

Jesus God Who Came to Earth

Lesson Three: Jesus Obeys His Heavenly Father

Character Review

Obedience is a very important way for me to show that I am **loyal** to God.

He is my heavenly Father. He is also my wise and loving Shepherd who is watching over me, knowing all about what I need, what I do and what I say. He knows what's best for me because He created me. He protects me and provides for me. I love Him because He first loved me. Because I love Him, I want to listen to Him and do what He says to do. I want to be close to Him.

This is loyalty: committing myself to a significant (real and valuable) relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. * This results in honoring those in authority over me in my family, school and community by recognizing their role, showing respect, listening to them and following through with what is right. I will stay away from saying and doing things that will hurt those relationships.

When Jesus was a boy, He chose to be submissive to Mary and Joseph, His earthly parents. He was **loyal** to God the Father and also honored and respected those in authority over Him. As a result, He grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:51-52.

*Skip Garmo, author of *Character Solutions: Christlikeness Bible Guide*, shares insights on character for each of our lessons which are woven throughout this section reviewing our textbook from CEF.

Pre-Club Activity Option

Make large letters for **J E S U S**. You can use the handout provided with the workshop notes. Hide the letters throughout the club area. Some can be taped on people. Give clues if the clubbers cannot find the letters. Have them bring the letters to the front with a teacher and place them in the correct order for **"J E S U S."**

Narrative: What did you just do? You were looking for letters to make a mystery word, a word unknown until the letters came together. This word is a name, not just any name, but the name of God's Son, the promised one. All through the Old Testament He was promised to come. Yet, it still remained a mystery to the people. They thought He would be a king like King David, a political ruler. Not until He came to the earth as a person and taught them about God's plan, did some begin to understand the mystery of who He is. In our lesson today, someone else is looking for Jesus. As far as they know, he is lost. Who do you think that might be? Let's find out together.

