

What would Jesus do? **OBEDIENCE 1** What would Jesus do?

How could we each obey?

How could we help each other obey?

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	2 & 3	4 & 5	6 & 7	8 & 9	10 & 11
2 & 3	someone lies to you	someone borrows from you & doesn't give it back on time	someone accuses you unjustly	a friend really believes his or her rabbit foot brings good luck	someone tells you that you are stupid
4 & 5	someone is jealous of you	a friend is telling you that you are not a good friend	your friend has stolen something from you	someone important to you is avoiding you	a teacher or boss really doesn't like you and favors others
6 & 7	a friend is trying to get you to do something you shouldn't	someone maliciously hits you, but not very hard	someone is arguing with you needlessly	a friend forgot to meet you to do something with you	a friend is too worried about his or her appearance
8 & 9	someone is ignoring something important you are trying to say	a friend is cheating something out of someone	someone is afraid of you	someone abandons you	someone is bragging and hurting the feelings of others
10 & 11	a friend is really worried she or he won't remember something	a friend tells a secret he or she promised he or she wouldn't	a friend is going away from the faith	later you see that the store gave you too much change	someone maliciously hits you really hard

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2 & 3	an employee of a store is very rude to you	someone tells you hurtful things	you have hurt another person's feelings unintentionally	a friend is always interrupting when you and your friends talk	you do not get enough appreciation for what you do
4 & 5	someone has hurt your feelings unintentionally	someone is mocking a less-fortunate person	FOR EXAMINATION ONLY NOT AUTHORIZED FOR DISTRIBUTION ALL 19 FAITH PRAYER & TALK GRIDS ARE FREE WITH AN ORDER OF 2 SETS		you want something that you know you shouldn't have
6 & 7	a friend is really worried about grades or a job evaluation	someone doesn't trust you and has no good reason			someone is always in a bad temper or constantly irritable
8 & 9	someone is fiercely competing against you, treating you badly	you need help from someone who doesn't want to help you			your friends are doing a lot of harmful gossiping
10 & 11	there is a lot of complaining in your group of friends	a friend always brags about something that is not true	you are being bribed to do something illegal or wrong	a friend forgets money and often asks you to pay for things	a friend is being very disobedient to parents or job rules

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TO USE LIKE A GAME

Roll 2 dice twice to locate a table cell. First roll is vertical and second roll is horizontal. 12 = you choose a number. Or use a deck of cards where you ignore face cards and the ace is 11. Selecting table cells rotates.

If the cell item has already been dialogued, use one from any cell touching the cell of the numbers. Then, complete the sentence.

When a person answers, others ask curious questions to get to know that family member better, but never to criticize. The best questions are “Why?” and “What do you mean?” Then, going around the circle, everyone answers that same question. This process repeats with the next person clockwise (or you can go by age, from the youngest to oldest).

TO USE AS A GUIDE, NOT AS A GAME

Begin in the top left-hand corner and move from item to item as if reading a book. All people answer that selection before moving on to the next.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is suggested the answers be given in age order, beginning with the youngest. That way everyone will have something to offer. But, if only adults are sharing, starting selections rotates clockwise.

READ TO PARTICIPANTS

DIALOGUE is a form of communication that can help people get to know and appreciate one another. Dialogue is not for problem-solving, arguing or criticism. It is for understanding people.

Let people be themselves, even if they give an answer that you do not agree with or like. Instead of objecting or offering criticism, ask the other persons “Why” questions. This will help you clarify what they are saying and what they think and feel about things. Other people will appreciate your efforts to understand them.

Try to be careful regarding your answers. You don’t need anyone’s permission to answer what is true for you. But, what you say will be remembered by the others.

Avoid conflict over these answers. When you do not agree, you will have your turn to give what you think and feel. Arguing is not good.

WHAT IS DIALOGUE?

There is probably no finer communication skill than dialogue. Therefore, if you and your family learn to do it, you will become more able than most to build warm, loving relationships.

**DIALOGUE IS MERELY ASKING QUESTIONS
OF ONE ANOTHER
OUT OF CURIOSITY
IN ORDER TO BETTER
KNOW AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER**

The aim of dialogue is to get to know and better understand one another. In fact, it would be a great goal to become fascinated with the most important people in your life — especially with their uniqueness and difference from yourself.

Dialogue usually means just asking the questions “Why?” and “What do you mean?” over and over again. When you ask a person a “why” question, it usually opens up a bit of new information about him or her. Another “why” question yields a little more. When a “why” question seems hard to think of, then any simple, friendly, non-judgmental question motivated by curiosity is fine.

Dialogue helps you find out what others really think and feel. It also helps others find out what you really think and feel.

Understanding and accepting other people – deeper and deeper through dialogue – knowing how they think and feel, as well as what they really mean by what is said, creates much better relationships.

Successful Family Dialogue

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