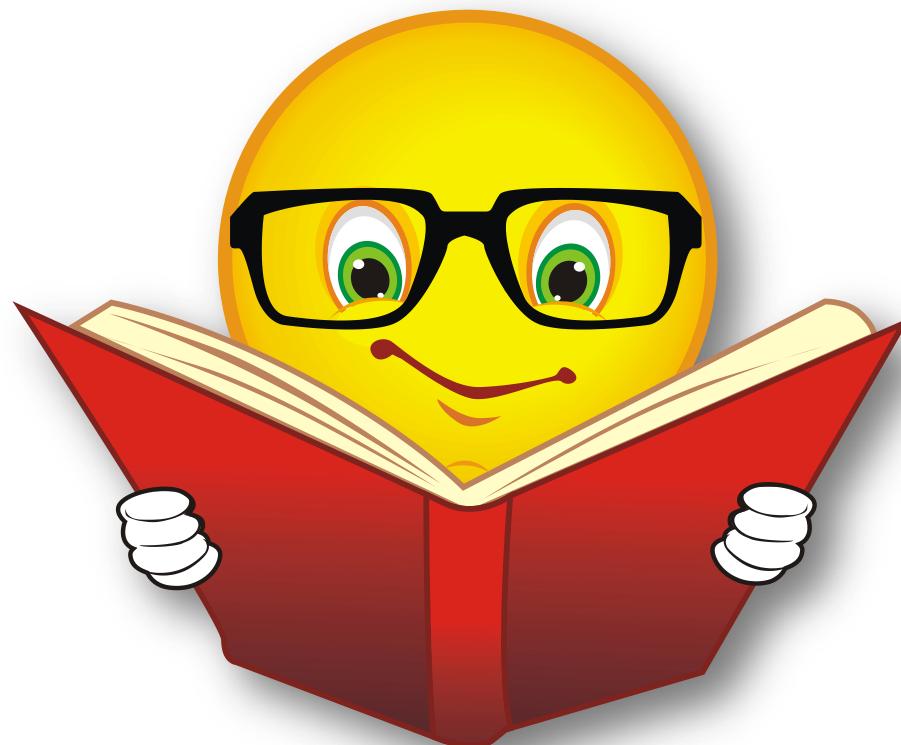


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- While Jesus was in the Garden, he said these words in a prayer: “ “O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me”

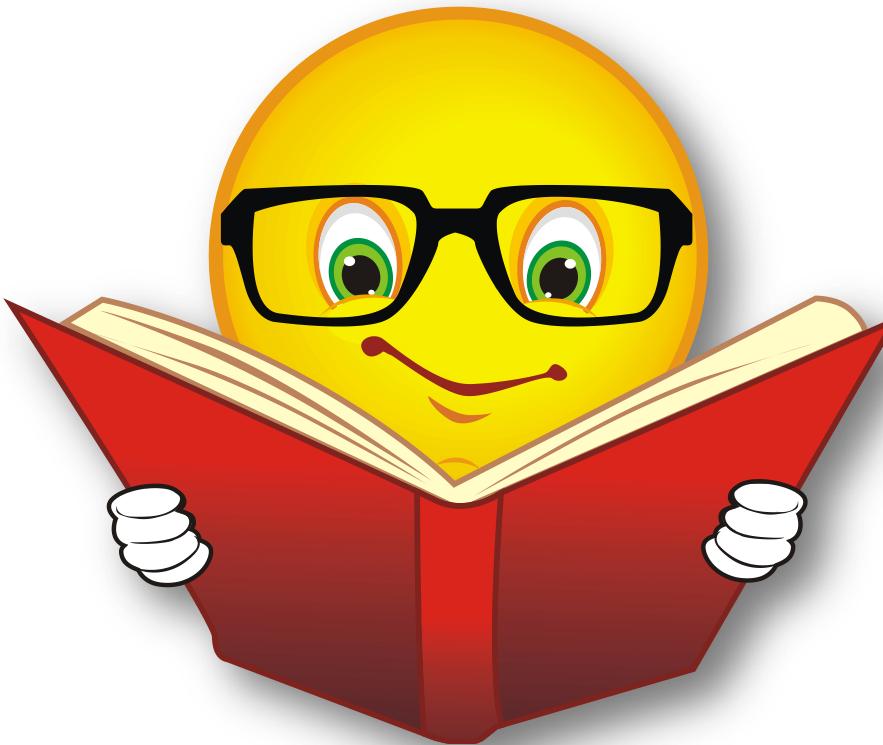


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- Jesus went on to say “Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt” This means Jesus was willing to do what Heavenly Father wanted, even though it was not easy.



- We will not be asked to do something as difficult as what Jesus did; however, we should obey Heavenly Father in whatever he wants us to do.



What are some things Heavenly Father has asked us to do?



Some answers are:

pray,

love one another,

be baptized and

confirmed,

be honest





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One of the Ten Commandments tells us to obey our parents.



Let's read Exodus 20:12:



12 ¶Honour thy father and thy mother:  
that thy days may be long upon the land  
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Obeying our parents  
is one way to honor  
them.





Why should we  
obey our parents?



Let's read Colossians 3:20:



**20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.**



**Don't  
FORGET!**

“The Lord” is  
another name for  
Jesus Christ



Let's try to Memorize the first  
part of the verse we just heard

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“Children, obey your parents in  
all things”

How do you feel  
when you obey  
your parents?





How do your  
parents feel when  
you obey them?

Let's sing the song "Quickly I'll  
Obey:"



# 1. When my mother calls me, **Quickly I'll Obey**

Quickly I'll obey.

I want to do just what is best

Each and ev'ry day.

## 2. When my father calls me,

Quickly I'll obey.

I want to do just what is best

Each and ev'ry day.

## 3. Heav'nly Father loves me,

Blesses me each day.

I want to do just what is best

Each and ev'ry day.

- Words: Thelma J. Harrison, 1906-1991
- Music: Russian folk tune. Optional ostinato by Patricia Haglund Nielsen, 1936-2009.

A painting of Jesus with children. In the foreground, a young boy looks up at Jesus with a joyful expression. Jesus, on the left, has a beard and is smiling warmly at the boy. Behind them, several other children are visible, some looking towards the camera and others looking up. The background is a soft, warm yellow.

I want to encourage you to decide now  
that you will obey Heavenly Father and  
your parents



Listen to the follow story about a child who  
was happy because she obeyed her  
parents.

Kathryn loved to play at her friend April's house. Kathryn's mother had said Kathryn could play for one hour. When April's mother said the hour was up, it was hard for Kathryn to leave. She wanted to finish the game that she and April were playing. Kathryn thought for a moment and decided she would go home as her mother had told her to do. Quickly she said good-bye to April and ran home.

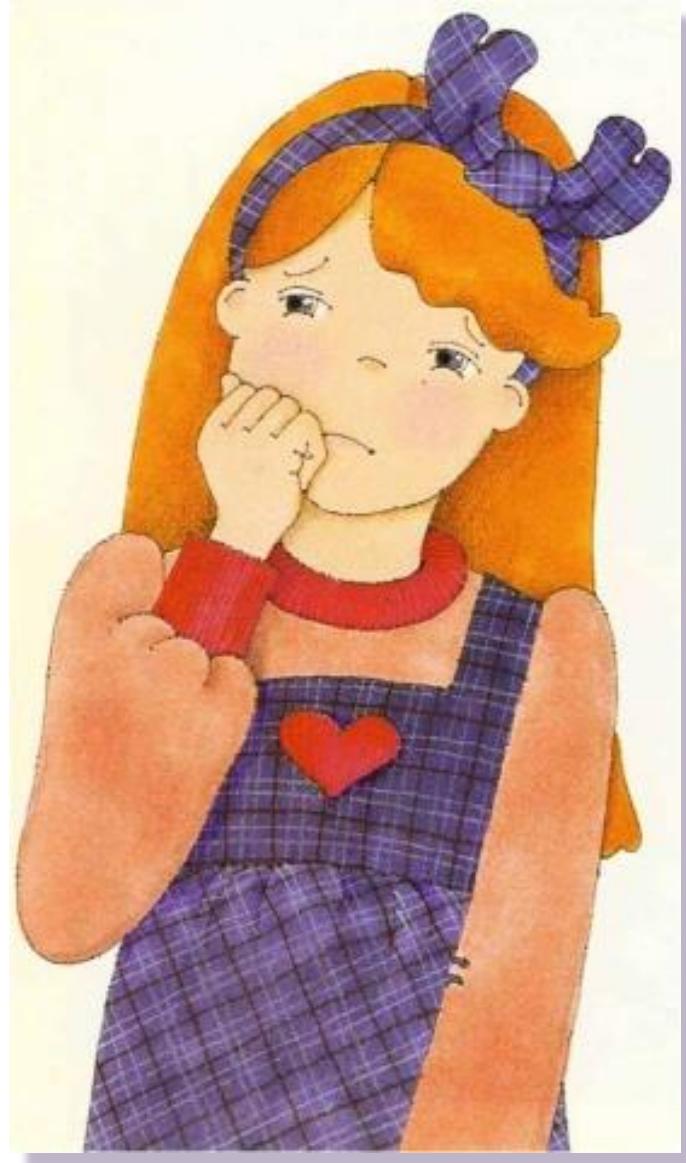
When Kathryn got home, her grandmother was waiting for her. Grandmother wanted Kathryn to come spend the night at her house, but she was in a hurry to get home. If Kathryn had not come home when her mother had told her to, she would have missed the chance to visit her grandmother.

How do you think Kathryn felt?

We will not always receive an exciting reward  
when we are obedient, but we will have a  
happy, peaceful feeling.

This feeling comes from knowing that we have chosen to do what is right.

Let's go around the room  
and each of you share a  
time when you were  
obedient and how you felt  
or about a way you can be  
obedient in the future.





Thank you for sharing with the class, here is your “I can obey” badge. Display it where you can see it often as a reminder to always obey your parents and heavenly father.

- I want to testify to you of how obeying Heavenly Father and your parents will bless your life.

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- I want to encourage you to obey your parents during the coming week and always.

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Jesus and the Apostles went to the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas did not go with them. He went to tell the Jewish leaders where Jesus was.



The Savior asked Peter, James, and John to go with Him into the garden. He asked them to wait while He went to pray.



Jesus knew He needed to suffer for the sins of all people. He did not want to suffer, but He chose to obey Heavenly Father.



Peter, James, and John fell asleep while Jesus prayed. Jesus came and found them sleeping. He asked them to stay awake.



He went to pray again. Peter, James, and John wanted to stay awake, but they were very tired.

They fell asleep again. Jesus again found them sleeping. He went and prayed a third time.



As Jesus prayed, He began to tremble because of the pain. An angel came to strengthen Him. He suffered so much that he sweat drops of blood.

He was suffering for all of our sins so that we can be forgiven if we repent.

*Luke 22:41–44; Doctrine and Covenants 19:16–19*



Jesus woke Peter, James, and John. He told them that He would be betrayed and killed. Jesus said

that wicked people were coming to take Him away.

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