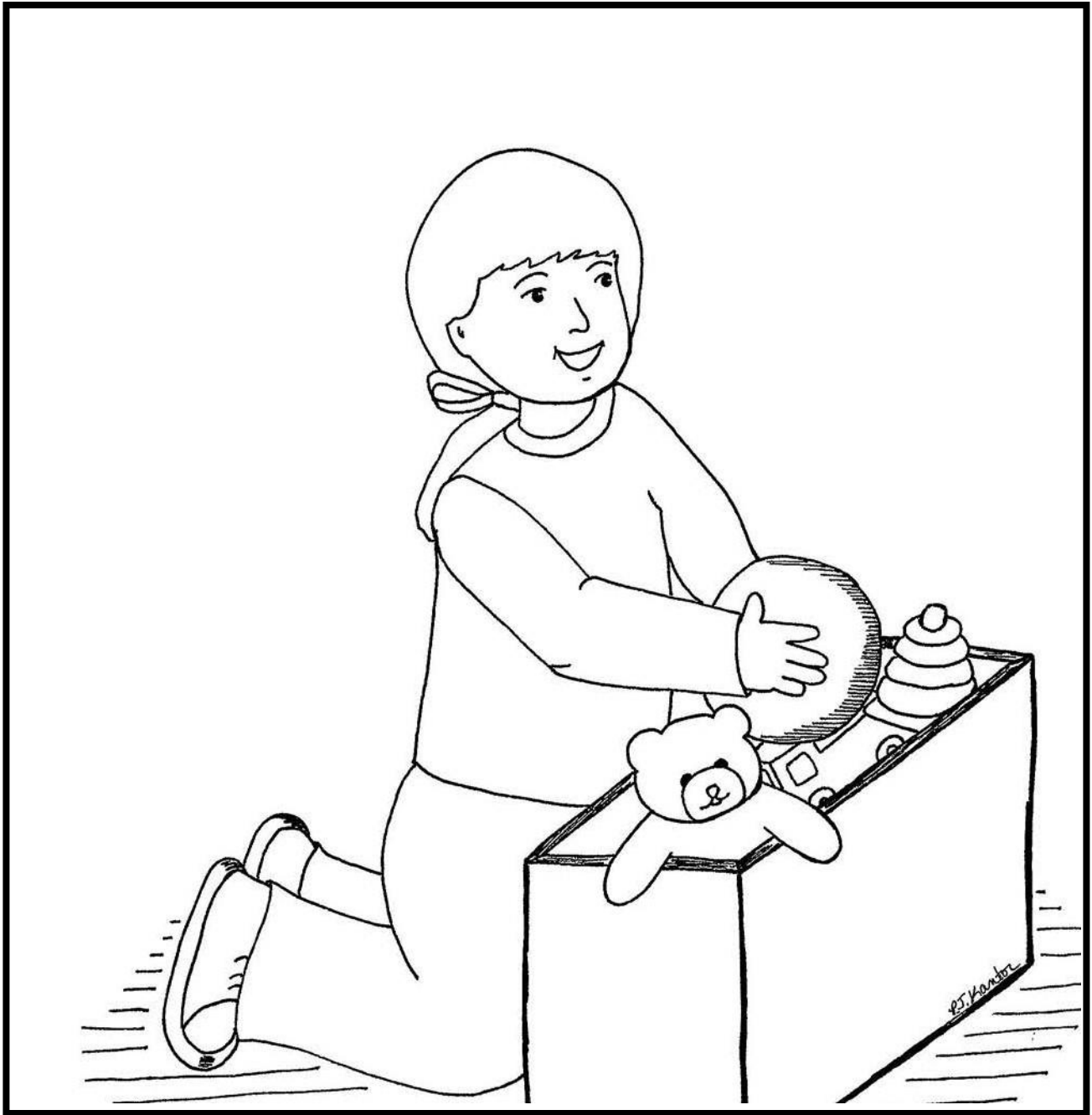


I Can Obey



John 3:16

"God loved us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus."

Child's Name _____

Dear Parent,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your child. Today we learned that the little boy Jesus listened and obeyed when Mary and Joseph told Him to come home. Jesus loved to visit the temple and talk to the teachers, but He knew that He needed to be obedient. We can listen and obey, just like little boy Jesus.

Goal:

Each child should know that God sent His only Son, Jesus, because He loves us.

Scripture:

John 3:16, "God loved us so much that He gave us His son, Jesus."

Song:

Jesus Obeyed, sung to the tune of **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus stayed at church one day
Mom and Dad went on their way
They found out that He's not there
They went back to find out where
They...did find Jesus
They...did say, "Come home."
He...then obeyed them
And followed them back home

Activity Suggestion at Home:

Pay attention to and give special praise when your child obeys what you tell them to do, especially if they come when you call them. Remind them that Jesus came when Mary and Joseph told Him to come. You can also give them small tasks around the house using simple commands such as, "Pick up your toy, please," "Throw this in the garbage, please," etc. Help them to learn to be obedient the first time you ask them to do something.

Young children learn through simplicity and repetition. For this reason, we have provided you with the picture on the reverse side of this paper and the words to today's song. We encourage you to use the Bible verse, song and picture as a daily reminder of the lesson taught today.