

# Why Obey?



**Best Use** As a family night activity

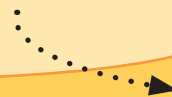
## Ingredients Needed

- \* An umbrella
- \* A supply of soft throwing objects like rolled up socks, Nerf balls, etc.)
- \* A supply of drawing paper and crayons
- \* A Bible

**Nutritional Value** Reinforces the protective nature of obedience

**Serve It Up** Follow these steps for a great experience:

1. Have the kids draw a picture of people under an umbrella.
2. Write the word “obey” on the umbrella to represent obeying authority, including parents, God, teachers, and others.
3. Draw strong rain coming down around the umbrella, representing the hard knocks of life when we take ourselves out from under God’s protective instructions.
4. Pull out a real umbrella and have the kids get under it with Mom while Dad stands above them on a ladder or chair. Have several soft objects (rolled up socks, Nerf balls, etc.) to drop on anyone who steps out from under the umbrella. (If you conduct this activity outside, you may want to use a water gun!)
5. Use a stick or a string to create a line on the floor. Place a bowl of goodies several large steps beyond the line. Tell the kids they are





welcome to help themselves to the items, so long as they do not cross that line. When they do, nail them with the soft objects!

6. Once you've had some fun, read 1 Samuel 15:23,\* Exodus 20:12, John 14:15, and Ephesians 6:16 together and discuss the ways our life is better when we learn to be obedient to the authority God places over us.

\*Explain that those who participated in witchcraft, described in 1 Samuel 15:23, are people who took themselves out from under the protective authority of God in order to gain the power and benefits of serving evil. In so doing, they made themselves open targets for the Devil. We do the same thing when we step out from under the authority God has placed over us (represented by the umbrella) making ourselves vulnerable to Satan's "arrows" as described in Ephesians 6:16.



### *Memory Pantry*

*Attach a picture and jot down what happened to remember later or to share a taste with others.*

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