



## Student Activities for New Testament Volume 23

# Living the Christian Life

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### MEMORY VERSE TOKENS

Duplicate the memory verse tokens (masters found on pages 11 and 12), making one token for each student in your class.

### MEMORY VERSE POSTER

Enlarge and color the poster on page 13 or enlarge the poster on page 14 to use for teaching the memory verse.

### STUDENT COLORING PAGES

Permission is granted to make one copy of pages 15 through 30 for each student in your class. For best results, set your copier to "text mode" and not "photo/grayscale mode" if this feature is available to you.

#### Lesson 1

## CHRISTIAN SACRIFICE

### FILL-IN SCRAMBLE: Living Sacrifice

**Prepare:** Duplicate the handout on page 4, making one copy for each student in your class.

**Directions:** This worksheet will emphasize Romans 12:3-21, teaching what it means to be a "living sacrifice." Explain the idea of an open hand to the class. If we hang on to things, like when we hold pieces of candy in a tight fist, we cannot give any to anyone, but when we open our palm, we can share. You can be like a tight fist and not give any of yourself to the Lord. Or you can be like an open palm and give yourself to God, do your "reasonable service."

**Answer Key:** 1. pray; 2. have; 3. happy; 4. sad; 5. peace; 6. proud/brag; 7. food; 8. drink; 9. good; 10. quietly; 11. diligent; 12. cheerful; 13. above; 14. lazy; 15. patient.

### DISCUSSION: Differing Parts

**Materials Needed:** Collect simple household or classroom items and place them in a box or any container. Include items such as: pencil, scissors, cup, fork, key, toothbrush, eraser, glove, comb.

Paper cutouts could be substituted for actual items. You may also want to include drawings of parts of the body (ear, eye, nose, mouth, hand, etc.) to emphasize the Scripture verses which speak about our "members."

Include one or two items in the container that the students will find difficult to distinguish at first. This emphasizes the idea that some people's gifts are not as easy to find as others.

**Directions:** This discussion time covers Romans 12:4-8. Try to customize both the items in the box and their vocabulary to the age/comprehension level of your class.

Explain that all people in our churches and families have different gifts (spiritual talents God gives them), just like all objects have something that they are made to do. God made each of us with gifts or abilities that make us better at doing one or two things than anything else.

Have students choose one item out of the container and tell you what they think that object is best used for. Then ask, "What gift or ability did God give you? What one thing are you good at that you can use for the Lord?"

### REVIEW: Fill in the Blank

**Prepare:** Duplicate the handout on page 5, making one copy for each student in your class.

**Answer Key:** Abraham, service, laughter, willing, gifts, Isaac, complete, obey, Isaac.

#### Lesson 2

## CHRISTIAN OBEDIENCE

### True and False: What Is Obedience?

**Directions:** Read each statement aloud and ask for volunteers to determine whether or not it is true. For statements identified as false, ask the students to correct the information that is false using their own words.

1. If you are a Christian, you have to obey only God and your parents. (*False. Christians must obey all authority, including governments.*)
2. Jesus did not really have to pay taxes, but He did. (*True*)
3. If you don't have the money to pay your taxes, the Bible says that you don't have to pay them. (*False. The coin in the fish's mouth teaches us that God will provide if we obey.*)
4. If a ruler told you to stop reading your Bible, you should obey right away. (*False. You should always obey God's Word first, which tells us to study the Bible.*)
5. Jesus gave Peter the coins to pay the temple taxes. (*False. Jesus told Peter to go catch a fish and look for a coin in its mouth.*)
6. Being a good citizen pleases God. (*True*)
7. The Pharisees and Herodians were followers of Jesus. (*False. The Pharisees and Herodians were trying to trap Jesus and make others angry with Him.*)
8. The Jewish people did not want to pay taxes to the Roman rulers. (*True*)
9. Jesus asked the Pharisees and Herodians for a coin because it had one of the apostles' picture on it. (*False. The coin had on it a picture of the Roman ruler Caesar.*)
10. Jesus and Paul both said that Christians should pay taxes. (*True.*)
11. God's children may suffer while obeying God. (*True*)
12. In the Old Testament, Daniel had three friends who obeyed Nebuchadnezzar instead of God. (*False. Daniel's friends would not bow to the idol and were thrown into the fiery furnace.*)