

OBEY THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER YOU

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Remember that each family & each boy's needs are unique. Pray & make a personalized plan for your son(s).

SCRIPTURE TO LIVE BY

Obedience to God – I John 2:3-11 – Love and obedience are intricately linked.

To parents – Ephesians 6:1-3 – *“this is the first commandment with a promise.”*

To government – Romans 13:1-7 (for older kids talk about that in context with Acts 5:22-32, specifically vs. 29. Is there a place for civil disobedience?)

Realms – Matthew 8:5-13. The centurion recognized the authority of Jesus and talks about his own realm of authority.

CONVERSATIONS TO HAVE

Realms – Realms of authority everywhere. In the home realm who is the king, the queen? Explain that you are raising them to rule in their own realms and you want them to rule well.

This is the training phase – Talk about how you all are on the same team. Your job is to protect and ultimately prepare them to go out and live bravely in whatever realms they are meant to move in. There is purpose for them in this training phase and purpose for you in the decisions you are making.

When and WHO to Obey – It's important to talk to your children about when to obey (or not) and who they are to obey as well as talking about the art of saying no. (page 101 has great examples)

BOOKS TO READ

The Making of a Knight – A beautiful picture book that lays out the training process to become a knight.

The Gingerbread Man – A powerful portrayal of the destruction of running the path of disobedience.

Pinocchio – Read the original unabridged version. It is a powerful lesson on love and obedience.

Boys in the Boat – There is a young readers edition that is powerful. It is a story of resilience. Only those who listened and worked hard applying what they learned succeeded.

THINGS TO DO

Select a few things from the Throw Down the Gauntlet section of Knights in Training (*page 103*)

Revisit Chapter 5 (Physical Training for the Quest) and select a few ideas to do this month. Challenge your boys to pay attention to instruction so they can engage in battle play successfully!

MAKE IT A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

For Youngers – Plan a knight training day. Explain that you are going to teach them some new skills and test their listening skills. Teach them the rules of engagement for mock sword battles or how to have a pool noodle jousting tournament.

For Older Boys – Set up a quest or some new adventure skills to learn. Involve dads or men in your community and gather some men and boys together and teach them some practical new skills – home repair, basic electrical or plumbing. Plan an adventure day – learn about orienteering, rock climbing, go on an overnight backpacking trip – something where your young men will need to listen to directions in order to succeed.

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