

What would Jesus do? **OBEDIENCE 2** 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	you are being persecuted	you have been rejected by someone you really care about	a friend is always cursing and it really bothers you	you are blamed for something expensive your friend broke	someone is shouting angrily at you
4 & 5	a friend is very arrogant	a friend is really worried about getting everyone to like him/her	you finally admit to yourself that you play favorites	someone is bitter about something that happened long ago	you find yourself being quarrelsome for no reason
6 & 7	a friend is always angry at his or her parents & people in authority	you have not been thanked for doing something for someone	someone tells you that you are too fat or too skinny	a friend is angry at another friend who exposed his/her wrongdoing	a friend is afraid to do something she or he has to do
8 & 9	someone just won't forgive you	a friend has run away from home or from a relationship	a friend doesn't like someone you really like a lot	a friend is really worried about not having enough money	you finally admit to yourself that you can be a bit selfish
10 & 11	someone is agitating your friends against you	someone you know seems to love money far too much	someone in your family is really conforming to the world	you have not been paid for work done and likely won't be paid	someone rightly rebukes you in love about something shameful

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2 & 3	someone is really unpopular in your class or at work	someone tricks you into doing an okay thing you don't want to do	you see someone shoplifting something in a store	someone uses the Lord's name as a swear word	a friend is really worried about losing a very close friend
4 & 5	your best friend wins a contest you are both in	a friend denies doing something you saw him or her do	someone doesn't trust you for a really good reason	a friend is very judgmental of other people who are different	someone tells you that you are not as good as him or her
6 & 7	a friend says that he or she no longer believes in God	a friend of yours is reading and believing in horoscopes	someone cheats you	your neighbor could use some help	someone you know has stolen from someone you don't like
8 & 9	a friend is pleading with you to give something you want to keep	your new friend is racially prejudiced	you are challenged to a fight you don't want to participate in	you have wrongfully rebuked someone	a friend is really sick
10 & 11	you have to contribute to the family by doing a lot of chores	a friend is cheating in a game of cards you are watching	someone is slandering another person and it dishonors God	you stole something and rediscover it in your closet	you are very ashamed about something

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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.

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