



Session Two: Follow God's Commandments

Today's Point: God gives us commands and we are to follow them.

Bible Verse: Leviticus 22:31

CSB: You are to keep my commands and do them; I am the Lord. Leviticus 22:31

KJV: Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the Lord. Leviticus 22:31

Today's Bible Skill:

- Begin to memorize Leviticus 22:31
- Know that the Old Testament has 39 books divided into 5 divisions.
- Be able to recite the names of the 5 divisions of the Old Testament.

Bible Truth Activity:

Game: Follow the Leader

Object of the game: Kids will try and follow everything the leader goes.

Directions: Choose who will be the leader. Leader leads the group by moving around with actions the group must copy. Encourage leader to make up fun things – turn in circles, wildly move their hands, crab walk. Allow leader to lead for a couple of minutes, then invite a new leader to lead the group. Depending on time and interest – use 3-4 leaders.

When game is over say: Follow the leader is a good game, as long as you have a good leader. What if (name of one of the “leaders”) began yelling at the adults in the room, would you follow him? What if (name of another “leader”) stood on the table, would you follow him? What if _____, _____, and _____ (name three of your kids) followed him, would you join them?

We must be very careful about who we choose to follow. It is important that we look at what a person is doing or what they are saying before we decide if we are going to follow them or not.

The Bible tells us, more than once, who we are to follow. It says we are to follow God. We see in Leviticus 19:37 that God says: “Keep all my statutes and all my ordinances and do them; I am the Lord.” Just 3 chapters later in Leviticus 22:31 God says: “You are to keep my commands and do them; I am the Lord.” (CSB)

What commands does God give us that we are to keep? (Allow kids to respond)

Responses may include:

- Be kind to one another.
- Obey our parents.
- Do not lie.
- Do not steal.
- Love God.

After kids have had an opportunity to share – Say: God wants us to keep his commands. The more time we spend in the Bible the more we can know what God wants us to do.

Psalm 119:11 says, “I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.” We treasure God's word (we hide God's word) when we memorize it.

Bible Verse Activity - Song

Say: Our memory verse is found in the book of Leviticus. Is that in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (Allow for responses). It is the 3rd book in the Old Testament. Repeat after me: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus. (kids repeat). I want you to turn to the first page of Leviticus. (offer help if needed). Once everyone has found Leviticus. Explain that the large number they see is the Chapter number. Ask kids to find the large 22 and raise their hand when they find it. Explain that is Chapter 22. Explain that the small number is the verse number. Ask kids to find verse 31 and put their index finger on it. (offer help if needed)

Say: You have found our first memory verse.

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Sing the verse after me – (Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

You are to keep my commands. (twinkle, twinkle, little star)
and do them; I am the Lord. (how I wonder what you are)
You are to keep my commands (up above the world so high)
And do them; I am the Lord (like a diamond in the sky)
Leviticus 22 verse 31 (twinkle, twinkle, little star)
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Bible Skills Activity: Old Testament Divisions

Materials:

Bible – one for each group

Clothespins (66) – set for each group

Cardstock – 5 different colors – one of each color for each group

Prepare Division Signs

- Print the name of each division (Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, Minor Prophets) in the middle of a piece of cardstock. Use a different color for each division.
- Print the books in each division around the edges of the cardstock (during game kids will attach a clothespin to the sign covering the name of the book)
- Laminate card stock, if possible, for durability

Write books of the Bible on the clothespins – write books in each division using colored markers that match cardstock.

Instructions:

Divide group into equal groups of 4-5 players.

Explain that the books in the Old Testament are part of a division. In the Old Testament the Divisions are (bring attention to the division signs): Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets. The purpose of this game is to complete your Division Sign by collecting clothespins with the books listed in each division.

Using a set of 39 OT clothespins for each team – attach clothespins to the players' backs. Each team should have a complete set attached to their backs.

Start the game allowing kids to chase each other and collect clothespins. When a child collects a clothespin, they must run and place it on the correct division sign. If the book has already been collected, they must return it to the player they took it from before they can collect another clothespin. When a team collects all 39 books, and places them in the correct divisions, they are to yell out Old Testament.

Play until a team collects all 39. When a team yells out Old Testament team members sit down by their division signs and go over names of books in each division. Have kids repeat book names out loud.