

# Old Testament

## Pride causes problems

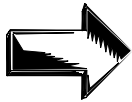
## Obadiah 1:1-9

### Younger Verse

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Matthew 22:37

### Older Verse

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37



Teachers: This unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

### Welcome Time

Have you ever met someone who made you feel so special and showed you that they loved you? God wants us to live like this. Let’s see what Obadiah told the people about loving others.

### Bible Story

***Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do NOT read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.***

The book of Obadiah in the Bible is the shortest book in the Old Testament. It has only 21 verses (sentences). See if you can find it in the Bible.

God spoke through a man named Obadiah. He was a prophet—telling the people what God said. Obadiah had something to tell the people.

He explained that God did not like people who were proud. He told the people that those who felt proud and thought they were better than others would be made low. God would take care of those who did wrong things (verse 15). In fact, God totally destroyed these people (Edomites).

What does it mean to be proud or to have pride? This kind of pride is a feeling of superiority and belief that a person is the best. It shows up in the way that people treat others. When someone has an attitude that they are “too good” to do something or think that they are better than others, they have a prideful attitude. God doesn’t like this.

God wants us to know that we are special and He loves us. He also wants us to love others and treat everyone with respect. We should never think of ourselves as better than anyone else, but be like a servant and help everyone we meet.

### Lesson Goals

**Be humble and be a servant  
Listen and do what God says**

Jesus showed us how to be a servant and be humble—thinking of others as important. It says in Philippians chapter 2 that Jesus was a servant. He helped and cared for others' needs. The best example of this was when He died on the cross for us. He took our place—He died for us. He did this so that we can go to Heaven if we trust Him and ask Him to come into our lives.

Jesus could have been prideful—He knew that He was God's Son. He could have had 1,000 angels help Him at the snap of a finger. But, He chose to help us and suffer pain. He knew that it was more important to do what God wanted instead of showing off or being proud. Jesus is the best example we have of how we must act. What can you do to be humble this week? How can you think of others as important? What can you do or say to show someone that you love them? (wait for responses—it may take a few minutes)

**Learning Activities**

There are several pages of fun activities to help you apply the lesson. Be creative and have fun!

**Memory Verse Activities**

Write the verse on a chalkboard or whiteboard. Erase one word at a time until the kids know the verse for memory.

**Prayer Time**

Ask the kids to pray silently for their sisters and brothers. Then pray out loud that each child can be a friend to his sisters and brothers. Pray that they will want to learn and grow in Jesus like the verse said.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Clean up and serve snacks. Make sure everything is cleaned up!

Planning for Lesson 97  
Jonah and the BIG FISH!  
Jonah chapters 1-3

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
Obadiah

Obadiah was a man who loved God very much. He talked to God and listened to what God said.

One day, God told Obadiah that He was very sad. God's people were being very proud and were not nice to others. They were not sharing either. This made God very sad.

God wants us to know that we are special and He loves us. He also wants us to love others and be friends with everyone. We should never think of ourselves as better than anyone else, but be like Jesus and help everyone we meet.

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## Hands-On Activities For Obadiah

Bring 3-D glasses and let the kids put them on. Talk about how things look differently with the glasses on your eyes. In fact, if you keep them on for a while, you will see things differently! Share how pride blinds us to think that we are the “best” and “greatest.” Share how Jesus wants us to love others and treat everyone with love and kindness.

Try this Balloon object lesson. Bring a balloon to blow up and a pin or tack to pop the balloon. Share how much fun it is to blow up a balloon and play with it. Now, pop the balloon. Explain how sad it is to hear the pop and know that the fun has stopped. Share how pride and feeling proud makes others feel sad like the balloon that popped.

There are several verses in the Bible that talk about pride. Let’s look up some of the verses. Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 13:10, Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 29:23. What does the Bible say about pride?

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