



Week 8



Day 1: Putting God First

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 17: 1

Devotional:

David was finally living in a beautiful palace as king of Israel. He had comfort, safety, and everything he needed. But instead of only thinking about himself, David thought about God. He noticed that while he had a wonderful house, the ark of the covenant was still kept inside a tent.

This showed something very important about David's heart. He wanted God to be honored. He cared more about God's glory than his own comfort. David's obedience began with loving God deeply. A heart after God obeys because it wants to please Him. Obedience is not just about following rules. It is about loving God and wanting our lives to honor Him. Sometimes we can become focused only on what we want our toys, activities, or plans. God wants us to remember Him first. When we choose kindness, tell the truth, worship, pray, or help others, we are showing God that He matters most to us. Even small acts of obedience are important to God because they come from a heart that loves Him.

Discussion:

1. What does David's attitude in this verse teach us about loving God?
2. What are some ways you can put God first in everyday life?

Prayer:

God, help me to love You more than anything else. Teach me to put You first in my thoughts, words, and actions. Amen.



Welcome to our week 8 devo for Pet Squad! All month long we are taking a look at the life of David to see what it looks like to have a heart after God's heart! This week, we are learning A Heart After God Obeys through the story of David's legacy. The story is *unforgettable*, and we hope you will learn so much!

Day 2: Trusting God's Plan

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 17: 2-6

Devotional:

David had a wonderful idea to build a temple for God. Nathan, the prophet, told David to go ahead with the plan. But later, God said that David was not the person who would build the temple. David wanted to do something special for God, but God had a different plan. David teaches us that obeying God means accepting His answer, even when it is different from what we hoped for. It can be hard when our plans change. Maybe we do not make the team we wanted, our plans get canceled, or things do not seem fair. In those moments, we can choose to trust God instead of becoming angry or discouraged. God always sees the bigger picture. He knows what is best, even when we do not understand it right away. David trusted God's wisdom, and later David's son Solomon would build the temple instead. Obedience means trusting that God's plan is better than our own.

Discussion:

1. Why do you think it was hard for David to hear "no" from God?
2. Talk about a time where you have been disappointed recently. How can we honor God in our disappointment?

Prayer:

Lord, help me trust Your plans even when they are different from mine. Give me a heart that obeys You with joy. Amen.

Day 3: God Uses Our Obedient Hearts

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 17: 7-10

Devotional:

God reminded David where he came from. Before David was king, he was a shepherd boy caring for sheep in the fields. He was not famous or important in the eyes of people. But God saw something special in David's heart.

God chose David because David loved and obeyed Him. This is encouraging for us because God does not only use the strongest, smartest, or most popular people. God uses people who are willing to follow Him faithfully.

Sometimes you may feel unnoticed or unimportant. Maybe you are quiet, shy, or feel like you are not as talented as others. But God sees you. He knows your heart, and He can use your life in powerful ways. When you obey

God by showing kindness, telling the truth, helping others, praying, or standing up for what is right, you are becoming the kind of person God can use. David started as a shepherd, but God had a much bigger purpose for his life.

God has a purpose for your life too.

Discussion:

1. Why do you think God chose David to be king?
2. What are some ways you can obey God at school or at home?

Prayer:

God, thank You for loving me and seeing my heart. Help me obey You every day and trust the plans You have for my life. Amen.

Day 4: A Legacy that points to Jesus

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 17: 11-14,

Devotional: 23-24

God promised David that his family line would continue and that one day a forever King would come from his descendants. That King was Jesus. David's obedience became part of a much bigger story than he could ever imagine. Because David loved and followed God, his life pointed people toward God's promises. David wanted God's name to be honored forever. Our lives can point people to Jesus too. Every time we obey God, show kindness, forgive others, worship, or tell the truth, we are showing others what God is like. Even kids can leave a legacy. A legacy is the way your life influences others. You may not realize it, but your actions can encourage your friends, family, and classmates to follow Jesus too!

Activity: "Leave a Legacy" Cards

Work together to make 2-3 simple encouragement cards or notes for other people. They could be for grandparents, neighbors, teachers, friends, or someone at church. Encourage your child to include: A kind message, a Bible verse, and a drawing or prayer After finishing the cards, pray together and give them or mail them during the week.

Prayer:

Jesus, help me honor You in everything I do. Teach me to obey You and show Your love to others every day. Amen.

Memory Verse

**"The Lord does not look at the things people look at.
People look at the outside of a person.
But the Lord looks at what is in the heart."**

1 Samuel 16:7b

