

*Love ⇌ Obey*

THE JESUS WAY

*"IF YOU LOVE ME,  
KEEP MY  
COMMANDS."*

JOHN 14:15

**LOVE OBEDIENCE**

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## SEE IT GOAL

To see how His teaching changes us and marks it leaves on us

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## CORE IDEA

What is the goal  
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### WHAT DO WE DO AT FPKIDS?

“At FPKids we focus the entire year on one thing and one thing only. We talk about what Jesus said.”

### WHAT IS THE ONLY THING WE TALK ABOUT?

YOU SAY: What Jesus Said

KIDS SAY: What Jesus Said

“That is simple enough. We care about what Jesus said. So what do we do at FPKids? We take what Jesus said and... We Read It. We See It. We Live It. We Tell It.” ( Do motions with RSLT )

What do we do at FPKids? We take what Jesus said and...

YOU SAY: READ IT, SEE IT, LIVE IT, TELL IT

KIDS SAY: READ IT, SEE IT, LIVE IT, TELL IT

### THIS WEEK IS SEE IT WEEK

YOU SAY: See It Week

THEY SAY: See It Week

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“This week is See It week. This week we are going to go deep into what Jesus said and what He meant by it. We read that Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching.’ Well here it is. Are you ready to listen to what Jesus said and really dig deep to understand what He was really saying? This is what Followers of Jesus do. Many people have heard what Jesus said, but disciples respond in understanding and obedience.”

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WHERE IS THE ONLY PLACE TO FIND WHAT JESUS SAID?

YOU SAY: In the Bible

KIDS SAY: In the Bible

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF A DISCIPLE?

YOU SAY: To be like their Teacher

THEY SAY: To be like their Teacher

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HAVE A STUDENT PRAY THE PRAYER OF PREPARING

“But before we really get started will someone please pray for us? Please start by asking the Lord to prepare our hearts and minds for this time together.”

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REVIEW JOHN 14:15

REVIEW MOTIONS

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## SEE IT

“While we Read It and learn what Jesus said, we always want to See It. What we mean by see it is that we want it to change how we see the world around us. We want to see truth the way Jesus sees it.”

## WHO THINKS THEY KNOW WHAT JESUS LOOKS LIKE?

You have probably seen many drawings and paintings. Some pictures of Jesus have light skin, some have dark skin. In some pictures He is tall. In others He is really thin. In most pictures He has a dark-colored beard. Here's a funny question... Raise your hand if you think Jesus had long hair? Do you want to know the answer? The answer is... WE DON'T KNOW. We don't. The only thing we know is that Jesus was a Jewish man. The Bible never mentions his hair color or his height or anything. Why do you think that is? The writers of the Gospels wanted us to know about their Lord Jesus, but they left out details of what He looked like. So how can we know Jesus? We know what He said and did.

## WHAT JESUS SAID IS IMPORTANT TO US

We try to stay pretty focused during our time. What is the only thing we talk about? (they answer... “What Jesus said?”) We do that because of a very important and also a very simple reason. We focus on what Jesus said because we are disciples. That's what disciples do.

## WHAT IS OUR VERSE FROM LAST MONTH?

(start the students off on the verse) Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching...” John 8:31-32

## SAY: JESUS LOVES OBEDIENCE

This whole year we're going to talk about obedience and obeying. What does obedience mean? Everyone in this room has experience with obedience. We are told to obey our teachers. We are told to obey our coaches. We are told to obey our parents. Obeying can mean all the stuff we're supposed to do. Why? Because we're supposed to do it. Is that how you feel? Obedience doesn't feel like something you love, it feels like something you have to do instead of what you love. But is that how Jesus talks about obedience?

Right, because Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commands.” He was talking to His disciples about something.

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### HAVE A STUDENT READ JOHN 14:12

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

### WHAT DID JESUS MEAN, I AM GOING TO THE FATHER?

He meant that He was going to die and that His time on earth was going to come to an end. Jesus was trying to make it clear to them that their time together was going to come to an end and He was preparing them for what to do next. The disciples were scared and they were confused, so He gave them words of comfort. He gave them instruction for what to do after He leaves.

### HE TOLD THEM, “IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDS”

He told them to continue to do what they’ve already been doing. That sounds really simple doesn’t it? But it’s the why He told them that is so special. He said to keep His commandments, but do it motivated by love. He said to continue to love Him by continuing to do what He had taught them.

### HOW ARE LOVE AND OBEDIENCE CONNECTED?

Love and obedience can feel so far apart, but to Jesus they are completely connected. Obeying is difficult. But do you know what has the power to motivate us to do hard things? Love does.

### I’M GOING TO LEAVE YOU WITH TWO CHALLENGES.

The first challenge is this... If Jesus calls us His disciples, we’re to continue to keep His commands. Do you know what His commands are? How can you obey commands if you don’t know what they are? You can’t. So where is the only place you can find the teachings and commands of Jesus? Young disciples, go there.

THE SECOND is do you love Jesus enough to do what He says? This whole year we are going to learn what Jesus said and learn His commands. But it’s just information if you don’t do it. Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commands.” We’re not only going to read and see what Jesus said. We are to learn what it means to live it out and we are going to be so motivated by love that we are going to tell others what Jesus said.

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## LIVE IT

“Every week we take what Jesus said and we Read It, we See It, and we Live it. That means that what Jesus said changes how we live. It changes what we say and what we do.”

## GIVE STUDENTS AN ACTIVE WAY TO RESPOND

“Here’s what I want you to do after you leave today. I want you to go home from here and find this verse in your own Bible. I want you to read it for yourself. Not only that, I want you to read what He said before and after. Take a piece of paper and write down what Jesus said and stick it on your mirror. Put what Jesus taught in a place where you will see it every day, so it will be on your mind and heart this whole month.”

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“So after we Read It, See It and Live It... We Tell It. We take time every single week to be proclaimers of the Good News about Jesus. That is why every week we share the Gospel Step-Up. For most of you this is the first time you are sharing the Gospel.”

## STUDENT DOES GOSPEL STEP-UP

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HAVE A STUDENT PRAY THE PRAYER OF GOING

“As we go from our time together will someone please come and pray a prayer for us? Start by asking the Lord to be with us as we go from this place back into our school and that His Word would remain with us...”

RELEASE KIDS TO CLASS

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