

OBEDIENCE

1. As pupils enter

Play your chosen music (you might use the instrumental version of 'Keep the golden rules') and display a focus image if you wish and a selection of rules - school rules / commandments / laws / etc - written on a board or displayed.

2. Introduction

Ask the children to try to work out what links all of the statements.

Explain that they are all types of rules.

Tell the assembly that the short video they are going to watch is about somebody who doesn't want to follow what is asked of him and chooses not to be obedient. Explain that it is a very old story.

3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 58" and the final words are: 'See you again soon. Bye!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

Ask some or all of the video questions to help children recall the events of the story and to consolidate their understanding of it. Then lead a discussion about obedience as follows:

- What does obedience mean? (Following the rules; doing things the right way; doing what your parents say at home).
- What rules can you think of and what is their reason?
- Are rules important? Why / why not? Should people follow rules?
- What should happen to people if they don't follow rules?
- How does obeying rules make us safer at school?
- Jonah had a second chance to be obedient to God. Can you think of a time when you've had a second chance?

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song

Video page



6. Opportunity to reflect

Be still now as we think about some of the things we've heard about today. We've heard how Jonah had a second chance to be obedient to God. Think about a time when you needed a second chance...

Perhaps you didn't tidy your room, fell out with a friend or forgot about your homework...

We can all make mistakes, which is why second chances are so important. But it's even better if we can do what is right the first time round. Think quietly to yourself about the value of rules and the value of obedience...

7. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God,
Thank you for the story of Jonah to teach us about obedience.
Help us to make the right decisions today and to follow the rules.
When we make a mistake, help us to say sorry to those we may have hurt and to take that second chance, just like Jonah did.
Amen.*