

Circle of Obedience

Materials

- ☐ Several large hula hoops, depending on class size
(or you may use jump ropes formed into a circle)

Instructions

Place the hula hoops (or ropes) in the middle of the room. Tell students that they will move around the edge of the room following certain commands you will give (walking, marching, waving arms, hopping, etc.) But whenever you shout out, "Obey!" all students must run as fast as they can to step inside a circle of obedience before you or an assistant can tag them. If they are tagged before reaching a circle and getting at least one foot inside, they are out of the game. (You may prefer to let very young students stay in the game even after being tagged.) Play several rounds as time allows or until only one person remains untagged.

Suggested Discussion

You all did a great job obeying the commands and running to the circle of obedience. When your parents ask you to obey—and when God asks you to obey—it's important to do so as quickly as possible.

In today's lesson, we learned that Jesus' parents were faithful to obey God. Mary was willing to be the mother of Jesus, and Joseph took Mary to be his wife as he was told to do in his dream. Both of them obeyed God, and he used them for his plan to send his Son into the world.