

(Review the elders and deacons posters quickly)

Today we are going to talk about how we can serve. When your mom or dad asks you to make your bed, do you act like this? (stomp you feet, roll your eyes, hang your head down and sigh) If they ask you to pick up your toys is this how you answer? (but I'm still playing!) If they tell you it's time to go to bed, do you say "yes ma'am or sir"? I hope so. We are supposed to obey happily when those who are in charge ask us to do something.

God has told us to study our Bible each day. Do you have a happy face when it's time to do the Bible reading? If you don't, do you think God is very happy with you? God has told us to obey happily and do the very best job we can do. What if you feed the dog and just throw his food on the ground, instead of his bowl? Is that doing a good job. NO! I hope this is not how you act. When you do a good job and do it happily, that makes God happy and your mom and dad happy and guess who else will be happy? YOU. Because you will not get in trouble.

In the Bible it tells us to respect those who are in charge even if they are not fair and nice to us. Even if they are mean to us and treat us badly, we are still expected to do a good job and do it happily.

(show various posters of those working diligently and happily and discuss them) - description of posters (2 children handing flowers to an elderly woman, girl helping mom dry dishes, boy & girl picking apples from a tree, girl carrying picnic basket from the car, even though friends are playing, boy filling basket with grass clippings, 2 men doing hard work, boy putting up toys in toy box, children waiting in line to go down the slide, girl mopping and boy dusting) All have a happy look on their face and are being good servants.

I am going to pass out these happy/sad faces. You hold up either the happy or sad face as I tell about a certain situation. This face will show how God feels about us. (make up examples)

- you and your brother are playing and he gets your toy and you hit him (is God happy/sad)
- mom asks you to take out the trash and you cry
- it's time to do your Bible reading and you have a happy face
- at the grocery store you hold open the door for an older woman
- dad asks you to bring in the mail from the mailbox and you say "not right now, I'm busy"
- you draw a special picture and give it to someone who is sick

Hand out the boy picking up his toys, the toy wheel and the brad. Take home.

Songs: S-M-I-L-E

If your happy and you know it

Bible References: I Pet. 2:18-24, Eph 6:5-9, Col. 3:22-25

Show attitudes flip-book

Activities

Bring a large mirror to class. Practice making faces with your class to show emotions. Demonstrate how body language can also show emotions. Help students realize that their attitude and their countenance can make or break their personal encounters each day.

Have the students draw a 'self portrait', including a big smile!

Paul sends Onesimus home.

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