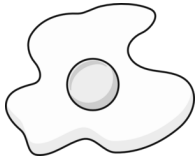
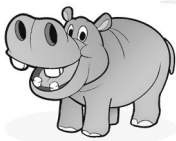
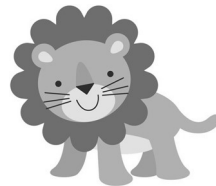
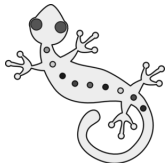
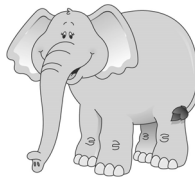
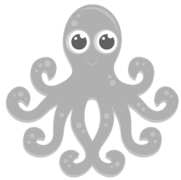


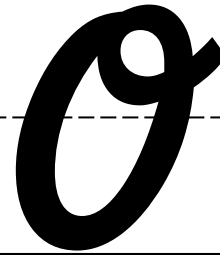
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...to **O**bey is better than
sacrifice...

1 Samuel 15:22

ABC's of the Christian Life for Youth

To obey is to do what others ask. When we do what someone says, it is obeying. The opposite of obeying is rebelling. God hates rebellion in *1 Samuel 15:23*, "For rebellion is as the s_____ of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and i_____..." God wants us to obey.

We should always have the right attitude in obedience.

1. Obedience ought to be a delight.

Psalms 40:8, "I delight to do thy w_ _ _, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."



Deuteronomy 26:16, "This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments (Bible): thou shalt therefore k_ _ _ and d_ _ _ them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul."

2. Obedience requires us to be strong and very courageous.

Joshua 1:7, "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest o_ _ _ _ _ to do according to a_ _ the law (Bible), ..."

3. When we obey we need to make haste (quickly do it).

Psalms 119:60, "I made haste, and d_ _ _ _ _ not to keep thy commandments."

God tells us we should be obedient to:

1. Parents.

Colossians 3:20, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well p_____ unto the Lord." We should always try to obey our parents or legal guardians. God set it up this way to protect us. Even Jesus by his example obeyed his parents.



2. Authority.

Hebrews 13:17, "O_____ them that have the r_____ over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." We should obey everyone that has authority over us as: the teachers in school, the policemen in town, the government in society, the babysitters at home and the Pastor of the church.



God sees if we are not obeying. *Proverbs 15:3* "The eyes of the LORD are in every p_____, beholding the evil and the good."



3. God.

Deuteronomy 13:4, "Ye shall w_____ after the LORD your God, and f_____ him, and k_____ his commandments, and o_____ his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him."

John 14:15, "If ye l_____ me, keep my commandments."

What is Baptism?

1. It is the first commandment after being saved.

Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every o_____ of y_____ in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." This is not a choice.

2. It is a picture of Christ dying on the cross, being buried three days and rising again. Just like a picture of your family on the wall. Baptism is your picture of what Jesus did for us.

How do you get baptized?

1. You have to be saved first.

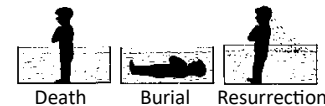
Acts 8:12 "But when they b_____ Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

2. You must be put under the water - not sprinkled or poured with water.

Mark 1:10, "And straightway coming u_ o_ of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:"

Acts 8:38-39, "... and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come u_ o_ of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."

This is the proper way to be baptized



Baptism is a picture of Christ's death, burial and resurrection

Remember this: Baptism is NOT you being born again.

Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye s_____ through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Just like praying, reading your Bible, and witnessing are obeying God's commandments, so is baptism. It does not make God our Heavenly Father, but it shows that we will obey our Heavenly Father.