

Following Jesus... obediently.

“Teaching kids that obedience is better than sacrifice and true repentance leads to forgiveness and restoration.”

Any kind of behavior that is unacceptable falls under one of the following rules:

Love & respect those in leadership - Be quiet and pay attention when they are talking to you and teaching. Do what they ask you to do as long as it is the right thing to do.

Love & respect those around you- Keep your hands to yourself and treat others as you want to be treated. Speak only positive words to and about each other.

Appreciate & respect the building - Be thankful for the building & what’s in it that God has blessed us with and take care of it. We’ve provided the building and all that’s in it for you. Take care of it.

CONSEQUENCES FOR MAKING BAD CHOICES

**Keep in mind your heart needs to be pure and without judgement, criticism, or condemnation before disciplining.*

Reminder

Give them a chance to remember what the rules are and what the word says (as a group and if needed individually by a class monitor / volunteer leader, not directly from the person teaching class.)

Reflection

If they choose not to follow the rules then they choose to be separated from the class, just as sin separates us from God. During this time encourage them to take the time to think about what behavior got them separated, what rule they didn’t obey. And if they will choose to change actions and attitude. (*Place a chair away from friends or move chair to another part of the classroom. Preferably not in an embarrassing area. Out of sight of the group if possible).

Repentance

Offer the child the opportunity to share, *with you privately*, what they believe they did that was wrong and allow them the choice to ask forgiveness from God and if needed those who were affected by their actions/sin. Pray with them. Lead them in a prayer asking God to forgive what they did if they need help praying.

Restoration – After the prayer of repentance offer hugs, praise, and a reminder of the rewards that follow obedience! Encourage them to join the group again.

- **Reproof**- if the child repeats the same action over and over again and is not willing to walk through repentance and restoration then inform your leader or Ministry Director. They should remove the child out of the classroom for a brief period of time to try to minister one on one with the child and show them what the bible says about obedience, choices, rewards, and consequences. Hopefully this time will also lead to repentance and restoration. Make sure your one on one time with them is in a visual area within visual sight of another adult. Hug from the side. If needed parents/guardians may be brought into the situation and counseling options might be offered if necessary.

Restoration - Hopefully the time will come where you can offer a restoring hug, praise, and rewards!