4Ws for Week 15 (7 - 13 Apr 2025)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Guess the Bible Character (onsite)

Write the names of Bible characters on slips of paper. Place these in a container or envelope. Each Member takes turns drawing a slip of paper from the container/envelope. The Member will give clues about the character (e.g. significant events or actions) for the group to guess their identity.

Materials needed: Slips of paper with the Bible characters written on them.

Suggested Bible Characters:

1. Moses5. Peter9. Cain2. David6. Mary (Mother of Jesus)10. Daniel3. Esther7. Paul11. Noah

4. Jonah 8. Abraham 12. Joseph (son of Jacob)

2. Guess the Bible Story (online)

Divide the Members into two groups. The groups will take turns guessing the following Bible stories. If a group answers incorrectly, the other group gets a chance to answer. The group with the most points wins.

1. A young boy defeats a giant with just a slingshot and a stone.

Answer: David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

2. A man is swallowed by a large fish.

Answer: Jonah and the Whale (Book of Jonah)

3. A flood wipes out all living creatures on Earth, except for a righteous man and the animals he saves in an ark.

Answer: Noah's Ark (Genesis 6-9)

4. A woman is chosen to save her people by approaching the king without being invited, risking her life.

Answer: Esther (Book of Esther)

- 5. A man is thrown into a den of lions but is unharmed because God shuts the lions' mouths. Answer: Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6)
- 6. A boy's lunch of five loaves of bread and two fish is miraculously multiplied to feed 5,000 people. Answer: The Feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1-14)
- 7. A woman turns into a pillar of salt when she looks back at the destruction of her city, despite being warned not to.

Answer: Lot's Wife (Genesis 19:15-26)

- 8. A young girl risks everything to bring her brother back to life, calling on the help of Jesus. Answer: The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44)
- 9. A man leads the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and parts the Red Sea to escape Pharaoh's army. Answer: The Exodus (Exodus 14)
- 10. A young man is sold into slavery by his brothers, rises to power in Egypt, and later saves his family from famine.

Answer: Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37, 41-45)

- 11. Three men are thrown into a fiery furnace because they refuse to worship a golden statue, but they are miraculously unharmed.
 - Answer: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)
- 12. A king orders the death of all male infants in a town, but one baby is saved and later grows up to lead his people out of Egypt.

Answer: The Birth of Moses (Exodus 1-2)

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1. God So Loved
- 2. Jesus We Enthrone You

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Rev. Daniel Khong Scripture Passage: John 15:9-17 Sermon Title: A Journey of Obedience

Introduction

Eric Liddell once said, "Obedience to God's will is the secret of spiritual knowledge and insight. It is not willingness to know, but willingness to do (obey) God's will that brings certainty."

In essence, obedience is a key indicator of spiritual growth. So, what does obedience to God truly mean? It is:

- 1. Compliance with God's Commands.
- 2. Conviction for God's Ways.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

- Q1. Ponder over Deuteronomy 11:1; John 15:9-10,13,14 and Philippians 2:5-8. What lessons do you derive from these verses?
- **A1**: God desires obedience to His commands and ways. Our obedience to Him is a demonstration of our love for Him. Jesus Chirst is our model of love for God His love for the Father brought Him to the point of death on the Cross, in obedience to the will of God.
- Q2. Consider Jesus'act in John 13:1, 5. How does this relate to how He regards His disciples in John 15:15?
- **A2.** Though He was their Master, Jesus chose to regard His disciples as His friends. Not only that, He went further to model servanthood to them and took on the role of a slave in washing their feet.

Application Questions

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

Q1. Consider your life. How would you rate your level of obedience to God?

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Rarely obey Obey Sometimes Obey Most of the Time Always Obey

- Q2. List the action plan(s) to increase your level of obedience.
- Q3. Conviction is "a firm belief that is God-given and spirit-held. It is knowing that something is God's idea and therefore a must-do idea." Examine your obedience to God: How much of it is borne out of conviction, and how much of it is driven by other reasons (fear, convenience, expectation of blessings, etc.)?

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on edification, equipping and evangelism.

- 1. **Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. **Consolidation of new believers** Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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