

WEEK 7 – ELEMENTARY – ROCK SOLID

Lesson in a Word: Surrender

What Should I See?

When King Darius was the king of Babylon, he made Daniel a ruler over part of his kingdom. Daniel was loyal and truthful and worked very hard. The king was pleased with Daniel, so he wanted to put him in charge over the other rulers. This made the other rulers jealous and angry. They came up with an idea to get rid of Daniel. They talked the king into making a new law: pray only to the king for 30 days or be thrown into the den of lions. The other rulers watched as Daniel still continued to pray to God. Then they told the king. Sadly, the king had Daniel thrown into the den of lions. The next morning, he anxiously ran to see what happened to Daniel. Can you believe, Daniel was safe! God had sent an angel to protect Daniel while in the den of lions. The king happily made a new law for everyone to worship Daniel's God from now on. (Source: Daniel 6:1-28)

Memory Verse:

Do what God's teaching says. James 1:22a NCV

What's The Key?

When we do the right things that we are taught from the Bible, we are choosing what is best. We become wiser and better people when we obey God.

What's That To Me?

To really obey God and His teachings, sometimes we need to give up what we want in order to do what God wants. When we make bad choices, it keeps us from doing what God wants. Surrendering to God means giving up to Him.

How Should I Be?

We can give up bad attitudes and poor choices so that we can truly get going the right way with God. We can choose to read the Bible and pray so that we can learn more about God. The more we give up and obey God, the more we get out of life!

Practice Point:

Give up to God can be hard to do,
Trust in Him to see you through!

Give Up! Day 1: Courage

Read It

Fire Station 39 got an emergency call. There was a fire in an abandoned building about fifteen minutes away. As the firefighters were putting out the hot fire, they heard faint cat meows. They realized it was coming from across the street. They found two small kittens with their injured mother. A short time later the firefighters continued to hear cat meows, after searching around again they found a small room inside the burning building with three other small kittens. The firefighters saved the kittens. Evidently, when the mother cat realized the building was starting to burn, she instinctively carried one kitten at a time through the flames and across the street. After carrying out the first two kittens, she was badly burned and couldn't go on. The firefighters were able to save all the cats and bring them to a local animal shelter. They were all nursed back to health, including the mother cat!

Say It

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Ask It

God, I know You can teach me to give up my ways so that I can follow You more closely. Help me to make good choices today.

Obey It

The mother cat was willing to give her life to save her kittens. Today, instead of going straight to your X-Box or PS-2, make a choice to look for one opportunity with your family and friends to be courageous and strong.

Give Up!
Day 2: Who's Turn Is It Anyway?

Read It

When my brother and I woke up this morning, we were both freezing cold. My parents forgot to turn on the heater last night. Neither one of us wanted to get out of bed and go downstairs in the cold. My brother told me it was my turn to turn on the heater. However, I had the idea that I could challenge him to a game and win my stay in bed a little longer. He agreed and we began a game of rock-paper-scissors. I lost the first game! I tried to negotiate for another round. "How about two out of three?" Once again, I lost! Now I was really pushing my luck. "How about three out of five?"... "How about four out of seven?" I still lost every game. I guess I didn't realize my brother was such a great rock-paper-scissors game player.

Say It

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Ask It

Jesus, give me the strength to give up my bad habits and be willing to do something for someone else, instead of thinking about what I can gain from that action.

Obey It

Do we play games with others and God in order to get out of what we need to do? Think of one habit you need to change in order to be able to do what God wants you to do today. Maybe it is doing what your parents tell you to do the first time, or not fighting with your brother or sisters.

Give Up!
Day 3: Follow The Leader

Read It

While on vacation with my family, we were at an amusement park enjoying the day, riding rides and having fun. As the day went on, the lines to the more popular rides began to get longer and longer. Also, the weather got hotter and hotter. We were all frustrated. Often times, when we get frustrated, we start to make poor choices. This was the case for me. I arrived at a ride to find no shade and a 30 minute wait. When the doors finally opened, we began the exciting process of snaking through the aisle towards the ride. Instead of weaving like everyone else in line, I reached out and detached the chain to cut out about six lines of repetitive weaving back and forth. I didn't cut in front of anyone, I just eliminated unnecessary "walking." I was amazed to look back and see EVERYONE following. Not one person reattached the dropped chain. They all just followed the leader.

Say It

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Ask It

God, help me to choose to obey You and follow You instead of my own selfish actions.

Obey It

Have you taken shortcuts recently in doing your homework or doing things around your house? Sometimes it is easier to take the shortcuts like not study for the test or dusting only around the objects on the table. Write down three things that you can do today to not take shortcuts.

Give Up!
Day 4: Don't Give Up Hope!

Read It

How sad it was to hear about the tsunami that hit Indonesia and Sri Lanka in December 2004. The giant waves that killed thousands of people were a result of an earthquake out at sea. So many people died because they were not prepared and did not have enough time to flee to higher ground. After a week of searching, many people gave up looking for their missing family and friends. However, hope for finding survivors was renewed when a fisherman was discovered barely alive under his beached boat, a full week after the disaster! He could barely speak and was very weak, but he had survived. This fisherman never gave up hope that he would be found.

Giving up to God and giving up hope are two different things. Learning how to “give up” to God and to live by His principles isn't always easy. Your friends may make fun of you and you may want to give in to the pressure...don't do it! Trust God and don't give up hope! God will bless you for doing what God's Word tells you!

Say It

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Ask It

Jesus, teach me to do the right things and make the right decisions, even in hard times. Help me to choose what You want me to do and to not give up hope.

Obey It

Write out the decisions you need to make today. Will you take the easy way or do the things that God wants you to do?

Give Up!
Day 5: Do You Need A Boost?

Read It

Have you ever looked at the wing of a commercial airplane? Many times you will see a bolted oval cap about a foot wide and a foot long that says "Booster Pump." What is it exactly and why does a plane need one? After a little investigating, I found the answer. The fuel for most commercial airlines is stored in the wings. A booster pump is installed in each wing's fuel tank to supply the engines with the needed fuel. The booster pumps don't operate continuously and are normally used for engine start up, high altitude operations, fuel balancing, or abnormal and emergency situations. Bottom line, a booster pump works within the wings of an airplane's fuel system to make sure the fuel is pushed to the engine at critical times during flight. If you are anything like me, there are critical times during your day, week, month and year that need a spiritual booster pump to get added fuel to your heart.

Say It

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Ask It

God, sometimes I feel like I am out of gas and my fuel tank is empty. Please give me the encouragement and the boost I need to live for You.

Obey It

God is the booster pump in our life. He is working in us and providing us with the right fuel at the right time. You can have a full tank of gas, but if it doesn't get to the engine, the fuel doesn't really matter. We have the power of Christ inside of us. Take a moment right now and write down times that you will read the Bible and pray this week.

TALK TO US! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

(We will remove and keep this form. No one will see this except for your Kids Rock teacher. **You must turn this in to receive all points for turning in your packet.** Answers may be as short as one sentence, but please write SOMETHING and be honest! You do not have to have a prayer request, comment, and question. Circle at least one each week though; even if you just circle 'comment' and write, 'I liked Tuesdays activity.' *Parents of preschoolers and kindergarteners:* You can help your child write their answers and / or give us your thoughts.)

Name (First and Last): _____

How has God spoken to you this week?

How have you responded to what He has said?

I HAVE A...
(circle all that apply)

Prayer Request

Comment

Question

Please write your prayer requests, questions and/or comments on the back.

Thanks for coming to Kids Rock this week!
We had a great time. We hope you did too.
We will see you next time!